



VERWOOD VISTA

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MAYOR'S END OF YEAR REPORT

During this Mayoral Year there have been many occasions where Rosemary, my wife and I have been privileged to represent the Civil Parish of Verwood and Three Legged Cross at civic functions all over our County of Dorset. We have met people from many clubs, societies and organisations locally in East Dorset District. We have made many new friends, with whom we have enjoyed their company on these occasions. All this has enabled 2013 - 2014 year just to have flown by.



It has been good to attend local events. We have loved sharing with the many volunteers, the keen interests displayed at all the various occasions. We, as residents, are lucky to have such a variety of clubs and societies.

Over our year we have been privileged to attend more than 100 different day and evening events, either locally in the area or throughout the County of Dorset. We were grateful for this opportunity and thank all who have welcomed our visits. This year has been one to remember, so again thank you, everyone.

The representatives of our three charities, Verwood Stroke Club, Action on Hearing Loss and Wessex Assisting Dogs, who we have wanted to raise their profile during this year, joined us at my recent Civic Service. It was held at the Parish Church of St. Michael and All Angels on Sunday 27th April.

We expect to announce the total of funds raised at the 2014 Mayor Making Ceremony on Monday 19th May at the Council Chamber. We are both very grateful for the support shown by local residents for our charities. It will enable the benefits of these charities to be continued in Verwood, with a good amount of monies for their use.

We both wish also to say thank you for the support given by all the Town Councillors and especially the staff at the Council Offices, Val, Joyce, Michaela and Rosie, for all their helpful assistance, to give us this year, such success.

Cllr. Peter Richardson, Town Mayor

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

COUNCIL MEETINGS 2014

Town Council Offices

Monday 19th May
(Mayor Making)

Tuesday 20th May

Tuesday 22nd July

Tuesday 23rd September

Tuesday 21st October

Tuesday 16th December

Three Legged Cross Village Hall

Wednesday 25th June

Wednesday 26th November

FARMERS MARKETS Ferrett Green

Fourth Saturday of each month
except in December when it will
be on Monday 22nd December.



VERWOOD IN BLOOM COMPETITION

**Do you have a front garden
that you are proud of or a
business with a beautiful
floral frontage?**

Let's make Verwood and
Three Legged Cross a blooming
nice place to live by entering
the Verwood in Bloom
competition 2014.

Entry forms are available from
the Town Council offices or to
download at www.gov.uk The
closing date is 27th June 2014.

Homeland Solar Farm Celebratory Party

Friday 27th June 2014

The Homeland Solar Farm team are delighted to invite the local community to a party at the site on Friday 27th June to celebrate the farm's opening and to launch the new Community Benefit Fund. The fund provides investment for local projects and initiatives in Three Legged Cross and will be run by members of the local community.

Free refreshments and food will be provided for all, with fun activities and entertainment for both children and adults. For those eager to learn more about the new solar development there will be guided tours of the site, as well as an interactive ecologist tour and a bee keeping educational tour for children.

The site, containing 52,000 solar panels, will produce enough clean and sustainable solar electricity to power 4,300 homes annually over the next 25 years. The Homeland Solar Farm team look forward to celebrating the farm opening and its future with the local community.

The celebratory party will take place between 3pm and 8pm on Friday 27th June and will be held at Homeland Solar Farm, Ringwood Road, Three Legged Cross, Wimborne, BH21 6QZ. [Parking will available next to the site at the Ashley Heath car boot sale car park].

For further information contact Jane Russell on 01202 822236



AMENITIES COMMITTEE REPORT

During the year members of the Amenities Committee have undertaken regular monthly inspections of all amenity areas in Verwood and Three Legged Cross. These inspections ensure that any problems are found and dealt with and that our lands are safe for people to enjoy. This winter saw flooding but the floods have now subsided and no permanent damage was caused.

Maintenance of the cemetery is undertaken regularly which includes all health and safety aspects. New land is being cleared which will extend the number of plots available.

Ferrett Green has hosted a number of events including the Extravagance at Christmas which is run by the Rotary Club of Verwood. Thanks go to them for all the hard work that takes place to make sure that children have a good time. Rotarians planted a bed of crocus on the Green which gave a beautiful display earlier in the year.

The Verwood Recreation Ground was visited by a group of travellers during the August Bank holiday but were swiftly moved on to a temporary site. New locks and chains have been fitted to prevent this happening again. It is good to see the Recreation Grounds being used so much and a number of events have been given permission for the next few months.

At last, after horses were removed from the ground, allotments have been developed by the Allotment Association. We hope that members enjoy this new facility and obtain excellent produce. The official opening will take place in May.

My thanks go to the Town Clerk and all the staff at the Council offices for all the help they have given me and all residents during the year.

Cllr. Pat Morrow - Chairman, Amenities Committee



FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE REPORT

The Finance & General Purposes Committee met 11 times throughout the year and has had another busy year. The Committee is responsible for looking after the internal operations of the Council and conducted a thorough review of the Council's internal audit system and is in the process of reviewing the Standing Orders of the Council.

The Committee is responsible for the allocation of grant aid to our local groups and societies. It is always a privilege to be able to support the fantastic work of the community in Verwood & Three Legged Cross. This has been the first year, operating under new guidelines for grant aid that now sees applications considered every 6 months rather than every 12 months. I am pleased to report that this has made it much easier for local groups to seek financial help from the Council and I hope that we can continue to support them in the future.

The Committee is also involved in community based projects including a working party to try and establish Verwood as a dementia friendly town and making sure that all preparations are ready for the upcoming centenary of World War 1 which will see a series of events over the next 4 years to mark and commemorate the key events and how it impacted on Verwood at the time.

If any resident is interested in the work of the Town Council, I would encourage them to come along to any F&GP meeting as this is often the best opportunity to see the Councils' decisions being debated and is a great way to hear about developments in the town. Best wishes for the year ahead.

Cllr. Simon Gibson - Chairman, Finance and General Purposes Committee

PLANS CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

It has been a busy and challenging year once again for the Committee with the Core Strategy being introduced and a few controversial planning applications being submitted.

Morrison's is now well under way and we look forward to the final result.

We meet on a three week cycle and this year considered 68 plans, there were no objections to 58. The Committee felt, after long discussions, that the 10 remaining plans did not fulfil the requirements necessary by the Local Town Plan and District Council. There have also been a number of tree matters discussed and careful consideration on all aspects have been given.

This has been my first year as Chairman of the Plans Committee and I would like to thank the Committee for all their support during this year. A big thank you also goes to the Town Clerk, Val Bright and her team Joyce Gaskell, Rosie Kingsnorth and Michaela Saunders who offer support, professional knowledge and hard work to the Committee members.

Cllr. Sandra Grove - Chairman, Plans Consultative Committee



Your Town Council

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Cllr. Mrs. L. Clark
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Cllr. P.W. Richardson (Mayor)
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Cllr. Mrs. R. Richardson
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Cllr. Ms. J. Russell
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VERWOOD TOWN COUNCIL YEAR END REPORT 2013-2014

Account Name	Debit (£)	Credit (£)
Bank Accounts	342,460.30	
Petty Cash	150.00	
VAT	2,629.99	
DCC Town Plan		3,973.04
Sundry Creditors		1,716.68
Precept		269,960.00
Interest on Investments		2,350.89
Cemetery Income		15,660.00
Other Income		309.27
Retained Income A/C		49,181.61
Fund - Amenities		68,867.12
Fund - Cemetery Land Improvement		31,951.29
Fund - Premises Repairs		12,682.68
Fund - Three Legged Cross Youth Facilities		6,800.00
Fund - Youth Facilities		4,155.00
Fund - Playground Repairs and Renewals		43,619.09
Fund - Election Expenses		5,049.07
Fund - Three Legged Cross Recreation Ground		5,000.00
Fund - Wayside Seats		4,500.00
Fund - Town Enhancements		30,000.00
Fund - Verwood Recreation Ground		5,000.00
Fund - Other		18,027.55
Employee costs	65,777.38	
General Administration	37,113.49	
Insurance - Zurich Insurance	3,608.56	
Cemetery	5,846.95	
Maintenance - Toilets Ferrett Green	371.70	
Open Spaces	15,585.76	
Verwood Recreation Ground	11,595.52	
Three Legged Cross Recreation Ground	4,512.48	
Play Areas	14,809.09	
Allotments	1,478.00	
Power of Well Being - Grants	72,864.07	
	578,803.29	578,803.29

These accounts have not been audited.

