



# May 2020

## Monthly Round-Up

### COVID-19 YTC Updates & Info

#### **Sunnyside Tennis Courts**

The tennis courts are available to be booked for public use with social distancing guidelines in place.

One court per booking (unless from the same household). Bookings and payments need to be made 24 hours prior and bookings need to be placed on weekdays.

If you wish to book a tennis court, please email: [info@yatetowncouncil.gov.uk](mailto:info@yatetowncouncil.gov.uk)

#### **Kickabout Areas**

Kickabout areas at Halifax Road, Lye Field, Millside and West Yate are open with social distancing guidelines in place.

The West Yate kickabout area, next to Tyndale Primary School, will be open every week day from approx. 3.30pm (closed daily at 8am) and will be open all day at weekends and during school holidays.

#### **Brinsham Lake**

Angling is now permitted at Brinsham Lake with social distancing and other guidelines in place. Notices are displayed around the lake in respect of the guidelines.

Yate Town Council recognises the mental health benefits of fishing that people are able to enjoy at no cost at Brinsham Park lake. A small number of stands/pegs have had to be closed to allow others to use the park whilst maintaining 2m distancing.

#### **Kingsgate Park**

From 3rd June, Kingsgate Park will be open from 10.00am to 8.00pm. These opening times allow Yate Town Council staff to carry out daily works safely.

To keep up to date with our COVID-19 news, please visit our website:  
[www.yatetowncouncil.gov.uk/council-news/covid-19](http://www.yatetowncouncil.gov.uk/council-news/covid-19)

# YTC COVID-19 Battle Fund

Yate Town Council has decided to divert its usual grant round and make its 2020/2021 funds available with immediate effect to local organisations to support the Yate community in the battle against COVID-19 and help the residents of Yate.

If your organisation is assisting the local population in this time of crisis and needs financial support, please visit our website to view guidelines and to download a copy of the application form: [www.yatetowncouncil.gov.uk/council-news/covid-19](http://www.yatetowncouncil.gov.uk/council-news/covid-19)

Once you have read the guidelines and completed the form, please send the application to: [info@yatetowncouncil.gov.uk](mailto:info@yatetowncouncil.gov.uk) and your application will be dealt with as soon as possible.

## Mayor's Message

With another month passing, I thought it timely to reflect on a day which would have been full of street parties and outdoor celebrations. Friday 8th May gave us some wonderful weather and it was good to see so many enter into the spirit of the VE Day commemorations – it really seemed to give many of us a feel good boost which was what we needed. (If you pop on over to the Town Council Happy To Chat Facebook page, you can upload photo's of your VE75 day [@happytochatpage](https://www.facebook.com/happytochatpage)).

On the 16th May, the Mayor's Bear and I kept up the ancient tradition of "Beating the Bounds" on Yate Common - unfortunately this time honoured tradition was another casualty of the many events that have had to be cancelled/postponed due to the current pandemic.



As you are all aware there have been some amendments to the lockdown restrictions, such as the ability to exercise for more than one hour a day. The Council work hard to accommodate the changes as quickly as possible after the Government releases their statements. I am so pleased that the vast majority of our residents and visitors have respected the changes and acting in a responsible way!

I do however want to highlight & remind folk that we have some restrictions to the fishing at the lake at Brinsham Park, due to social distancing. It was disappointing that some folk did not respect these measures initially as it resulted in putting in patrols and involving police visits to move folk away from the cordoned off fishing pegs.

Obviously the council recognise that fishing is a social and mental positive activity which we don't wish to remove, however if a small minority continue to not respect the restrictions at the lake, we may feel it necessary to stop fishing completely & that would be a shame.

I was delighted to hear that Kingsgate Park has once again received a 5 Star Gold Award at the South West in Bloom Awards - well done to the Friends of Kingsgate Park and of course the Town Council Staff who work so hard to maintain our beloved park.

Also hot off the press, building work has begun at Yate Outdoor Sports Complex on the new multi sport activity building and new home for the boxing club – the steel structure looks really impressive and I look forward to watching the building develop and finally I hope to be able to formally open it when able to do so.

Thank you for all you are doing. Stay safe.

# Yate Ageing Better Logo Competition



We are thrilled to announce that the winner of the Yate Ageing Better logo competition is Lola Beal, aged 9!

Lola was inspired by nature and when asked about her design, she told us "no matter how old you are there are still dreams and goals that can be achieved by looking at the positives and anything can be turned into something beautiful with help and support from others. As a community we always look out for each other." We couldn't agree more!



This design captures the heart of Yate Ageing Better and Lola's logo will inspire our future work in the community.

Lola pictured with her Mum & Mayor's Bear

# Boxing Club and Community Building

The Multi-Activity Community Building and Boxing Club project at Yate Outdoor Sports Complex (YOSC) safely re-started in May!

The building's frame has been erected and work continues to bring the project to life. Funded by the Town Council and a £100k grant from Sports England, the new building will give our community a fantastic new space, adding to sport and leisure facilities already at YOSC.

Councillor Karl Tomasin commented; "We are looking forward to this project making progress again. It will be fascinating and exciting to see how all those involved, the contractors, Yate Town Council, YOSC Ltd and Yate Amateur Boxing Club (YABC) will work together to provide our community with a facility that has such great potential."

Councillor John Serle further commented; "It's great to see the re-start of work on the new building. The facility will not only provide a much-needed new home for the YABC but will be available for hire to other local sports clubs and community organisations. This further investment at YOSC demonstrates its commitment to enhance sporting facilities that will benefit the whole community."



To find out more and for information on supporting YABC, please contact the team!  
Email: [collier@yatecouncil.gov.uk](mailto:collier@yatecouncil.gov.uk)



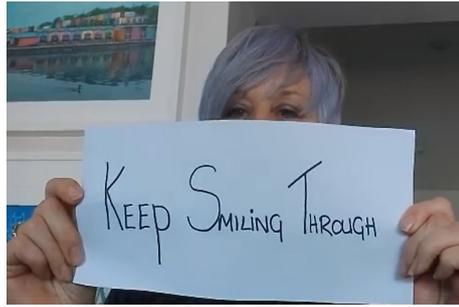
# VE Day - 75th Anniversary



With community events cancelled, to commemorate 75 years since the end of WW2, on Friday 8th May, people were encouraged to commemorate this day at home.

Throughout the week leading up to VE Day, we shared ideas, links to the history of the day, how to dress 40's style and recipes as well as how to do the Lindy Hop!

Some of the Yate Town Council staff team took part in a video to Vera Lynn's "We'll Meet Again" to share the sentiment of the song with the community, during this pandemic, and to join in with the celebrations of VE Day. (Watch the video on our Facebook page! [@yatetc](#))



## The Armadillo Garden



We have now completed phase 2 of The Armadillo Garden project.

The paving work was completed just before 8th May 2020. The new pavings have extended the area for ball sports, making the space more conducive for additional uses such as badminton, volleyball and tennis to name a few.



We look forward to the big reveal when we return and will host a fun launch part to celebrate! (Socially distancing of course).

## Beating the Bounds

Beating the Bounds is an ancient custom that is practiced on The Common in Yate. The Reverend, Town Mayor, Friends of the Common and local residents usually walk the boundaries of The Common (pictured in 2019).

Traditionally, children are turned upside down at the corners to teach them the boundaries of their Common, which they should protect.

Beating the Bounds did not take place this year. However, Yate Common is a wonderful place to take daily exercise whilst adhering to Government guidelines.



# Armadillo Zoom Group Sessions

The Yate Armadillo Youth Cafe and Venue are hosting ZOOM youth sessions for the following groups:

**Monday** - Learning Difficulties and Disability (LDD) (invite only - closed session)



**Tuesday** - School Yrs. 6 to 9

**Wednesday** - School Yrs. 6 to 9

**Thursday** - School Yrs. 6 to 9

**Friday** - School Yrs. 6 to 9



**All sessions will run from 6pm - 8pm**

If your child has previously attended an Armadillo Youth session and would like to join our ZOOM video chat, please email [info@yatearmadillo.co.uk](mailto:info@yatearmadillo.co.uk) with your child's name, D.O.B and year group, also include the session they would like to join.

When approved, we will then send the participation codes. Strict rules/guidelines will apply, the policy will also be sent out via email.

We apologise, NO NEW MEMBERS/ATTENDEES will be permitted to join at this stage.

## Yate Heritage Centre - Kids Zone

Yate Heritage Centre has launched a new education page on Facebook for families in Yate, the district and beyond!

Each week you'll find new activities for arts, heritage and culture including workbooks, quizzes, videos, 360 museum tours, crafts, food recipes and much more!

Follow them on Facebook: [Yate Heritage Centre-Kids Zone](#)



## Keep Up to Date

Even though our offices are closed, our staff and Councillors are working hard behind the scenes to ensure that we still deliver our services and help those within our local community.

Make sure you follow our social media platforms and website to stay up to date with news in regards to COVID-19 and general Council business.



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