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GREAT BIG GREEN WEEK, BOVEY TRACEY, 7TH - 15TH JUNE 2025



Great Big Green Week is the UK's biggest celebration of community action to tackle climate change and protect nature, during the week community groups join together for a wave of support for action to protect the planet. There will be fun events, music, poetry, exhibitions, book reviews, talks and family events, including a Funday on Saturday 14th June 10-4pm in Mill Marsh Park with music and children's activities. Bring a picnic and spend the day with us.



Organised by Climate Action Bovey Tracey & Heathfield and supported with grants from Bovey Tracey & Heathfield Repair Café and Bovey Tracey COOP, for full details please see www.cabh.org.uk/great-big-green-week-7-15-june-2025/ or see us on [Facebook Great Big Green Week](#) GBGW needs volunteers, please contact steve.oldrieve@boveytracey.gov.uk

VE DAY, 80TH ANNIVERSARY, 8TH MAY

Bovey Tracey honoured those who fought and joined communities across the country in flying the flag and a national beacon lighting event was held at 9.30pm on the Furzeleigh Lane allotments.



MESSAGE FROM OUR TOWN MAYOR

I am pleased to have been elected as Town Mayor for another year. I would like to thank my fellow councillors for their continued support. We are fortunate to have so many dedicated volunteers in the parish who offer a wide range of clubs and activities for everyone to enjoy. Thank you for your ongoing energy and enthusiasm.

In the months ahead, there will be plenty of events in the town to look forward to, including the Craft Festival and Great Big Green Week, culminating in a free Fun Day at Mill Marsh Park on Saturday, 14th June.

Judging for Bovey in Bloom will take place on 16th July. Thank you in advance to the groups, volunteers, and businesses helping us prepare—let's aim for Gold again!

Have you thought about joining in the fun of the Carnival Parade this August? We'd love to see more walking groups taking part. The Carnival Committee would be delighted to hear from you.

We want to hear from you. Is there something you'd like to share about life in Bovey or Heathfield, or do you have suggestions for the future? If so, please get in touch with me at sheila.brooke@boveytracey.gov.uk.

Bovey Tracey enters the South West in Bloom Awards annually achieving outstanding results for successive years, if you would like to support by volunteering for the initiative please contact sheila.brooke@boveytracey.gov.uk information on the awards can be found here www.southwestinbloom.org.uk or scan the QR code.



Sheila Brooke, Town Mayor



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THE COMMUNITY AWARDS 2025

The Community Awards 2025 were presented by the Mayor, Cllr Sheila Brooke at the Annual Town Meeting on 26th March. Thank you to the public for such a good turn out to celebrate the wonderful contributions of those receiving awards!



Award	Winners	Nominees
Young Citizen of the Year	Isabella Baker	Faye Jackson, Charlotte Fulton, Jacob Challenger, Irvine Drewett, Aron Monahan
Environmental Champion	Bovey Tracey Community Fridge	Eleanor Moseley
Community Champion	Riverside Surgery Befrienders	Chris Robillard & Moor Social Volunteers
Honorary Representative of the Lord Manor	Marion Edwards	



For more information on the Community Awards and Champions, please visit Latest News on the town council website www.boveytracey.gov.uk/Latest-News/Town-Council

TOWN COUNCIL GRANTS

Bovey Tracey Town Council provides small financial grants to local community groups and charities that provide benefits to residents in Bovey Tracey & Heathfield. For 2025-2026 the full grants pot allocation has been awarded to the following parish causes:

- Bovey Tracey Youth Café to provide youth services
- Moorland Community Care to provide social events to those with care needs
- Citizen’s Advice for a video link services in Bovey Tracey

- Better Places for 4 Free Family Events in the Summer Holidays in Bovey Tracey and Heathfield

Full details on how to apply for Town Council Grants in future can be found on our website and the next round of applications need to be received before 1st April 2026.



www.boveytracey.gov.uk/Services/Town-Council

OUTDOOR EXERCISE EQUIPMENT - WATCH THIS SPACE!

New Outdoor Exercise Equipment for Mill Marsh Park part funded by the National Lottery is underway to replace the previous exercise area. A public consultation was completed with the majority of respondents in favour.



FIVE STARS AWARDED FOR OUR PARK!

Parks are judged each year by the Royal Horticultural Society for a Pride in the Parks award. Mill Marsh Park has been judged and awarded the top Five Stars. A big thank you to our groundsmen Pete and Roger who care for the park every day.





In early March, Heathfield residents came along to chat to Hannah, Lisa & Cllr Sheila Brooke about issues affecting them – including poor parking (mainly overflow from the industrial estate), speeding drivers, flooded roads and pavements and anti-social behaviour. PC Deakin and the councillors took action after the meeting in response to these concerns. Please contact Hannah & Lisa as your local councillors, if you have anything concerning you.

Heathfield now has its own tree nursery! Situated on the green space at the end of the cul-de-sac from Heath Hill, volunteers are watering and tending to these young trees until they are ready to be planted in the local area. Volunteers welcome to join us, please email info@boveytracey.gov.uk or calling 01626 834217. Huge thanks to our helpers and to Stover Country Park, Bovey Landscapes, local Councillors Hannah & Lisa and the volunteers who came along in March to create the nursery. Local children painted colourful plaques to adorn the planting beds. This project is aiming to do its bit for the environment by planting trees for the future in Heathfield.

Always feel free to book a call via 01626 834217 or email us lisa.robillardwebb@boveytracey.gov.uk or hannah.mills-brown@boveytracey.gov.uk

SERVICES SIGNPOSTING: COST OF LIVING, SUSTAINABILITY, FOOD & WELLBEING



The Methodist Church, Bovey Tracey hosts the **community fridge**, a free of charge food sharing initiative to prevent food waste. For details see www.cabh.org/bovey-community-fridge/

A **social supermarket** in Bovey Tracey; The Methodist Church is working with a Community Interest Company called Better Places to provide the service.

If you need information about the cost of living crisis, housing and homelessness, energy and fuel poverty, food, money and debt, health and wellbeing, please refer to a database of support services on Teignbridge District Council's website: www.teignbridge.gov.uk/benefits-and-support/cost-of-living-crisis/cost-of-living-help-and-support

Under 'food' there are links to databases of community fridges, social supermarkets, food banks and other initiatives across South Devon, such as reducing food waste, school meals and healthy start.

Citizen's Advice Bovey Tracey continues to offer a remote video link advice service on a Tuesday morning 10:00-12:30 from the Methodist Church Hall, Bovey Tracey. The service is funded by a grant from Bovey Tracey Town Council and is open to everyone.

Worrying about Money? Leaflet can be downloaded here <https://cd749f59-f81e-4c3c-9548-798a16260bff.usrfiles.com/ugd/cd749fed76e81378ce4a97a4297d01106766ff.pdf> or available from Riverside Community Centre.

Youth & Wellbeing Services useful sites

- www.youngdevon.org
- www.themix.org.uk/mental-health
- www.youngminds.org.uk
- www.samaritans.org/how-we-can-help/contact-samaritan/talk-us-phone

For information on organisations that promote sustainability locally, see www.cabh.org.uk/organisations

WOULD YOU LIKE TO BECOME A VOLUNTEER?

Opportunities can be found here www.devonconnect.org/teignbridge



AROUND TOWN

Cyclists Dismount New Signage, Entrance to Mill Marsh Park - A reminder that cyclists MUST dismount at the exits from Mill Marsh Park. Mill Marsh Park is popular with visitors, please consider taking your rubbish home or recycling.



We have a new Town Council noticeboard in Battle Road, Heathfield - The noticeboard is for everyone to use. Thank you to the children of St Catherine’s CoE Primary School for the colourful artwork and our contractors who made this happen!



Green Space at Riverside Community Centre, Town Council offices - A project called Growing Space revamped the green space and its volunteers kindly look after it for the council, the public are welcome to visit. Find the bug hotel and meet Sandy the flowerpot person.



The Town Council in collaboration with the HM Prison and Probation Service (HMPPS) organised the repainting of the cemetery entrance gates and railings enabling community-based activities for people on probation.



DOGS WELCOME IN OUR OPEN SPACES:

Recreation Ground:
Public Spaces Protection Order
Dogs on Lead and Offence to not pick up dog foul.

Mill Marsh Park:
An Offence to not pick up dog foul. Please note no dogs are permitted in the Children’s Play Area.

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Forthcoming Town Council Meetings

You are welcome to join any of the council’s meetings. All meetings usually take place in the Riverside Community Centre, unless otherwise stated.

Mon 9 June	Planning & Environment Committee	6pm
Mon 9 June	Finance, Resources & General Purposes	7pm
Mon 23 June	Full Council	7pm
Mon 7 July	Planning & Environment Committee	6pm
Mon 7 July	Recreation, Parks & Property Committee	7pm
Mon 1 Sept	Planning & Environment Committee	6pm
Mon 1 Sept	Finance, Resources & General Purposes	7pm
Mon 15 Sept	Full Council	7pm
Mon 29 Sept	Planning & Environment Committee	6pm

Hall & Office Hire and Bike Pod Hire at Riverside Community Centre

Please contact our Centre Manager Helen Tate on 07946 059637 or for booking calendars and a booking enquiry form go to our website.



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