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NEWSLETTER – APRIL 2025

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Vacancy – Level 2 Horticultural Apprenticeship Vacancy

Okehampton Town Council is seeking to employ an apprentice to work within its Parks Team from September 2025. For further information and to apply please [visit the apprenticeship website](http://www.okehampton.gov.uk).



Spring in Simmons Park

The display of Crocus was particularly spectacular in Simmons Park this year.



The Simmons Park Volunteer group is starting up again on Wednesdays from 2nd April. Everyone is welcome to come along and work with with the Parks team.

Council Thanks to Volunteers and Benefactors

The Councillors and Staff of Okehampton Town Council are incredibly grateful for the generosity of individuals who have, and continue to donate their time, money, and skills to benefit our community.

Donations from individuals, who often want to remain anonymous, are sometimes received by the Town Council. In the last 12 months these contributions have included trees for Simmons Park, a new battery-powered chainsaw for the Parks team, and beautifully handcrafted new curtains for the Charter Hall.

We also thank the time given by volunteers who have, for example, joined the Simmons Park Volunteer Group and offer a great deal of assistance by helping to keep the weeds down, litter picking, pruning and planting.

The Town Council extends its appreciative thanks to all those who have supported us in this way. The generosity of all these people helps to enhance the town for the benefit of all.

Applications Invited for Town Council Grants 2025-26

Okehampton Town Council has agreed a budget of £29,000 for the award of grants supporting community organisations and groups to the benefit of the residents of Okehampton in the 2025/26 financial year.

Applications will be considered in the spring and autumn. Those for consideration in the spring must be received by Friday 25th April 2025 and in the autumn by 29th August 2025. The grant policy and application form can be downloaded from the council website or obtained from the Town Hall.



ANNUAL TOWN ASSEMBLY



**TUESDAY
8TH APRIL**



7PM



CHARTER HALL

Guest Speakers

Singing for Wellness Choir
Okehampton Youth Council
Okehampton Business
Improvement District



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Simmons Park Easter Nature Explorer

WEDNESDAY 16TH APRIL

Meet by the phone box book swap

10:30am

Make a nest and
find the chocolate
eggs to put in
them

Make a nature
picture with nature

Explore the spring
flowers and
animals in the
park





Okehampton Youth Council

A page on the Council's website, which has seen gradual improvement over the last few months, has been dedicated to the Youth Council – information is just starting to be added.

The Youth Council met in March when they spent time writing an article for the Annual Council Report and prepared a presentation for the Annual Town Assembly on 8th April.

Youth Councillors have also been preparing questions for the new CEO of the Dartmoor Multi-Academy Trust who has agreed to meet with them.

If you are interested in joining the Youth Council or can assist in any way, please email youthcouncil@okehampton.gov.uk or contact us through the council office.

Forward dates for your diary:

VE Day 80th Anniversary – Thursday 8th May, 3pm - 8pm in Simmons park

Mayor Choosing and Annual Council Meeting – Wednesday 14th May

Coming up in April

- **Mondays** - Mental Health Drop-in Sessions, Charter Hall 10am-1pm
 - **Tuesdays** – West Devon Folk Choir, Charter Hall
 - **Mondays and Wednesdays** – Clubbercise, 6pm-8pm Charter Hall
 - **Wednesdays** – Simmons Park Volunteer Group, 11am-12.30pm, meet at the pedestrian entrance gates (recommencing 2nd April 2025)
 - **Thursdays** - Ballroom and Latin American Dancing, 7.30pm-8.30pm Charter Hall
 - **Saturdays** – Parkrun, 9am Simmons Park
- 1st Friendly Circle (Charter Hall)
3rd NHS Blood Donation Session (Charter Hall)
5th Rotary Coffee Morning (Charter Hall)
8th Annual Parish Assembly (Charter Hall)
12th Carnival Committee Coffee Morning (Charter Hall)
16th Simmons Park Easter Nature Explorer, 10.30am (meet by the Phone box in Simmons Park)
19th Coffee Morning (Charter Hall)
Air Ambulance fundraising event (Charter Hall)
26th Hearts and Hedgehogs Coffee Morning (Charter Hall)

Town Council Meeting Dates

Members of the public are welcome to attend council meetings and have the opportunity to address the council. Alternatively, meetings are livestreamed through the council Facebook page where they are available to view.

April

14th Planning Committee (6.30pm – applications only)

28th Full Council

Meeting dates for 2024/25 can be found on the [website](#). Some Planning Committee Meetings have been scheduled others will be convened as needed.

Council meetings normally start at 7pm in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Fore Street.

Occasionally meetings are added or subject to change, details can be found on the [website](#) or noticeboard in the Victorian Arcade.

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Cllr Terry Cummings	Cllr David McNeill
Cllr Frankee Hart	Cllr Mark Richards
Cllr Carole Holt	Cllr Bob Tolley
Cllr Dr Michael Ireland	Cllr Simon Weekes
Cllr Tony Leech	Cllr Julie Yelland