

THRAPSTON TOWN NEWS



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OUR BRAND NEW NEWSLETTER

Welcome to the brand new Thrapston Town Council newsletter. We will be producing these quarterly throughout the year and we hope they will act as a great source of information from within the local community.

If you have any information you would like included, or any ideas on things we should be including, please let us know as we want this newsletter to be a two-way communication tool with residents living in Thrapston.

This month is also the start of a new Mayoral term with Cllr Craig Wilcox stepping up and Cllr Andy McGovern supporting him over the next 12 months as his Deputy.

Within this issue, you can read about the fantastic King's Coronation Celebration that took place earlier this month, information from North Northamptonshire Council and a brief introduction to the Councillors representing you and the town.

Thank you, as always, for the support you give to Thrapston Town Council.



THE HAEMOPHILIA SOCIETY

Last year's Mayor, Cllr Craig Wheeler, chose The Haemophilia Society as his charity for all fundraising during his Mayoral term.

An unbelievable £11,023.91 was raised over the last 12 months at events including the Teddy Bear's Picnic, charity band nights, fireworks, Christmas Festival and the Mayor's charity Abba night last month. We also welcomed Scott McLean, the Major Donor Fundraiser, of The Haemophilia Society at the Annual Town Meeting where he spoke about all the amazing things the money will support.

More information about The Haemophilia Society can be found at www.haemophilia.org.uk.



MAYOR'S WELCOME

Hello! What a pleasure it is to start my very first Mayoral term with the creation of a brand new community newsletter.

I was elected as Chairman earlier this month and after spending the past year working alongside Cllr Craig Wheeler as his Deputy Mayor, it is an absolute privilege to be entrusted with such an important role.

I have lived in Thrapston for over 20 years and I am incredibly passionate about the town and am involved in many projects, including CHAT (Youth Counselling) and the Nene Valley Park Project. I have actually chosen CHAT as my Mayor's charity for the next year.

There are some fantastic events taking place throughout the next 12 months including the fireworks on Sunday 5th November and the Christmas Festival on Saturday 25th November. I will also be holding a annual charity fundraising night alongside the Royal British Legion on Saturday 15th October.

I hope to continue the fantastic work done by previous Mayors and look forward to serving you over the next 12 months.

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

The Annual Town Meeting took place at the Plaza on Tuesday 18th April. It was attended by a number of community groups who were able to network prior to the meeting. Previous Mayor, Cllr Craig Wheeler, gave a speech about his past 12 months as Chairman, along with a fascinating talk from Scott McLean, Major Donor Fundraiser at The Haemophilia Society, which was Cllr Wheeler's chosen charity for his term.

Town Awards were awarded to Andrew Brackley, Val Carter, Sonia James, Emily Martin, Barrie Melville and Mandy Watts for their contributions within the local community. The annual town awards are always a great way for people in the town to be recognised for their good work.

The evening gave members of the public the opportunity to ask questions to the Town Clerk and the Councillors, with topics including the current Councillor vacancy discussed. Community groups including CHAT, Volunteer Action, East Northants First Responders and many others were also in attendance to network and speak to members of the public both before and after the meeting.



The recipients of the Town Awards, with Mayor, Cllr Craig Wheeler



The Annual Town Meeting takes place

FINANCIAL YEAR END BALANCE SHEET

Income Summary	
Precept	409,928
Sub Total	409,928
Operating Income	
Town Council Income	40,798
Cemetery	3,750
Plaza	12,973
Total Income	467,449
Running Costs	
Administration	41,063
Utilities	11,092
Repairs & Maintenance	157,352
Salaries & Associated Costs	159,358
Chairman's Fund	434
Grants	19,286
Section 137	185
Events	18,245
Christmas Lights	12,500
Cemetery	2,475
Toilets	1,118
Plaza	20,087
Total Expenditure	443,196

NORTH NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNCIL GREEN WASTE SERVICE

Earlier this year, North Northamptonshire Council changed the way they would collect the green garden waste. Residents will still receive the same garden waste service with collections every two weeks. The service is charged but optional, so you don't need to sign up.

The service is charged at **£40 per year** and this will include a fortnightly bin collection, as well as a bin provided by North Northamptonshire Council.

For those with small gardens or who would produce a small amount of green waste, there's also the option to purchase 10 sacks at £16.50 for one-off collections. Each sack can hold approximately 80 litres of waste (3 sacks hold nearly the same as a standard bin).

More information and how to sign up can be found at www.northnorthants.gov.uk/bin-collections/garden-waste or by scanning the QR code below.



THE KING'S CORONATION CELEBRATION

The King's Coronation was a momentous occasion for the whole country when it took place over the weekend of Saturday 6th May. Thrapston Town Council, supported by community funds from The National Lottery and North Northamptonshire Council, held a six-hour extravaganza for the local community to celebrate. Despite the weather and regular downpours, it was great to see so many people brave the weather and come together. The afternoon kicked off with a fantastic performance from Thrapston Primary School Choir, followed by the brilliant Thrapston Amateur Dramatics Society performing two Victoria Wood skits. Amazing dance acts came from Thrapston-based, Dynamix Dance Company and also the Dani Harmer Academy of Performing Arts. The children were then treated to a fun disco, filled with all the family favourites and entertainment from stilt walkers dressed in their Union Jack finest. Local face painting company, Arty Designs, were on hand to decorate faces with superheroes, unicorns and lots of flags.



Families also enjoyed Punch & Judy shows, bubble entertainment and balloon modelling, and the fantastic animatronic characters were extremely popular with everyone there.

The Deluxe Band had the whole park up on their feet with a toe-stomping set list featuring hits spanning the last 40 years. The event closed with a moving and poignant 'Last Night of the Proms' performance from Thrapston Plaza Opera and Orchestra, which due to the weather, was moved to St James' Church. The audience were given bio-degradable Union Jack flags and the church was a sea of red, white and blue while 'Land of Hope and Glory' was played.



A huge thank you to DSV and Thrapston Farm and Garden for their sponsorship of the event.



ENJOY THRAPSTON'S GREEN SPACES RESPONSIBLY THIS SUMMER

Help everyone enjoy Thrapston's green spaces

Take the lead in responsible behaviour

Thrapston is a wonderful place to live. Many residents and visitors take advantage of the landscape to exercise and enjoy the fresh air. We want to protect our 'green spaces' and ask everyone to act responsibly to ensure that it remains beautiful and safe for all to enjoy.

Help us to keep Thrapston a special place by following our code:

	<p>Protect</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wildlife, trees and plants • Take litter home or use bins provided • Dog poo - bag it and bin it • No fires or BBQ's <p>Respect</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Keep dogs under control and in sight • Be considerate of others and keep noise levels down • Enjoy play areas and leave things as you find them - no damage/graffiti • Park vehicles in a car park; pathways are not for motorised vehicles • Day visitors welcome but no overnight parking or camping <p>Enjoy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Your visit and let those who follow enjoy it too
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NORTH NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNCIL INFORMATION

North Northamptonshire Council are the unitary council for Thrapston. The main areas they are responsible for include:

- Council Tax
- Waste Collection
- Planning applications
- Housing
- Business and Licensing

North Northamptonshire Council can be contacted on **0300 126 3000**.

The Unitary Councillors for Thrapston are:
 Cllr David Brackenbury
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 Cllr Wendy Brackenbury
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 Cllr Geoff Shacklock
 (geoff.shacklock@northnorthants.gov.uk)



COUNCIL MEETINGS

Upcoming Thrapston Town Council meetings:

Tuesday 13th June

7.15pm at Thrapston Town Council Office
Personnel Committee

Tuesday 20th June / 18th July / 15th August

7.15pm at Thrapston Town Council Office
Full Town Council

Thrapston residents are represented by **13 Town Councillors**. All Town Councillors attend Full Town Council meetings and sit on at least one of the three Committees, except for the Chairman who sits ex-officio on all committees.

Thrapston Town Councillors:

Clr Craig Wilcox (Chairman)
Clr Andy McGovern (Vice-Chairman)
Clr Kathy Cairns
Clr Stuart Glover
Clr Jerry Hawkins
Clr Lindsay Latimer
Clr Rachael McLuckie
Clr Michele Storey
Clr Antony Twigger
Clr Craig Wheeler
Clr Alan Winter
Clr Daniel Worley

Each newsletter moving forward will feature an interview with each of the Councillors so you can get to know them better.

More information on the Councillors and Council meetings can be found on the website - www.thrapstontowncouncil.gov.uk.

FRIENDS OF THE PEACE PARK



This community group will primarily look to maintain the Peace Park for everyone to enjoy. Become part of the team and make some new friends whilst being outside and enjoying our beautiful town. No experience is required and all equipment will be provided.

For more information or to register your interest, please pop in to the Town Council office (77 High Street) or call 01832 734673

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Upcoming Events

- 7 JULY** 10:00 AM - 12PM
Community Litter Pick
Meet at the Thrapston Town Council office. All equipment is provided.
- 14 SEPT** 10:00 AM - 12PM
Community Litter Pick
Meet at the Thrapston Town Council office. All equipment is provided.
- 5 NOV** 7PM
Fireworks
Come along for 7pm to the Castle Playing Fields, Chancery Lane at 7pm.
- 25 NOV** 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM
Christmas Festival
The Christmas Festival will be back in the High Street, with stalls, entertainment and an indoor craft market in the Plaza.
- 2 DEC** 3PM
Pantomime
Laugh Out Loud Theatre will be back on Saturday 2nd December performing 'Aladdin' at the Plaza.

IN THE COMMUNITY

If you're looking for a venue for your next event, be it a music night, children's birthday party or charity quiz night, the **Plaza Community Centre** is available for hire.

Owned and managed by the Town Council, the Plaza Community Centre can be found at Cosy Nook, Thrapston NN14 4PS. The main hall caters for **120 seated** at round tables or 165 theatre style. There is a stage, modern audio equipment and a small kitchen. Upstairs there is a boardroom which caters for 15 seated at oblong tables.

It is **disabled friendly** with a small car park. Further parking is available at the nearby Bullring Car Park.

For details and bookings, contact the office on 01832 734673.

OFFICE CONTACT

The office is open **Monday to Friday, 9am until 1pm.**

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