

Knarborough Town Council Newsletter



D-DAY 80 ANNIVERSARY EVENT IN THE CASTLE GROUNDS

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Welcome to KTC's Summer Newsletter

It's been a busy few months for our town and council. In this summer newsletter we bring you updates and reports about some of the things that our councillors are involved in, local news, consultations for you to have your say, and news about upcoming events.

In early May Knarborough experienced unprecedented rainfall which led to over 50 households being affected by flooding. Members of KTC's Emergency Response Committee were alerted and present on the evening of 6th May, with Councillors assisting the emergency services and residents who needed to find emergency accommodation. Full report on page 6.

On Thursday 23rd May at the Annual Meeting of the Town Council (Mayor Making), Cllr Margy Longhurst was invested as the new Mayor for 2024 / 25 by the outgoing Mayor Cllr Hannah Gostlow. See pages 2 - 3.

Many of you will have already seen our new Mayor out and about in the town at various functions and events. Mayor Margy Longhurst will be at the opening of Feva in the Market Place on Friday 9th August. Be sure to say 'hi' if you see her.

On Thursday 6th June Knarborough joined the nation in commemorating the 80th Anniversary of the D-Day landings in Normandy. A big thank you to everyone who helped organise the event, and all the volunteers involved, the evening paid a poignant tribute to all who sacrificed their lives in WW2, and the many that fought so bravely and returned home. See page 4.

Don't miss the opportunity to have your say in the 'Let's talk' consultation on rubbish and recycling collections on page 9.

Thank you for reading!

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OUTGOING MAYOR CLLR HANNAH GOSTLOW INVESTS CLLR MARGY LONGHURST AS NEW MAYOR OF KNARESBOROUGH

New Mayor of Knaresborough - Cllr Margy Longhurst

Being a town of proud tradition, Knaresborough has maintained the honourable post of Town Mayor. Each year in May, a new Mayor is chosen by Knaresborough Town Councillors. For that year the Mayor is, regardless of politics, the representative of the town of Knaresborough.

On Thursday 23rd May 2024 at the Annual Meeting of the Town Council (Mayor Making) Town Crier Mark Hunter welcomed guests and introduced the outgoing Mayor Cllr Hannah Gostlow. Hannah gave a speech and awarded the Community Cup and Environment Cup, as well as two special Mayor's Award certificates, which recognise people, organisations and groups that have made significant contributions to the town over the last 12 months:

- The Community Cup - awarded to Community Stars
- The Environment Cup - awarded to The Green Group

- A Mayor's Award certificate was given to Knaresborough in Bloom.
- A Mayor's Award certificate was given to Alwyn Davies - in recognition of his invaluable contribution to community events in Knaresborough.

The outgoing Mayor Cllr Hannah Gostlow then invested the new Mayor for 2024/2025 Cllr Margy Longhurst and her Consort Mr. Richard Hassall.

Margy's chosen Deputy Mayor for this period is Cllr Andy Bell.

Mayor Margy Longhurst will be supporting the following charities during her Civic Year: The Knaresborough Museum Association and The Chapel of Our Lady of the Crag.

- If you would like to make a donation to the Mayor's charity, please contact the Clerk's Office.
- If you would like to invite the Mayor of Knaresborough to an event, please email the Deputy Clerk at

deputyclerk@knaresboroughtowncouncil.gov.uk



MAYOR MARGY LONGHURST AND HER CONSORT MR RICHARD HASSELL



MAYOR MARGY LONGHURST INVESTS DEPUTY MAYOR CLLR ANDY BELL

Mayor Making continued...



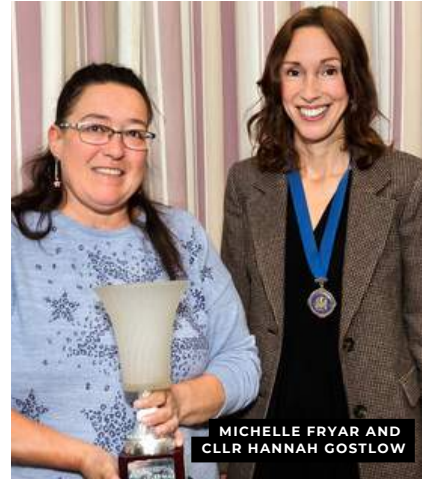
Town Crier – Mark Hunter

Having the Town Crier Mark Hunter and his Consort Andrea Hunter at Mayor Making was fantastic, bringing a sense of tradition and ceremony to the evening.



Community Stars

Clare Robinson and Davy Outlaw received the Community Cup on behalf of Community Stars for their work within the community, in particular the fantastic Kingfisher Kiosk at Conyngham Hall.



The Green Team

Michelle Fryar received the Environment Cup on behalf of The Green Team from the outgoing Mayor Cllr Hannah Gostlow. The Green Team created the community vegetable garden at the Knaresborough Wellbeing Hub from which they grow food to be used at the Centre's 'Cook & Eat' sessions.



Knaresborough In Bloom

Andrew and Christine Willoughby received a special Mayor's award on behalf of Knaresborough In Bloom in recognition of their invaluable contribution to the community of Knaresborough and in celebration of Knaresborough In Bloom's 21st birthday year!

A big thanks goes out to Knaresborough In Bloom and all the groups working in our town to make it look so beautiful.



The Town Crier Mark Hunter, Cllr Hannah Gostlow and new Mayor Margy Longhurst with invited guests Helen Mitchell – Chair of Town Twinning, Pat Tankard – Knaresborough Silver Band, and Rosita Moore – Town Twinning, and Andrea Hunter.



KTC is managed by the Town Clerk - Angela Pulman, supported by the Deputy Clerk - Maggie Richards and Community Projects Officer - Hannah Read.

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clerk@knaresboroughtowncouncil.gov.uk



D-Day 80th Anniversary Commemoration Event

On Thursday 6th June Knaresborough joined the nation in commemorating the 80th Anniversary of the D-Day landings in Normandy, to pay our respects and say thank you to all who sacrificed their lives in WW2, and the many that fought so bravely and returned home.

At 8am the commemorations began as Knaresborough Town Crier Mark Hunter made the official D-Day 80 Proclamation at the Market Cross and afterwards at the War Memorial. He used a bell dating from the war which was used by the ARP to warn of impending air-raids.

Our remembrance continued in the evening in the grounds of Knaresborough Castle as Clare Robinson sang songs from the 1940's and the Silver Band played music of the era from the Town Council's new trailer stage.

The ceremonial element of the evening began at 8pm as the Sea Cadet Corps, Army Cadet Force and Air Training Corps paraded with inspection by the Deputy Lord Lieutenant

Mr Simon Mackaness, followed by a Service of Remembrance led by Revd. Garry Hinchcliffe at the War Memorial.

The evening culminated with the lighting of the beacon which represents the 'light of peace' that emerged from the darkness of War, and the Mayor of Knaresborough Cllr Margy Longhurst read the International Tribute.

A big thank you goes to all the organisations and volunteers who gave their time and energy to make the day's commemorations and the evening event such a poignant tribute to all those who served and gave their lives for the freedom we enjoy today.

Special thanks to The Royal British Legion Knaresborough Branch, Knaresborough Revolution, Knaresborough Town Councillors, St John Ambulance, The Sea Cadet Corps, Army Cadet Force and Air Training Corps, Revd. Garry Hinchcliffe, Knaresborough Silver Band, Clare Robinson, Andrew and Christine Willoughby, North Yorkshire Council, and Castle Clinic Knaresborough.





Police and Community Liaison Group

Working together with our local police

A new local police and community liaison group for the town was set up in 2022, following a number of concerns being raised about anti social behaviour in the town. This group has since met on a quarterly basis. Councillor Kathryn Davies initially set this up, and organises meetings in collaboration with our local Police Inspector, Holly Nicholls. The group includes other town councillors, community leaders, youth workers and school representatives.

The focus of the group has evolved over the last two years and is now more proactive, anticipating future problems and looking at ways to provide the right intervention where possible. This also helps our local police to plan ahead, and in doing so, to try and achieve the best use of police resources.

Summaries of these quarterly meetings have in the past been posted on local social media, but the approved minutes of the meetings of this group will in future be available for public view on the town council's website.

The police also give regular presentations and are available to answer questions from the public at the Annual Town Meeting, which is held each March in Knaresborough House, and which is advertised in advance on the town council's website and notice board.

The Group encourages all residents to sign up to community messaging, which can be accessed from the North Yorkshire Police website. This will give you regular updates about any police issues in your immediate area, and the ability to contact police officers direct. You can also download the app Police.uk, which will provide you with all the local police statistics and information. In the meantime, if anyone has any specific problems or anything that you wish to be raised at a future meeting of this group, please don't hesitate to contact Councillor Davies at kathryn.davies@knaresboroughtowncouncil.gov.uk

Councillor Davies is also a member of the Harrogate District Independent Police Advisory Group, so if there are any issues you wish to be raised at these district wide meetings, please let her know by contacting her at the e mail address above.

Report by Cllr Kathryn Davies

Community Messaging



North Yorkshire Community Messaging is a free email messaging service from North Yorkshire Police and the Office of the Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner, providing news and updates on policing matters that are relevant to you and your local community.

Sign up and receive email alerts about policing activity and initiatives in your local area as well as crime prevention advice and information.

You will also have the opportunity to reply directly to your neighbourhood team and provide feedback via surveys.

Sign up to North Yorkshire Community Messaging for up-to-date information about what is happening in your area:



www.northyorkshirecommunitymessaging.co.uk



6th May Knaresborough – Flood Response

On the evening of 6th May Knaresborough experienced flash flooding which affected multiple households in the town.

Cllr James Pickard was contacted by North Yorkshire Fire & Rescue (NYFRS). Upon arrival of the flooding incident, it became apparent that a considerable number of residents (25 at first count) had been directly affected by flooding and that their homes had become inhabitable.

Knaresborough Town Council (KTC) triggered their resilience plan and within minutes had teams at the flooding sites carrying out welfare checks, teams setting up a refuge centre at Knaresborough House and teams looking at temporary accommodation for those effected (thanks to Knaresborough Inn for stepping up in the town's hour of need).

The system was efficient and worked really well, and KTC would like to thank NYFRS, Knaresborough Revolution & North Yorkshire Council (NYC) for their efforts that evening.

Following a hot debrief the incident was handed over to NYC where they set up at Chain Lane Community Hub offering help and support to those affected by the incident.

Report by Cllr James Pickard



Following the flooding incident Chain Lane Community Hub was set up as a drop in centre, where a range of help, advice and support was available for anyone affected by the flooding. Chain Lane Community Centre kept their doors open for long hours, with staff, volunteers and other agencies including NYC offering support to victims of the flooding and helping those affected to access the help they needed.

Sue Vasey, CEO of Chain Lane Community Hub expressed her appreciation of all those involved, writing on social media "I have worked alongside the emergency response team from North Yorkshire Council for the past week and they have been exceptional -individual officers working long hours, showing great care and going above and beyond; local volunteers stepping up to do what they could to help, local funders digging deep to help people in their time of need, Knaresborough Town Councillors stepping up to help - I am proud of our little town and our ability to look after each other".

KTC put it's urgent decision procedure in place and awarded a grant of £3000 to support Chain Lane Community Hub with their flood response project.

Sue Vasey thanked KTC for the grant and explained that this funding was used for the immediate needs of residents following the floods. It contributed along with other local charities to the provision of emergency accommodation and cleaning.





OFFICIAL RECEPTION AT KNARESBOROUGH HOUSE, FRIDAY 7 JUNE 2024. FROM L-R: STEFANIE KOCH (BEBRA TOWN COUNCIL), NORTRUD HOFFMEISTER (CHAIR, BEBRA TOWN TWINNING COMMITTEE), HELEN MITCHELL (CHAIR, KNARESBOROUGH TOWN TWINNING COMMITTEE), MAYOR OF KNARESBOROUGH, Cllr MARGY LONGHURST AND HER CONSORT, MR RICHARD HASSALL, MAYOR OF BEBRA, STEFAN KNOCHE AND MAVIS CLEMMITT (HONORARY PRESIDENT OF KNARESBOROUGH TOWN TWINNING ASSOCIATION), AND KNARESBOROUGH TOWN CRIER MARK HUNTER



Town Twinning - Visit From Twin Town Bebra in June 2024

For over 50 years Knaresborough has been "twinned" with the beautiful town of Bebra in Hessen, central Germany.

On Thursday 6 June 2024, 22 guests arrived by coach and stayed with local host families. For one guest, it was his 27th visit, including once cycling from Bebra to Knaresborough and running in the Bed Race on several occasions. The Mayor of Bebra, Herr Stefan Knoche, and 3 colleagues from Bebra Town Council were in Knaresborough from Friday 7 June, departing early on Monday 10 June.

On Friday 7 June, an official reception at Knaresborough House took place, with speeches introduced by Town Crier, Mark Hunter. The speakers were: The Mayor of Knaresborough, Cllr Margy Longhurst, Herr Knoche, Frau Stefanie Koch from Bebra Town Council, Chair of Knaresborough Town Twinning Committee, Ms Helen Mitchell (assisted with translation by Knaresborough Town Twinning Committee Secretary, Mrs Alison Sykes), Frau Nortrud Hoffmeister, Chair of Bebra's Town Twinning Committee, and Cllr David Goode

who spoke on Knaresborough's Ukrainian Twin Town Volodymyr. An award for services to Town Twinning was presented from Bebra Town Council to Ms Julie Allison from King James's School in Knaresborough for her work in continuing the long tradition of pupil exchanges with Bruder Grimm Schule in Bebra.

A presentation of a candle holder, specially engraved by Laser Pierce Design, was also made to Mrs Mavis Clemmitt, who retired as Chair of the Knaresborough Town Twinning Association this year after 30 years in the role. The Association is very happy that they will continue to benefit from Mavis's many years of experience as our Honorary President.

To read the full report from the Town Twinning Committee about the whole visit you can go to the town council [website](#) and click on the 'news and events' tab.

Helen Mitchell, Chair of the Knaresborough Town Twinning Committee said it was a fantastic few days and thanked KTC for its ongoing support to make the events possible.



PAT TANKARD, VICE CHAIR OF KNARESBOROUGH TOWN TWINNING COMMITTEE (LEFT) TAKING PART IN THE KNARESBOROUGH BED RACE PARADE ON 8 JUNE 2024 WITH GERMAN GUESTS AND THEIR HOSTS



KNARESBOROUGH TOWN TWINNING COMMITTEE SECRETARY, ALISON SYKES, DISPLAYING ONE OF THE TEA TOWELS PRESENTED TO GERMAN GUESTS FROM ST JOHN'S CHURCH IN KNARESBOROUGH AT THE FAREWELL EVENING



DEPARTURE DAY



Knaresborough Forest Day 13 August - a prelude to the 255th Anniversary of the Enclosure Act in 2025

Knaresborough is steeped in history, with its gorge, castle and ancient forest.

2025 will mark the 255th anniversary of the Enclosure Act which was signed on 13th August 1770 at the Borough Bailiff, now the Commercial Hotel in Knaresborough, which Knaresborough Town Council along with other groups and organisations will look to commemorate next year.

We propose to make 13th August 'Knaresborough Forest Day' to commemorate the enclosure of the Forest through the Enclosure Act of 1770, and to celebrate how things have moved on; the Rebirth of the ancient Royal Forest of Knaresborough (2025 – 2020).

'Knaresborough Forest Day' will be an annual event when all things to do with our forests, our towns green spaces and nature surrounding the Nidd and Castle of Knaresborough are celebrated.

As a prelude to the 255th anniversary of the Enclosures Act in 2025, Tuesday 13th August this year 2024, which falls within the famous Knaresborough FEVA week, will see various local organisations commemorating 'Knaresborough Forest Day', remembering and celebrating the ancient forest of Knaresborough through activities and events for all the family, workshops and walks.

Please see the Town Council Website (News and Events tab) and Feva website for all events related to 'Knaresborough Forest Day' happening this year on 13th August or other dates in Feva week

To book places visit www.feva.info/events

For August 2025 [Yorkshire Create](http://www.yorkshirecreate.co.uk) is planning an outdoor immersive theatre production centred around the Castle Riots (themes of the people using their power to retain their rights). Castle Riot launch events and workshops on 18th August, see Feva website for booking info.

FEVA - 9th - 18th August 2024

The Knaresborough Festival of Entertainment and Visual Arts is back from 9th August with a wide selection of art exhibitions, workshops, music and spoken word events, including lots of fun for the whole family!

Visit www.feva.info to find out what's on and book tickets.

Throughout Feva week there will be events linked to 'Knaresborough Forest Day' celebrating the forest and nature.

Knaresborough Forest Day Events:

- A family bike ride along the greenway to Ripley village (11th August 2024)
- A Comedy of Errors by The Handlebards (11th August 2024) at the Kiosk at Conyngham
- A guided walk from the Castle to the Forest of Knaresborough – Margy Longhurst (13th August 2024)
- Children's Tree Trail at the Kiosk at Conyngham (13th August 2024)
- Children's Beastly Workshops at Knaresborough Heritage Centre (13th August 2024)
- Tales of Knaresborough Forest at the Kiosk at Conyngham (13th August 2024 @ 4pm). **And many more!**



Commuted Sums Explained

With the plans for the improvement of the Mint Garth Play Area causing some confusion amongst residents about why and where the funds were coming from, Knaresborough Town Council want to take this opportunity to explain exactly what Commuted Sums are, and why there are restrictions on where and what they can be used for.

Commuted Sums are paid by Developers to mitigate the impact of the development in the local area particularly when the specific facilities are not being included within the Development.

There are seven Parks and Open Spaces typologies which can “accumulate” commuted sums to specific sites. These are identified as being the closest to the development which also require some improvements (assessed by Quality Assessment).

North Yorkshire Council (NYC) undertake a rolling programme of Quality Assessments. At King Georges field, Stockwell (for example), there are five areas on site, four of which had a QA completed in 2023, the amenity green space was scored at 63%; the Skate Park scored at 62%; the Football field scored at 75% and the MUGA scored at 58%; the children's play area has regular safety inspections.

NYC Parks and Grounds Team act as a consultee during the initial planning application when the sites requiring improvement are identified.

Once planning is approved a Legal Agreement is signed which includes the allocation of Commuted Sums to the specific sites/typologies and the payment process is agreed.

Payment is made to North Yorkshire Council who coordinate the spend of Commuted Sums across North Yorkshire.

There are guidelines relating to the spend by typology, most commuted sums have a 10 year spend date from final payment to NYC. All spend for Parks and Open Spaces is via the Parks and Grounds Development Team in Parks and Grounds at NYC.

Further details for how Commuted Sums are calculated can be found on NYC website.

Following the public consultation on the Mint Garth Play Area earlier this year, NYC are waiting for the final quote to be submitted for the planned work, with the improvements planned to start just after the school summer holidays.

Watch out for future consultations regarding commuted sums to have your say.



Updates on KTC Community Grants

Small Grant Fund New for 2024

Knaresborough Town Council has introduced a small grants fund for funding up to £350. The budget for this fund is £5000 in total and applications can be sent to clerk@knaresboroughtowncouncil.gov.uk and will be dealt with on a monthly basis.

To complete an application for the small grants fund you can download the application form on the KTC website www.knaresboroughtowncouncil.gov.uk

Community Grants awarded

So far this year, KTC have given grants to FEVA, The Great Knaresborough Bed Race, Chain Lane Community Hub to support residents affected by the flooding in May, Holy Trinity Church to assist with their access road resurfacing project, Knot Another choir, Waterside Residents Association planting scheme, Inspire Youth Yorkshire, Knaresborough in Bloom – Tree trail project, and Mind (Harrogate District) – Mental Elf Fun Run.



Grant Application Process 2024 - 25

• Community Grants

KTC puts money aside in their budget each year for use by **community groups and organisations** in town. Applications must clearly be of **benefit to the people of Knaresborough**.

• How much money?

The smallest amount we've awarded is £100, the largest to date £7000.

• Who can apply?

Non-commercial, not for profit, formally constituted groups, or an individual looking to improve their skills in the work they do in the voluntary sector.

- Download and complete the application form on our [website](#) - scan QR code for information:



The next round of funding is open for applications, with the deadline for applications to be received by 4th October 2024.

Decisions will be made at the Council meeting on 21st October.



Small Grants
Up to £350

Funding Pot: **£5,000**

What is it?
New for 2024! Knaresborough Town Council have introduced a small grants fund for funding up to £350. This grant funding is available for use by **community groups and organisations** in the town. Funding applications must clearly be of **benefit to the people of Knaresborough**. Applications can be sent to clerk@knaresboroughtowncouncil.gov.uk and will be dealt with on a monthly basis.

How much money?
Funding pot of £5000 (from April 2024 to April 2025), for small grant applications up to £350.

Who can apply?
Non-commercial, not for profit, formally constituted groups, or an individual looking to improve their skills in the work they do for the voluntary sector.

How do you apply?
Simply download and complete the Small Grants Application form on our website and send to:
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Telephone: 01423 864080



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North Yorkshire Council's - Let's Talk Rubbish

Take part in North Yorkshire Council's (NYC) countywide conversation to tell them your views and have your say on household rubbish and recycling.

Background:

The new North Yorkshire Council was formed in April 2023. Before then, the seven former borough and district councils collected all household waste. Although NYC now provide the same collection service for non-recyclable waste and garden waste, recycling is still collected in different ways across the county.

NYC want to make the recycling collection service the same for all North Yorkshire residents.

This will help them to:

- make the best use of resources
- provide value for money

NYC also need to improve recycling collections to meet the requirements of the Environment Act 2021. The UK Government expects all councils to recycle 65 percent of their waste by 2035.



NYC are proposing to provide households with two wheelie bins for recycling – one for glass, cans and plastic, and one for paper and card, with alternate fortnightly collections.

The collection of non-recyclable rubbish will remain the same as it is now.

By looking at the existing service, NYC are striving to be more efficient and cost-effective and ensure everyone receives the same service, regardless of where they live.

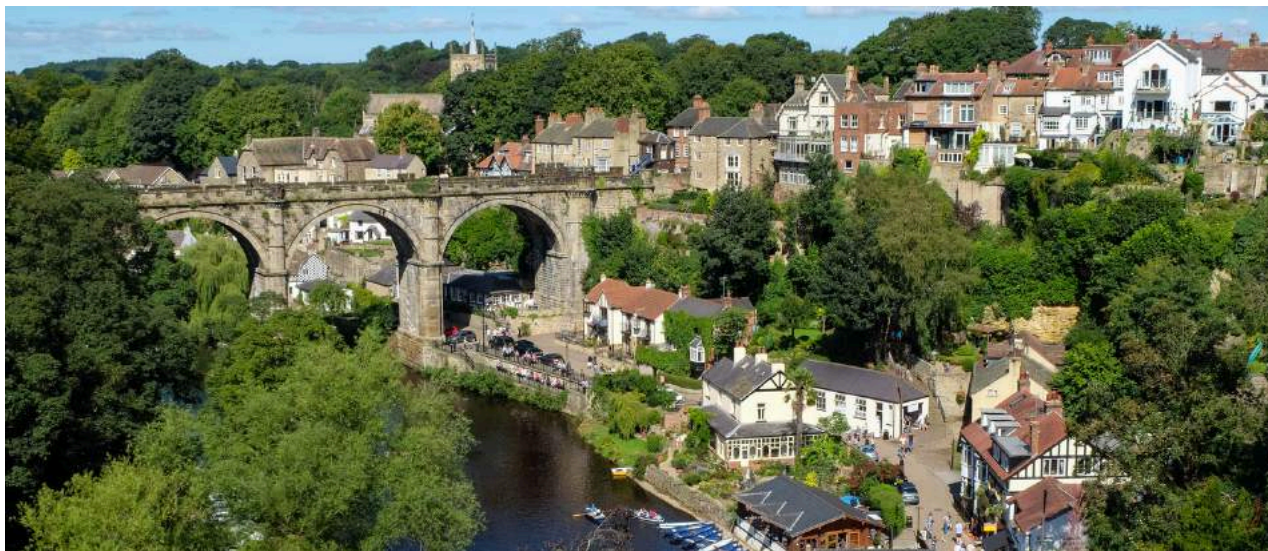
For more information and to fill in the survey visit:

www.northyorks.gov.uk/your-council/consultations-and-engagement/lets-talk

Please share your views and encourage your colleagues, friends and family to do the same!

The survey closes on 16 September 2024.





Upcoming Events

Feva and Knaresborough Forest Day 2024

Be sure to check out the wonderful array of events happening over the summer in and around Knaresborough.

In particular events hosted in Feva week (9th - 18th August), and the 'Knaresborough Forest Day' activities and workshops happening on and around 13th August this year.

Remembrance 2024

Knaresborough Town Council will again facilitate the annual town Remembrance Service and Parade which this year will be held on Sunday 10th November.

Bright Friday 2024

The last Friday in November has become known as Black Friday. 'Bright Friday' is Knaresborough's antidote to this and marks the start of the town's festive calendar of events with the lighting of the Christmas Tree in the Market Place. Bright Friday will be on Friday 29th November.

Further details and arrangements will be announced via our website / social media and local press nearer the date.

Town Event Calendar

Knaresborough Town Council is looking to create a town event calendar on our website, a place to sign post residents and visitors to Knaresborough to your event websites and social media pages for further details about what's happening in our town.

If you or an organisation you're linked with organise an event in the town and would like it to be included, please send the event name, date and a website link or email for further details to

community@knaresboroughtowncouncil.gov.uk



Thank you for reading!

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