

Welcome to Southwell Town Council's Autumn 2021 newsletter, with information on work and events taking place as well as ideas and forthcoming projects.

King Street reopens ... and there are plans for the future

The Saturday 'closure' of King Street saw a change in how the street was used, with all but a few cars prohibited and people being able to walk, chat and shop safely. The closure was an emergency measure by the County Council to allow safer movement in the street during the pandemic. This has now been ended by the County Council.

Many visitors and residents said that they enjoyed the quieter and safer street. So, in conjunction with our County Councillor, who said that he supports the initiative, Southwell Town Council is now exploring the idea of a permanent alteration to a 'shared space' which will give priority for pedestrians in King and Queen Streets. Residents and traders have already said that they want King and Queen Streets to be safer, in their response to the Town Plan consultation, so we will be asking for your views on this idea.



This photo shows how a shared street works, with pedestrians having a right of way and vehicles required to drive slowly and safely.

The road surface will have to be altered - to make it clear that cars and lorries will not have priority. Access to shops and the houses on the streets will continue, but lorries and cars will drive slowly and give way - something that the new Highways Code will highlight too.

Changes to our community helpline and a big thank you to the Torpedos

Throughout the pandemic, Southwell Town Council and local volunteer group Southwell Torpedos worked together to provide support for residents. Those who were vulnerable or isolating were able to access volunteer assistance with picking up prescriptions or doing shopping.

When Government restrictions finished in July, town councillors stopped staffing the Community Helpline. However, the Helpline number 01636 330005 is still operational with residents now asked to leave an audio message or go to helpmystreet.org/southwell. Katie Freeman, Sam Davies and their team of volunteers are still on hand to pick up the messages and help with your needs.

Southwell Town Council would like to thank Chair of the Torpedos Chris Prentice, Katie, Sam and all the other wonderful volunteers who have helped our community during the last difficult year.

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Covid recovery funding helps to improve town centre

Southwell Town Council has been allocated £10k from the Government's Welcome Back Fund (WBF). Funded by the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government, the grant will be used to improve our market.

Southwell Town Council has already developed a plan to support the town centre's vibrancy. The WBF, along with our own funding, will be used to refurbish the market with new stall covers, bunting and a different layout of the Square to encourage local shopping – so important for our residents and visitors to the town.

Shop Southwell and Southwell Town Council are working together to make sure that our town centre is attractive and well maintained. Your ideas and suggestions for doing more are welcomed, so please send them into the Town Council clerk@southwell-tc.gov.uk



Civic Champions of Southwell Awards 2021

Southwell Town Council is pleased to announce the launch of the fifth Civic Champions of Southwell, as a tribute to the people who have helped to make our community stronger. This event is held every four years, as a thank you to the extraordinary generosity of the people and organisations of Southwell.

If you know of an individual or organisation that has gone the extra mile to help their neighbours, vulnerable people or the wider community over the last year, we want to hear from you. Tell us who they are, what they've done and the impact that they've made. It may be a one-off occasion or an on-going project. The actions could have helped one person or dozens, as small gestures can be as impactful as big achievements. Each nomination will be judged on its merits by a panel of town councillors.

We are looking for nominations in the following three categories: **Organisation**, **Young Adult** (18 and under) and **Adult**. Individuals must live or be educated within the Southwell Parish boundary. Organisations must be based in Southwell. Anyone can make a nomination, regardless of their age and where they live.

Please pick up a nomination form from the Southwell Town Council office or Southwell Library, or email: admin@southwell-tc.gov.uk. Nominations should be received by 11th October 2021.

Successful nominees will be announced at the Full Council meeting on 20th October 2021. Winners and their families will be invited to a 'thank you' ceremony in November.

Anti-social behaviour continues

The Town Council continues to receive complaints from residents about anti-social activities in the town. Both the cemetery and the Church Street toilets have been vandalised on several occasions. Littering is rife and some dog walkers are not disposing of their dog's mess appropriately. Please pick up after your dog and, if you leave a full bag in a hedge or on a tree branch, please remember to collect it at the end of your walk and dispose in a poo bin.

In addition, a few dog walkers are letting dogs off their leads on the War Memorial Recreation Ground. Please note that this is an offence and you can be fined.

Please help to keep our town clean and tidy.



Ash Tree Spinney

The land between Chatsworth Avenue and Ash Tree Close, a prominent area

on the skyline, was left over after the houses were built. Its ownership has been passed on as mergers of firms happened. It was owned until this year by a French construction company. After a local campaign, the land has been donated to Southwell Town Council and we are looking at how best to manage it for the benefit of all.

Christmas tree plans

After comments on the Christmas trees in the town, we are hoping to have a taller and well-lit tree on the Market Square, as well as lit trees in nearly all of the tree holders in King and Queen Streets. This year, they will be installed in mid-November, just before the Christmas Market.

New staff member

Southwell Town Council welcomes Abi Brackenbury as our new Administration Assistant. Abi brings a wealth of local knowledge to the position and will be your first point of contact at the office.



Forthcoming Council meetings

Meetings take place in the Court House. Two members of the public may attend if pre-arranged with the Clerk. If you would like to watch a meeting or ask a question, you can attend via Zoom.

Full Council

Wednesday 15 September, 7pm

Wednesday 20 October, 7pm

Wednesday 17 November, 7pm

Planning Committee

Wednesday 1 September, 7pm

Wednesday 6 October, 7pm

Wednesday 3 November, 7pm

Town Environment Committee

Wednesday 8 September, 7pm

Wednesday 10 November, 7pm

Governance & Finance Committee

Monday 25 October, 7pm

Monday 20 December, 7pm

Speed Watch volunteers needed

If you are concerned about the speed of cars, bikes and trucks around town, would you like to help do something about it? If so, Speed Watch needs you.

Speed Watch is a group of volunteers who work in teams of three, predominantly during fine weather, to monitor the speed of traffic in the town. You can volunteer as little or as much as you like. Full training will be given by our PCSO Richard Dunn.

If you're interested, contact the clerk for more information:
clerk@southwell-tc.gov.uk

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