



Rushden Matters

Summer 2024



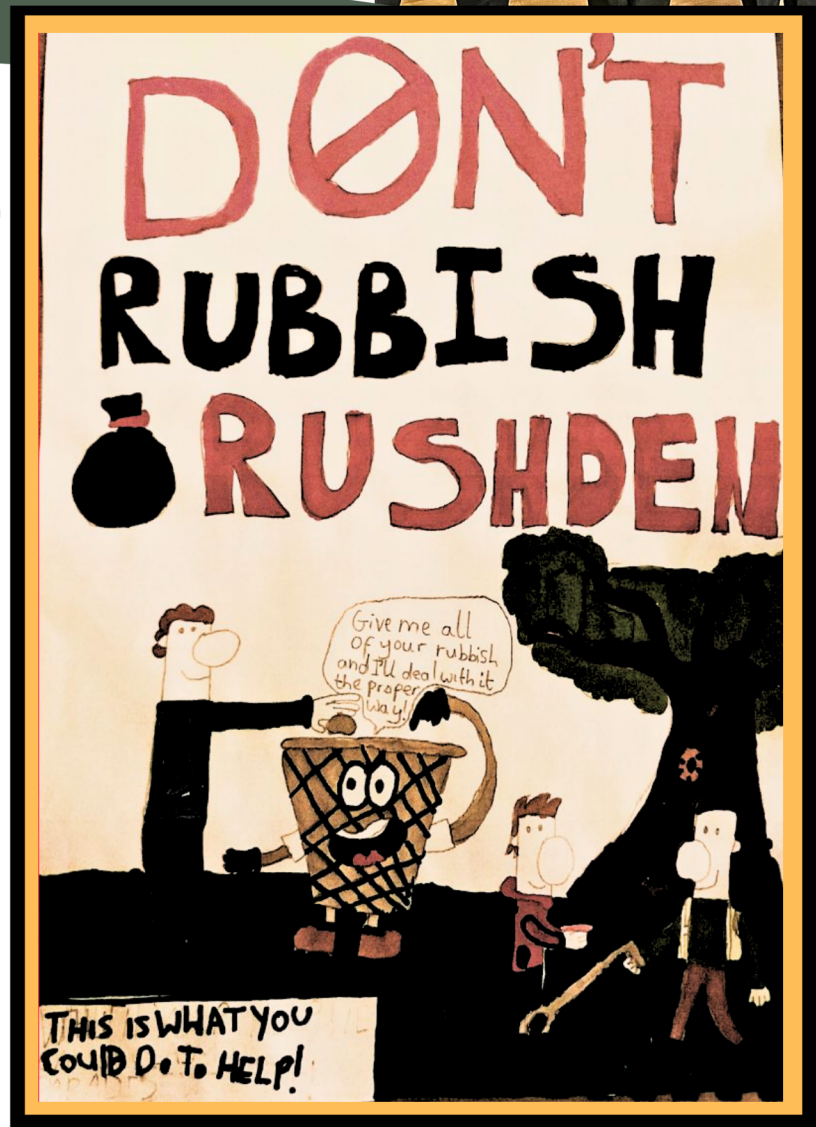
DON'T RUBBISH RUSHDEN!

On Friday 3rd May, Samuel Shane who attends Rushden Academy was awarded a prize for winning the 'Don't Rubbish Rushden' poster competition presented by Rushden Mayor, Cllr. Tracey Smith.

Rushden Academy also received a book voucher in recognition of their winning pupil.

Rushden Town Council invited children from around the Town to design a poster advocating against littering, aiming to inspire the community to keep the town clean.

Following on from the 'Don't Rubbish Rushden' poster competition, Rushden Town Council is continuing its efforts to keep the community clean and tidy by arranging Litter Picks along the High Street and around the town.



On Saturday 4th May, local Councillors and members of the community gathered to litter pick the High street. A galactic effort was made by all!

If you know of other areas in town that could use some tidying up, please get in touch with us at info@rushdentowncouncil.gov.uk

Let's work together to keep Rushden tidy!

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Mayor's Awards for Services to the Community 2023 - 2024

On the evening of the 16th April 2024 the annual Mayor's Awards Ceremony took place at Rushden Hall. The Town Mayor, Cllr Tracey Smith, honoured two people of Rushden for their Services to the Community.

The Mayor's Awards for Services to the Community were presented to;

- Mr Ian Griffiths
- Mr Todd Tompkins



Congratulations to all of our Mayor's Awards winners, all truly worthy recipients.

Ian Griffiths, the driving force behind **Beat Route Radio**, Rushden's Community Radio Station, has fostered community and inclusivity since its inception in March 2018. His dedication to the station's mission is evident in his tireless efforts to engage with local businesses, charities, and residents.

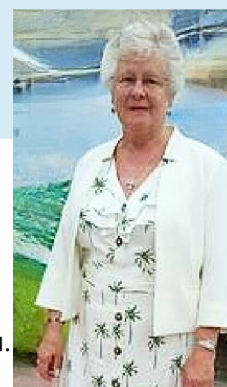
Ian actively invites community members to share their stories on air, free of charge, making Beat Route Radio a trusted platform for raising awareness. Additionally, he participates in charity events and supports local musicians, showcasing his commitment to making a difference.

Todd Tompkins's "Boxingbola" project in Rushden promotes safety and fitness, focusing on youth. It has provided boxing gloves to children and two emergency bleed kits, funded through donations and events. Todd organises free boxing workshops with local businesses, aiming to engage the community and raise awareness. His larger goal is establishing "Titan Fitness Boxing Academy," catering to all ages and abilities.

With a professional boxer's license, Todd aims to preserve Rushden's boxing legacy while giving back through volunteer work and to contribute to making Rushden one of the safest and fittest towns, for residents to reside in.



For Rushden Town Councillor: **MARIAN HOLLOMON**



Advice to a new councillor.

Get to know your ward, as your constituents will want to know who you are and who to contact for advice. Make a point of getting to know all of your fellow councillors, as they will help to support you. Always be patient, listen, be open minded and do your homework regarding problems which may be brought forward by residents of your ward.

What do I enjoy about being a councillor?

It's very rewarding being able to help others. I am a "people person" so therefore I can adjust and sympathise with problems that people in our town have. It is in my nature to help and support people. Being a councillor can also give you the opportunity to represent your town as Town Mayor, which is a great honour and privilege

How long have you lived in Rushden

Well, there's a question.....Since I was born, 78yrs ago!! With a short break when I lived in Kettering General during my training to be a nurse. When I qualified as an SRN in 1968, I came back to my town to take up my nursing career at Rushden Memorial Clinic in the Hayway, retiring as a Nurse Manager in 2006. So, as you can see I know a few people in Rushden! Since around the age of 26yrs I have been very involved with charities and working for the community. I was Rushden's Carnival Queen in 1973 and that's where it all began, from 1974 to 2000. I was elected as a Local and East Northants Town Councillor in 2004, becoming Mayor in 2012-2013. As you can see, I've been around a bit and have been privileged to be a BIG part of my home town.

Favourite Food

Well, that's easy...Sea Food and eat it! I love shell fish.

What three things would I take to a desert island?

1. A man of course! (my husband)
2. Wine and champagne
3. A box of matches (need something to light a fire with)

Favourite Film

Silence of the Lambs





Hello,



News From The Mayor...

Following my recent election as Town Mayor for 2024-25, I feel truly privileged to be entrusted with the role, representing our great town of Rushden. Having previously held this position in 2018-19, I am aware of requirements of office and fully commit to working hard at promoting the Town across the wider area. Undoubtedly, I will be ably assisted by my wife Melanie as Mayoress. However, more importantly, I look forward to supporting local charities and organisations where I can, building on the sterling efforts of my predecessor, Cllr Tracey Smith.

I'm proud of my local roots and although much has changed in the Town in recent years, with your support, may we all work towards a positive and improving future. Rushden has much to commend it, not least in all the unsung individuals who work so hard in the background within our community, in so many roles.

This year sees a number of significant events, a landmark occasion being the 80th Anniversary of D-Day with our Town holding a beacon-lighting ceremony on 6th June in Hall Park.

Early key dates for your diary include our "Party in the Park" on Saturday 13th July followed by the Mayor's "Proms in the Park" on Saturday 7th September in the Walled Garden – I look forward to seeing you there. My Civic Service will be taking place on Sunday 6th October at St. Mary's Church. Other events will be notified over coming months.

During the year, fund-raising events will take place in support of my principal charities, being the Royal British Legion (Rushden Branch) and Rushden Sea Cadets.

The coming year promises to be a busy time and the diary is already being filled with invitations from across a wider area. I look forward to supporting as many local organisations and events as possible – please get in touch if I can help in any way.

Initial contact details should be via the Mayor's secretary on mayor@rushdentowncouncil.gov.uk or by telephone on (01933) 316216

Best wishes

David C.

David

Rushden's Party in the Park

2024

Saturday 13th July

1-8.30pm FREE ENTRY
HALL PARK RUSHDEN
NN10 9ES



WITH

THE DUKES



EXCITING DISPLAYS FROM THE
MAGNIFICENT COLCHESTER
BIRDS OF PREY.

LOCAL ENTERTAINMENT THROUGHOUT
THE DAY IN THE WALLED GARDEN

LARGE VARIETY OF FOOD & DRINK OPTIONS
#RUSHDENPARTYINTHEPARK

ARENA ACTS : ENTERTAINERS :
COMMERCIAL STALLS : FAIRGROUND
RIDES

THE
VANDER SUPERHEROES
WHEEL OF DEATH SHOW!



A Brief History Of: Rushden ~~WAR~~ Memorial

In 1921, Sir Arthur de Capell Brooke unveiled a striking memorial in honour of the 380 sons of Rushden who sacrificed their lives in the Great War. The memorial stands tall, octagonal in shape, with three tiers and a tapering spire, embodying a modern interpretation of the Classic Renaissance style.

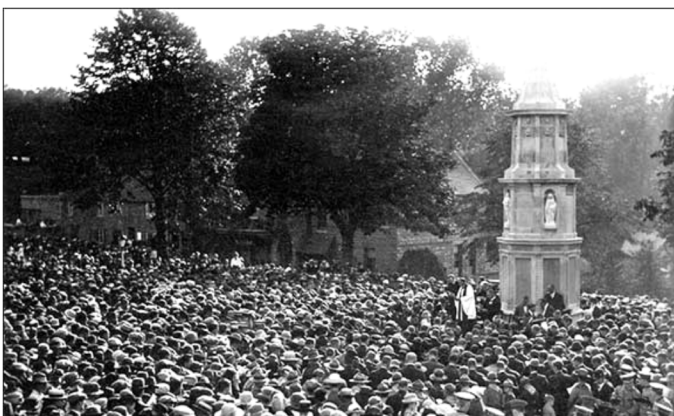
At the unveiling ceremony, attended by approximately 12,000 individuals, a profound sense of solemnity and reverence prevailed. Sir Arthur, before revealing the memorial beneath the Union Jack, expressed gratitude for the unified effort of Rushden in creating a tribute to those who perished in service to King and Country.

Symbolising key virtues, the memorial features figures representing Fortitude, Sympathy, and St. George, the patron saint of England, each fittingly integrated into its design.



Fortitude symbolises the resilience that sustained our forces during the darkest times, while Sympathy represents the unity that bound our nation together, ultimately leading to victory under the patronage of St. George.

The dedication ceremony was led by the Rector, with Mr. Fred Knight, Chairman of the Rushden War Memorial Committee, formally handing over custody of the memorial to the Rushden Urban Council, accepted by Mr. W. Bazeley, Chairman of the local Council.



Following the formalities, a touching tribute occurred as a multitude of beautiful wreaths were laid at the base of the memorial, a testament to the enduring memory of those it commemorates.

Designed by Messrs. Gotch & Saunders of Kettering, with intricate carving executed by Messrs. Reynolds & Son of Northampton, the memorial stands as a lasting tribute to the courage and sacrifice of Rushden's fallen heroes.

A profoundly moving occasion which saw two-thirds of Rushden's population gather to witness the unveiling and to be part of this momentous moment in time.



Pictures courtesy of Rushden Hearts and Soles





Rushden Artisan Market 2024

Rushden Town Council hosted its annual Artisan Market on Saturday 20th April in Rushden High Street to celebrate St George's Day.



Bringing together a variety of local, independent bakers, crafters, artists, food producers and more.

The sun shone and the invited stall holders enjoyed a busy day. We were grateful to host St George on his trusty steed who roamed the High street bringing joy to the celebrations and keeping that pesky dragon at bay...

One of the highlights of the day was the raffle for a luxury hamper filled with artisan treats purchased by Rushden Town Council from local retailers and stall holders at the event.

The market not only provided a platform for local artisans to showcase their produce but also to promote footfall for all retailers within the High street.

With this year's success as our inspiration, we're eagerly looking forward to doing it all again next year!



For Rushden Town Councillor: **ADRIAN HOUSE**



How long have you lived in Rushden?
All my life, in excess of 60 years

Why did you become a Councillor?
Having been a co-opted member of the Rushden Events Working Party it was a natural progression to become a Councillor

What do you enjoy most about the Town?
The fact that everything is close by, wonderful restaurants

What was the last book you read?
'Tales from the Lucky Corner' - Max Griggs biography

Favourite drink?
A pint of Stella

Favourite place in the world?
Cruising off the coast of Croatia





Grants Awarded During The Last 12 Months

A grant is a financial award given to charities, organisations, or businesses for a specific purpose, such as a community development. Grants do not need to be repaid, but recipients must meet certain criteria to be eligible for grant funding projects, shop front grants or community development.

Community Events Grants

Armed Forces Day
 Rotary Club of Rushden Junior School Choirs Competition
 Rushden Jam – Skateboard event
 Windrush Event – Hall Park

Shop Front Grants

Bronzed Bunny Tanning salon
 Goliath Property Ltd
 His and Her Attire (Ha Ha UK)
 Hairology

Community Grants

Fishing for Minds, CIC
 Rushden and Higham Cricket Club
 Rushden Hall Ladies
 Pensioners Parliament
 Salvation Army
 Rushden Town Band



For Rushden Town Councillor:

DAVID COLEMAN



What do you regard as the greatest achievement of Rushden Town Council so far?

Since our formation in 2000, Rushden Town Council have refurbished over 20 playgrounds and have taken Hall Park to Green Flag status. Proud of the range of events the Councillors, Officers and volunteers deliver for the Town, including “Party in the Park”, “Proms in the Park”, “Bark in the Park” and the Christmas Lights and their Switch-on. Also good to support Armed Forces Day and now lead on delivery of a great Remembrance parade and service.

What do you enjoy about being a Councillor?

Satisfaction in discussing and supporting initiatives aimed at improving our Town, where we are able. Enjoy good debate with fellow Councillors and would encourage other people to be positive, to come forward and get involved.

What do you enjoy most about the Town?

I’m particularly proud of our parks and open spaces, particularly our wonderful Hall Park. We are particularly blessed in the number of wide-ranging organisations and volunteers across our Town.

Favourite piece of music?

Difficult to say as an eclectic mix dependent on mood. Prog Rock – King Crimson “The Night Watch”, 70’s rock – anything by Stray or Budgie or Classical (British) – Elgar, Vaughan Williams, Holst.

Favourite sport?

Rugby – particularly Northampton Saints. Best memory being 2000 Heineken Cup Final vs. Munster – result never in doubt!. (or Cricket – difficult choice). But watching any sport involving England!

Favourite pastime/hobby?

Looking after grandchildren – Sebastian (4) and Ophelia (1¾). Otherwise – Gardening, walking, reading (historical fiction), testing real ale!





WHAT WE DO - RESPONSIBILITIES & SERVICES



▶ Management and maintenance of public parks and open spaces

▶ CCTV - High Street, Hall Park & Jubilee Park

▶ Planning - consultation and representation



▶ Bus shelters under our ownership



▶ Litter and dog bins under our ownership

▶ Wellibus- Shire Community Services - financially supported by Rushden Town Council Street lighting under our ownership

▶ Licensed wedding venue



▶ Floral displays

▶ Cemetery and burials

▶ Public conveniences

▶ Community events and Christmas lights

▶ Football, Rugby pitches and Tennis courts



For more information on our services, please contact us on 01933 316216 or visit www.rushdentowncouncil.gov.uk.

Rushden Town Council

Events Diary 2024

Party In The Park
SATURDAY 13TH JULY
Hall Park

Proms In The Park
SATURDAY 7TH SEPTEMBER
Hall Park

Bark In The Park
SUNDAY 8TH SEPTEMBER
Hall Park

Heritage Day
SUNDAY 22ND SEPTEMBER
Rushden Lakes

Remembrance Day
SUNDAY 10TH NOVEMBER
Rushden War Memorial

Christmas Lights
Switch-On
SATURDAY 30TH NOVEMBER
Rushden High Street

Additional information and updates will be available on our website:
www.rushdentowncouncil.gov.uk

The Mallards Fishing and Wildlife Ponds

The Mallards fishing ponds, off Centaine road are available for public fishing, Historically this area was an old sand and gravel pit and is now a balancing pond for the surface water generated from the surrounding roads.

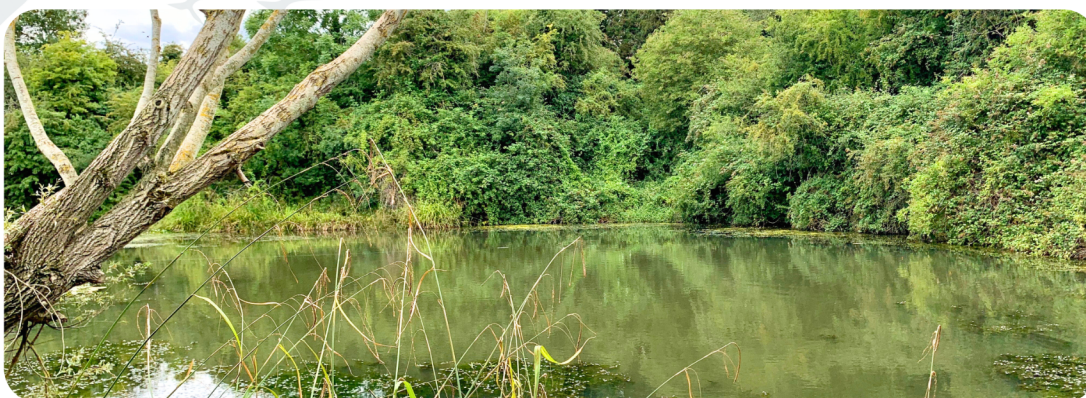
Fishing is permitted from the designated platforms at the ponds providing you have a valid rod licence. If you are aged 13 or over, you must have a rod fishing licence when fishing anywhere in England for salmon, trout, freshwater fish, smelt and eels. This applies to all waters including commercial, privately owned or club fisheries.

Fishing without a rod fishing licence is illegal and you can be fined up to £2,500. Licences for children aged between 13 and 16 are free but you still need to get one from www.GOV.UK/fishing-licences or by calling **0344 800 5386**.

The pond has a number of Volunteer Bailiffs who are at the ponds checking on anglers to ensure all users are fishing within the rules of the ponds and have a valid rod licence. The Council is hoping to participate in the **Building Bridges** project with the **Angling Trust**. Further information is available from www.anglingtrust.net/building-bridges-project/

Rushden Town Council have given grant funding to the **Fishing for Minds** CIC project that is aimed at getting people into fishing to improve for mental wellbeing.

The site is also enjoyed by dog walkers and local residents who visit the site.





Rushden Town Council

Open: 9am - 5pm Monday to Thursday
9am - 4:30pm Friday

- Management and maintenance of public parks and open spaces
- Planning - consultation and representation
- Litter and dog bins under our ownership
- Licensed wedding venue
- Cemetery and burial administration.
- Community events and Christmas lights
- Football and Rugby pitches hire and maintenance.
- CCTV - High Street, Hall Park & Jubilee Park
- Bus shelters under our ownership
- Street lighting under our ownership
- Floral displays
- Public conveniences
- Wellbeing Bus Service for Rushden and Higham Ferrers (Formerly Rushden Higham Link)

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North Northamptonshire Council

Open 9am - 5pm Monday to Friday

- Council Tax
- Benefits
- Roads and Transport including footpaths, dog bins and litter bins located on our land.
- Bin Collections
- Waste Management
- Street cleansing
- Housing
- Rushden Library
- Fix My Street (Reporting complaints for Highways /Footpaths)
- Bus Passes and Blue Badges
- Planning
- Schools & Education
- Adult Social Care
- Children & Families
- Births, Deaths and Marriages
- Public Carparks

0300 126 3000

www.northnorthants.gov.uk

Homelessness, Rough Sleeping & Housing Advice

North Northamptonshire Council - Currently operate an emergency out of hours service within each area of North Northamptonshire.



0300 126 3000

www.northnorthants.gov.uk

If you are concerned about someone sleeping rough in North Northants please contact **NNC's Rough Sleeping team**. Please provide as much detail as you can about their location to help find them.

01536 464630

roughsleepingteam@northnorthants.gov.uk

Food Banks



Encompass Food Bank - Open for those in need on Tuesday and Thursdays 9.30am-12.30pm. You don't need a referral, just turn up.

01933 733001

19-21 Church Street, Rushden
info@encompasscharity.org.uk

Mental Health

Mind Crisis Cafe - If you find yourself in crisis or need support with your mental health, Mind are there to listen and help you in your time of need. Check on their website for the latest timetable.



01933 312800

Phoenix House,
Skinner's Hill,

Rushden, NN10 9YE

www.northamptonshiremind.org.uk

The Mental Health Number - For local support and services - Mind mental health navigators. Call, anytime of the day or night. Anyone in Northamptonshire is welcome to call.

0800 448 0828

Police

101

999 (Emergency)

www.northants.police.uk

NHS

111

999 (Emergency)

