



VERWOOD VISTA

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MAYOR'S END OF YEAR REPORT

The year has gone very fast. I think this is because of the number of places I have visited, the events I have attended and people I have met. My overwhelming reaction to the year is gratitude to everyone who has made me so welcome and helped me in all sorts of ways.

Like previous Mayors, I have visited schools, clubs and societies and attended many concerts, award ceremonies, presentations and shows. I am amazed at the wonderful performances I have seen from people of all ages. I am also impressed and encouraged by the interest and enthusiasm shown by Verwood children and young people for all manner of subjects and at many different events. There are events which occur annually to which the Mayor is invited such as the Carnival and Rustic Fayre duck race. Each Mayor, however, attends a few unique events. One of my unique events was playing a small part in the induction of the new Vicar, Rev Deborah Matthews. It was a great honour to welcome Deborah on behalf of the community. Since her arrival last June, she has proved to be a great

blessing to Verwood and provided a joyful and moving Civic Service in April. We are fortunate to have a group of exceptional leaders of the various religious denominations in Verwood and I am privileged to have attended many events in which they have participated.

As well as hosting two events which were attended by civic dignitaries from other areas and local people, the annual Mayor's Reception and Civic Service, I have attended similar events in other towns. It has been an honour and privilege to be the Verwood and Three Legged Cross representative at such events.

There are a large number of people who have helped with fund raising for my charity, Dorset Mind. They have been amazing and helped to put the "fun" into fundraising. As I write my report, there are two events ahead before the end of the year. I am confident that they will be successful and raise more funds for Dorset Mind, thanks to the hard work of this incredible army of kind volunteers.

The most important people in the Mayor's life during his/her term of office are the Town Clerk, Assistant to the Town Clerk/Mayor's Secretary and Admin Assistant, better known as Val, Joyce and Michaela. They have been incredibly helpful, kind and very patient. They cope with the foibles of each Mayor calmly and quietly and to them I say a very big thank you.

Finally I would like to thank my fellow Councillors for giving me the opportunity to serve as Mayor and for their support and incredible kindness throughout the year. I have now served on Verwood Town Council for 28 interesting years and enjoyed two terms as Mayor thanks to my fellow Councillors. It has been a wonderful experience and one which Alan and I will remember for the rest of our lives. I wish the 28th Mayor of Verwood a very happy, successful and memorable year.

Cllr. Mrs. Lindsey Dedden - Mayor of Verwood

VERWOOD IN BLOOM COMPETITION



Residents and businesses of Verwood & Three Legged Cross are invited to enter the Verwood in Bloom competition with prizes of £50 and a trophy to hold for the year in the categories listed below.

Prizes will be presented by the Town Mayor at the Verwood and District Horticultural Society's Autumn Show in September 2018.

Sponsors of the prize trophies are:

- EDWARDS ESTATE AGENTS
- GOADSBY ESTATE AGENTS
- IRVING & SONS ESTATE AGENTS
- VERWOOD SURPLUS STORESS
- VERWOOD TOWN COUNCIL

Please tick the appropriate category below and return your entry by 12th June 2018 to:

Verwood Town Council, 28 Vicarage Road, Verwood BH31 6DR

Private Dwellings:

Best Front Garden

Best Use of Container/Hanging Baskets

Best Allotment Plot

Best Commercial Property

Best School Display

Would you agree to your garden being photographed and displayed on the Verwood Town Council website? **Yes** **No**

Name:

Address:

Tel. No:



FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES REPORT

The Finance and General Purposes Committee consists of twelve members and meets eleven times a year. This is the organisational, administrative and financial committee, tasked with dealing with correspondence, expenditure and monitoring Council activity and highway matters.

The Committee actively responded to a number of consultations. This year the consultations were focused more locally, including the Community Governance review which we were pleased to note supported a change we had asked for on boundaries. In addition, we discussed and responded to the Bournemouth, Dorset and Poole Waste Plans and the Right Homes in Right Places consultations.

As in previous years, the Committee has reviewed the insurance provision, the effectiveness and outcome of Internal Audit, the Financial Regulations and the Risk Management Statement, ensuring the Town Council has appropriate controls in place to carry out its' duties. The internal auditor changed this year and the new appointment was checked and the audit report examined in particular depth to ensure the checks remain thorough and appropriate.

At every meeting, the financial income and expenditure of the Town Council is reviewed. This year we examined the ground maintenance contracts in detail to ensure value for money and awarded a new three year contract to the incumbent supplier Dorset Works Organisation. During 2017, we also completed a new three year Service Level Agreement with East Dorset District Council for the provision of services at Potterne Park. This agreement commenced in April 2018. Finally on the financial side, we started to examine the opportunities for longer term investments and to determine a future investment strategy.

I am pleased to report that the Town Council is financially sound. Despite recent cuts in local government the prudent planning of the Council ensures that we have been able to continue to operate and to improve services. Our draft accounts for 2017/18 shows income of just over £315,000 and direct expenditure for the year of around £191,000. The surplus of £124,000 has been put into the 21 or so funds to use for future investment in the town.

£15,000 has been given in grant aid to a total of 12 separate organisations which provide a community benefit to the town. For any organisation looking for funding, further information on the grant aid policy and application process is available on the Town Council website.

In addition, the general purposes brief of the Committee has covered a wide range of items this year such as the Honorary Freeman policy, recognising people giving service to the town, health & safety matters, supporting community led litter picking, GDPR, ways to commemorate the anniversary of the 1st World War and the co-option process for new councillors.

It has been a pleasure serving as Chair of the Committee for the last three years. During this time, I have enjoyed the variety of the role and the challenges presented. I would particularly like to thank Val, Joyce and Michaela for their support and patience shown to me over this time. Thank you to all the members of the Committee for their efforts in 2017-18.

Cllr. Mrs. N. Thompson – Chairman

PLANS CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

This year the Committee has met 16 times. We meet every three weeks throughout the year even during the Council summer recess to keep to the East Dorset District Council timescale.

This year there have been 98 applications and we have refused 4. These have consisted of extensions, variations of conditions, demolitions and replacement buildings, erection of sheds and garages, installations of non-illuminated and illuminated signs, installing rapid electric vehicle charging stations and conservatories. The Committee also commented on the reserved matters regarding land, North East side of Ringwood Road.

We have been notified on appeals and tree preservation orders by East Dorset District Council.

The public are always welcome to our meetings and we allocate time for interested parties to address the Committee.

My thanks to the staff in the Council Offices who support the Committee, their help is much appreciated.

Cllr. Mrs. Pat Morrow - Chairman

AMENITIES REPORT

This Committee meets four times per annum, with responsibilities for open spaces and recreation grounds within the control of VTC situated in Verwood and Three Legged Cross including Verwood Cemetery, these are inspected monthly on a rotational basis by members of the Committee.

East Dorset District Council asked the Town Council to consider taking responsibility for small play areas at Kiln Way, Ebblake Close and Crane Close, in determining their future use, which has been agreed by the Town Council and to also consider the future of Eastworth play area when provided by the development in that area.

Verwood in Bloom is back again with a revised enthusiasm and vigour.

The replacement of street lighting standards of a lightweight design will not allow them to be used for hanging baskets. The Town Council have circumnavigated this by proposing to put additional supports being provided in various suitable locations.

Verwood Concert Brass have applied again for permission to give their very well received Picnics in The Park on the Verwood Memorial Recreation Ground.

As the year 2018 is the anniversary of 100 years from the end of the First Great War, there have been several proposals for acknowledging this, which includes the purchase and installation of seats themed with outlines of that period. These seats will be sited on Ferrett Green.

In conclusion I would like to thank members of the Committee for their support, in particular my Deputy for standing in during my absence, plus of course the outstanding and ever supportive Town Council staff, Val, Joyce and Michaela, without whom I would be a lost soul.

Cllr. Alan Biggs - Chairman



Verwood Town Council - Accounting Statements 2016-2017

		Year ending 31 March 2016 (£)	Year ending 31 March 2017 (£)	Notes and guidance - Please round all figures the nearest £. do not leave any boxes blank and report £0 or nil balances. All figures must agree to underlying financial records.
1	Balances brought forward	424,573	543,171	Total balances and reserves at the beginning of the year as recorded in the financial records. Value must agree to Box 7 of the previous year.
2	(+) Precept or Rates and Levies	292,380	299,585	Total amount of precept (or for IDBs, rates and levies) received or receivable in the year. Excluding any grants received.
3	(+) Total other receipts	28,338	15,461	Total income or receipts as recorded in the cashbook less the precept or rates/levies received (line 2). Include any grants received.
4	(-) Staff costs	69,625	73,845	Total expenditure or payments made to and on behalf of all employee. Include salaries and wages. PAYE and NI (employees and employers), pension contributions and employment expenses.
5	(-) Loan interest/capital repayments	0	0	Total expenditure or payments of capital and interest made during the year on the smaller authority's borrowings (if any).
6	(-) All other payments	132,495	255,573	Total expenditure or payments as recorded in the cashbook less staff costs (line 4) and loan interest/capital repayments (line 5).
7	(=) Balances carried forward	543,171	528,799	Total balances and reserves at the end of the year. Must equal (1+2+3) - (4+5+6).
8	Total value of cash and short term investments	574,481	587,471	The sum of all current and deposit bank accounts, cash holdings and short term investments held as at 31 March - To agree with bank reconciliation.
9	Total fixed assets plus long term investments and assets	547,434	653,956	This cell shows the value of all the property the authority owns. It is made up of its fixed assets and long-term investments.
10	Total borrowings	0	0	The outstanding capital balance as at 31 March of all loans from third parties (including PWLB).

11 (For Local Councils Only) Disclosure notes re Trust funds (including charities)

YES	NO
-	NO

The Council acts as sole trustee for and is responsible for managing Trust fund or assets. NB. The figure in the accounting statements above do not include any Trust transactions.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY
COUNCIL MEETINGS
Verwood Town Council Offices
 Monday 21st May (Mayor Making)
 Tuesday 22nd May
 Tuesday 24th July
 Tuesday 25th September
 Tuesday 23rd October
 Tuesday 18th December

Three Legged Cross Village Hall
 Wednesday 27th June
 Wednesday 28th November

Verwood Concert Brass
Concert - Picnic in the Park
 Sunday 20th May
 Verwood Recreation Ground at 3pm



The Hub is excited to bring you a new state-of-the-art CINEMA!

Now your local cinema will be able to offer you:

- A new bigger and better screen
- High definition picture quality
- 7.1 surround sound for a fully immersive experience
- New release films straight from the box office

Check out what's coming up and have a sneaky peak at the trailers too. Including kids' cinema and some of the latest blockbusters!

Films will be shown four times a month on Saturdays and Wednesdays.

Take a look at the Hub website for more information:

www.dorsetforyou.gov.uk/verwoodhub

LADIES WHO LIKE TO LUNCH IN VERWOOD

The Verwood Ladies Luncheon Club is in its 21st year and welcomes ladies from the BH31 postal code area. The Club meets on the second Monday of each month of the year, apart from August, at Crane Valley Golf Club, Verwood.

A tasty two course lunch with tea or coffee is served and this is followed by a talk from a guest speaker. This year's talks cover a wide range of subjects from Cheese, What's in Your Jewellery Box? Through to the intriguing Tax, Care and Toyboys.

We are a very friendly group of ladies and welcome new members; it is a great place for newcomers to the town to make friends.

If you would like to come along as a guest, please contact our Chairman, Margaret Moran on **01202 828054** or Secretary Carole Watson on **01202 822322** for more details.

YOUR TOWN COUNCIL

Dewlands North Ward

Cllr. S. Bhose
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Dewlands South Ward

Cllr. Mrs. L. J. Clark
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Cllr. Mrs. T. B. Coombs
01202 827376

Cllr. S. G. Flower
01202 821231

Cllr. Mrs. S. Grove
(Mayor)
01202 826449

Cllr. S. Hazel
01202 827010

Cllr. P. Mann
01202 820866

Cllr. Miss K. L. Stephens
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Stephens Castle Ward

Cllr. A. Biggs
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Cllr. Mrs. L. Dedden
01202 824473

Cllr. S. Gibson
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Cllr. Mrs. P. Morrow
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Cllr. M. Parker
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Cllr. Mrs. S. Shaw
(Deputy Mayor)
01202 813526

Cllr. Mrs. N. Thompson
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Three Legged Cross

Cllr. M. Hudson
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Cllr. Ms. J. Russell
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The Verwood & 3LX Dementia Friendly Community Association ANN'S WEDNESDAY WORKOUT

Are you caring for somebody living with memory loss? Why not have a break from the routine and come to Ann's workout on the first Wednesday of every month at St Michaels Church in Verwood from 10am till around 11.30. It will be a chance to meet new people, take part in a gentle chair based exercise class and enjoy a cuppa with friends. You are welcome to come on your own or to bring the person you are caring for along as well, as most people do.

For more information, visit www.vdfca.com. There is no need to book a place, just turn up on the day and you will receive a warm welcome.



DEFIBRILLATOR TRAINING With Verwood Fire Brigade

On 16th April some members of the Town Council and staff took part in training by the Verwood Fire Brigade on Defibrillator training.

The trainer was Steve Giles, Casualty Care Trainer. The evening started with Steve giving the attendees an idea of the symptoms of a heart attack. He stressed the importance of CPR whilst waiting for the Emergency Services and then demonstrated how to use the defibrillator. Everyone took part in the CPR and using the Defibrillator.

Verwood Fire Brigade are hoping to roll the training out in the future, details of which will be via their facebook page.



CHAT TIME AT MORRISONS CAFÉ

Every Tuesday afternoon at Morrisons Café between 2pm and 4pm is 'Chat Time'. In partnership with Dorset County Councils team to combat Isolation and Loneliness.



Where to use Chat Mat

Tea/coffee shop, supermarket café, staff canteen/desk, hospital bedside, café, restaurant, pub, garden centre.

Green Side when... New to the area/company • Got a new baby • Board or lonely • Filling in time • Travelling alone • Recently retired.

Red side when... Reading a good book • Having a difficult conversation • Enjoying peace and quiet • Need some thinking time • Engage in a work meeting • Catching up with friends/family.

Chat Mats for you, your friends and relatives are available off our website re-useable, disposables or simply download from...

www.coffeecompanions.co.uk

Monday 28th May VERWOOD CARNIVAL 2018

The Fuzzy Bit off Crane Drive
Carnival procession and great entertainment includes **TRITAN the Robot BMX display team in the arena..**



Admission £3.50 per adult
Children £1 (free if accompanied by an adult)
Opens: 12 noon
Events start: 1.30pm.

