



## Conservative Update

From your Rayleigh Town Councillors

# Improvements for John Fisher Open Space...

**Rayleigh Town Council are now responsible for John Fisher Playing Field, play area and pavilion after signing a 125 year lease from Rochford District Council.**

This big step will allow us to make much needed investments into the area so that residents can enjoy the space to its full potential, whilst also giving it the extra care and attention it deserves.

We have already consulted with local primary schools to come up with design

suggestions for the play area, and these ideas are now being turned into potential design ideas with a view to being implemented as soon as possible by utilising funding that is available from local developments for local amenities.

We are investigating the use of state of the art solar powered bins to reduce littering and to allow for a highly efficient waste collection service and have arranged for extra dog bins to be installed.

It was also recently agreed that we will have a pickleball court painted on the basketball court area and to repaint the basketball lines at the same time. This will allow for multi-use and allows us to support this increasingly popular sport in the Town.

Multiple community litter picks have been organised and shows great support from local residents to ensure John Fisher remains a beautiful park. Our aim is to achieve Green Flag status for the area, like we have done at King George V.



John Fisher Playing Field Community Litter Pick



We are pleased to have signed a lease with Rayleigh Football Club for the pavilion that has been unused on the site for many years. RFC have been using the pitches here for 5 years for mini soccer and will now be able to invest in the building to create a home for their young members.

## Rayleigh achieves GOLD at Anglia in Bloom Awards!

**In September Rayleigh were awarded Gold status for the Town. Independent judges visited Rayleigh and were taken on a guided tour of our High Street and Town including schools, churches and community spaces.**

A huge amount of work goes into making our Town look beautiful and is a joint effort by our local contractors and a small group of volunteers, without whom, it wouldn't be

possible.

In addition to our Gold award, King George V playing field was awarded Silver Gilt status and both Holy Trinity Church and Edward Francis School achieved Individual awards.

If you would like to help us maintain the Town, or have a project worthy of an award, please contact Cllr Ian Ward.



Cllrs preparing the High Street for Anglia in Bloom judging day.



## Inclusive equipment for KGV play area

The play area in KGV has recently undergone some improvements to include exciting new inclusive equipment.

Over the past few years the council have been working on improving the toddler offering within the play area, and we are pleased to say this has now been completed!

We are the first Council in East Anglia to have an inclusive

seesaw in our park!

During the process we consulted with Ramping It Up, a local inclusivity group, and would like to thank them for their valuable input.

In addition to the equipment and flooring we wanted to brighten up the fencing, which we are hoping is going to be done at no cost to the Council by a local Housing Association as part of their social value commitment.



KGV play area

## New Petanque Pitch!

In March Cllr Deborah Mercer officially opened our new Petanque Pitch!

The idea was brought to an Environment Committee Meeting by local resident Anders. Anders explained the rising popularity of the sport

and lack of available pitches locally for the public to use.

Councillors all agreed it seemed like it would make a great addition to the park and set about making enquiries to have one installed.

The pitch is well used by residents of all ages and played a part in our most recent Green Flag award.

The bench near the pitch has recently been turned around to allow for viewing of the game, and a score board and set of rules are set to be put up.

We also had a table tennis table installed last year which is enjoyed by many!



Anders Risberg and Cllr Mercer

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Christmas Lights

Despite what was possibly the wettest night of the year, the Christmas Light Switch on was a great success! The singing from local schools being a sure highlight! We hope everyone that attended enjoyed themselves as much as we did, and we look forward to seeing you all on the 30th November.



### Remembrance Day

The Town Council are proud to support the Remembrance service and procession. Some of us help to organise this important and poignant event, to remember those who bravely served our country. This year's event is on 12th November.



## Your Conservative team for Rayleigh Town Council

## DELIVERING FOR RAYLEIGH

Pictured left to right:

Cllrs D Sperring, I Ward, R Dowell, S Belton, C Pavellin, C Roe, J Lumley, C Callis, E Callis, D Belton, R Dray and D Mercer. Not pictured Cllrs J Jacobs and J Sawford.



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## Chairmans Charity

It is tradition for the Chairman of the Council to fundraise throughout the year. Cllr Danielle Belton has chosen Lady McAdden Breast Cancer as her Charity, a cause close to her heart after losing a friend to the disease a few years ago.

There will be a variety of events taking place over the coming months, including a Fashion Show, Bingo, Preloved shopping, a Ball and more.

You can find more information about the fundraising on Facebook @cldr daniellebelton.

Last year Cllr Deborah Mercer raised over £3000 for BASIS, which they were very thankful for.