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Poop Scoop Bags are available free of charge to Thrapston residents from the Town Council Office.

Please ensure the used bags are disposed of responsibly. There have been recent complaints of used bags being left on the Town Walk and hanging from vegetation around the Town which is upsetting to the responsible dog owners amongst us and all those using the open spaces we enjoy in Thrapston.

**The Town Council
wish all Thrapston Residents
A Happy & Peaceful New Year**

Thrapston Firework Display—Residents contributions

The Town Council would like to thank everyone who attended the firework display in November and who gave so generously towards the Charity collections. An amazing £1130.00 was raised and the proceeds were divided equally between the Warwickshire and Northamptonshire Air Ambulance and St John Ambulance Brigade.

Flood Warden for Thrapston

The Deputy Clerk to the Council, Sara Crawley is the nominated Flood Warden for Thrapston and can be reached at the Town Council Office if you have any queries regarding possible flooding. There are also a number of Environment Agency leaflets available to residents who feel they may be at risk of flooding.

Should there be flooding or imminent danger of flooding in the Town please call:

Environment Agency Floodline: 0845 988 1188
Town Council: 01832 734 673 Flood Warden: 01832 734315
Or visit www.environment-agency.gov.uk/homeandleisure/floods for advice.



Special points of interest:

- Volunteers Needed
- Nominations for Town Awards
- Preferred Contractors List
- Flood Warden Details



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CHRISTMAS LIGHTS

As I write we are still waiting for Christmas but by the time you read this Christmas will be over and the New Year upon us with all its hopes and aspirations.

First of all the Town Council would like to express their grateful thanks to the District Council, Vincent Sykes and Higham and Henry H Bletsoe for their contribution towards the cost of the lights.

Following a consultation carried out in a previous newsletter we discovered that you - the residents of Thrapston – gave us a resounding yes! to continue to decorate our town each Christmas and so again this year we did just that.

We hope you all had a wonderful Christmas and that your New Year will be healthy and happy.

Do consider coming along sometimes to support us – your local council in 2010.

We want the very best for our town and you can help us by telling us what you want. Get involved – if only by coming to a meeting sometime and maybe expressing your views (privately or publicly). We have various meetings on

1st, 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month at 7.30 pm in the Town Council Offices and all meetings are open to the public. Come and make a difference!

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Youth Activities – Volunteers needed!!

Thrapston Council is committed to providing more facilities and opportunities for the youth of Thrapston. The old BMX track is scheduled to be cleared in February in readiness for a new BMX facility. We are working with a team from "Groundworks", and they have already consulted with many of our young people to identify what the Council should be providing on the site.

Youth Activities in Thrapston

The Council would now like to arrange more activities for the youth of Thrapston such as band nights, discos, age specific active or strategy games, drama, dance etc., but we require help to arrange and manage the events. If you are aged 18+ and have a few hours to spare perhaps you could work with us to help create new activities for our teenagers.

We will reimburse all agreed expenditure including the cost of the necessary checks for working with young people.

Telephone or call in to the Town Council Office for further details.

Preferred Contractors' List

The Council invites local traders to apply to join its Preferred Contractors' List for small works. We would like hear from you if you believe that you can provide the Council with quality services or works at a cost that can deliver overall Best Value. We look forward to working with you to deliver excellent services within our community.

The Council is committed to working with its contractors and will pay all invoices within 30 days of receipt. Arrangements can be made for prompter payment with contractors subject to acceptance by the Council. Small works may involve glazing, carpentry, property maintenance, plumbing, servicing of electricity, gas and fire prevention equipment, painting etc.

Telephone or call in to the Town Council Office for further details and an application form.

Quality Council

In April 2007, Thrapston Town Council became only the third Parish/Town Council in Northamptonshire to gain Quality Council status. This lasts for four years and if we are to continue will need to be renewed in 2011.

Amongst the activities we have initiated are –

We were the first council in Northamptonshire to agree an anti-graffiti policy, whereby all reported graffiti is removed, usually within a few days.

We provide free dog bags to the community to lessen the impact of dog waste and have also organised a number of clear-up days where councillors and members of public have scoured the town for litter.

We are actively engaging youth through our Youth Committee in the planning, provision and on-going care of the facilities they are interested in.

The Council have assisted in the provision of Thrapston Community website www.thrapstoncommunity.co.uk where local business, community groups and health care facilities can advertise their activities.

The Council will be deciding in January whether to apply for re-accreditation in 2011. To attain this, we will need to demonstrate our ability to deliver efficient services to local residents and speak with authority to principal councils when seeking delegated functions which could be better carried out locally.

There are only twelve Quality Councils in Northamptonshire at the moment, of which three are in East Northamptonshire, although there are many others actively working towards making an application.

Further details will be included in the next newsletter.

Thrapston Town Council Awards

The Town Council are seeking nominations for people that you feel have made a contribution to the Community in the past year.

If you have a certain person or a Group in mind and feel that they are worthy of nominating, we would like to hear from you – please do respond to Jeanne Pike – Clerk to the Town Council

Thank you.