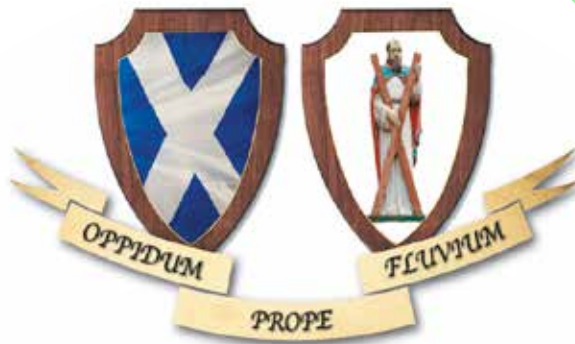


ONLINE NEWS



THORPE ST ANDREW TOWN COUNCIL
Spring 2021



WELCOME



Welcome to the first virtual edition of our newsletter - what strange times we live in!

We are always keen to keep in touch with our residents and to be able to tell you about all the good work we are continuing to carry out, despite the challenging restrictions. By producing this electronically we are able to get information out quickly and easily without the challenges of printing and distributing paper copies through doors, but a printed version will return in due course!

Our office has been closed to visitors but we are very much available on the telephone and email. Our new office team are currently working from home but hope to be back in the office soon and open to the general public when possible.

I hope that you will find this newsletter helpful and informative and that it gives you a taster of what's been happening (if you missed it) and what we hope to be able to plan in the coming months.

Despite the last year's challenges it has been uplifting to see the many ways in which we have all been able to adapt in order to continue to serve our community. We have moved our council meetings online and I would like to take this opportunity to thank any of you who have attended. Please get in contact if you'd like to come to one of our meetings. Our Councillors and staff continue to offer the best service they can to all our residents.

John Fisher
Town Mayor

USEFUL NUMBERS

Streetlights
Fly-tipping
Grit bins
Graffiti

Thorpe St Andrew
Town Council
01603 701048

Dog bins
Household waste
Planning issues

Broadland District
Council
01603 431133

Potholes
Drainage/Flooding
Damage on roads
Road signs/posts

Norfolk County
Council
0344 800 802

Cars blocking the
highway or issues
on crime

Norfolk Police
101 or 999

If you unsure about who to call please contact us and we can point you in the right direction or even report the issue on your behalf.

This coming year 2021-22, I am delighted to announce that Leeway will be Thorpe St Andrew Town Council's Charity of Choice.



We hope that many residents will agree that lockdown has been even more challenging for individuals suffering from domestic violence, and certainly there has been an increase in the demand for this type of service.

We will try and incorporate opportunities at events throughout the coming year where we can fundraise and support the amazing work that is carried out by this organisation in Norfolk.

Sue

Cllr Sue Lawn, Deputy Town Mayor

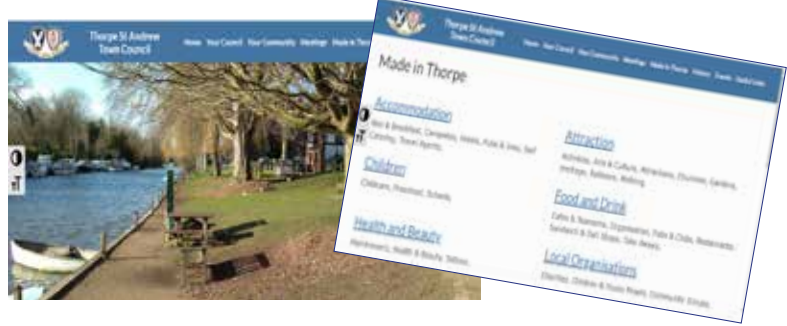


Leeway was established in 1974. Over the past four decades the charity has grown from humble beginnings and now has eight safe houses and a team of more than 50 people providing advice, support and information to any adult or child experiencing domestic abuse in Norfolk and Suffolk.



Made in Thorpe website listings

During the winter we have been busy populating the Made in Thorpe section of our website where we list local businesses and their information, such as their contact details, opening hours, logo, and a brief description. This listing is FREE for all local companies, if you'd like to be included please email us with your details to office@thorpestandrew-tc.gov.uk



Please tell us

We would love to hear from you if there is a streetlight not working in your area. We report all faulty streetlights to our contractor daily who will add them to the work schedule to be fixed.

We are in the process of producing stickers for all our columns to help make it easier for our residents to identify when a streetlight is faulty. This will include our telephone no if you wish to call us; a unique reference no. (URN) AND a QR code which you can scan using a smart phone. This will automatically generate an email...so no need to call us!



Important information!

Have you thought about how you might vote in the upcoming local elections? Broadland District Council have a wealth of information on their website about how to vote, where to vote, how to register for a postal vote and even what to bring on the day! Please check out their information on their website www.broadlanddistrictcouncil.co.uk or check out their facebook page for more helpful tips and advice.

If you want to register for a postal vote - please contact Broadland District Council on 01603 430483 or email: election.services@broadland.gov.uk. Please also remember that you will be required to take your own pen to vote, always wear a face covering and only attend to vote if you are feeling well.



Download and use our app for FREE

You can use this to report any issues to us; potholes, graffiti, fly-tipping, grit bins, overgrown hedges, streetlights etc. Also has useful information on local walks, weather and so on!



Re Wilding Project in Thorpe St Andrew

The Town Council has started a rewilding project on green spaces, verges and roundabouts throughout Thorpe St Andrew. We will be planting trees, wildflowers, spring flowering bulbs and grasses over the next few months. These have been specifically picked to encourage insects and native birds. Please tell us about any space that you would like to see planted by messaging our facebook page or by emailing our office team on office@thorpestandrew-tc.gov.uk



VERGES

Grass verges in and around our town have been a real issue for many local residents. We want to hear from you - whether it's parking, damage or planting. Please tell us about any issues you have and where possible include any photos.

Please send them to us at: office@thorpestandrew-tc.gov.uk



Dates for your Diary

May

Big Clean up - Around the Town

June

Jumble Trail - Around the Town

August

Picnic in the Park - Fitzmaurice Park

September

Sensational Streetfood - Fitzmaurice Park

November

Fireworks - Fitzmaurice Park

December

Christmas festivities - Around the town

All events subject to change and will be conducted in line with the most recent government restrictions



Every Monday

Fitzmaurice Park

07445674609



SAVE THE DATE!

**Easter Bakes
Saturday
April 3rd 2021
10am - 2pm**

Town Council Contact

e: office@thorpestandrew-tc.gov.uk

t: 01603 701048

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Thorpe St Andrew Dementia Cafe

We need YOU!

If you are interested in volunteering please talk to us. We are looking for people to help with our Dementia Café, Experience useful, but not essential. All the normal checks will be undertaken and any volunteering will be subject to the latest government restrictions. Interested? Please contact us. e: community@thorpestandrew-tc.gov.uk t: 01603 701048

Polling Station staff needed



Broadland District Council are looking for Polling Station staff to work on election day, Thursday 6 May. Polling stations will be open 7am to 10pm and you will be required to arrive early to set up. We are recruiting for the following posts: Poll Clerk £154 (plus mileage and training fee) and Presiding Officer £265 (plus mileage and training fee.) Find out more and apply at: www.broadland.gov.uk/info/200145/voting_and_elections/368/forthcoming_elections/3