



VERWOOD VISTA

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MAYOR'S END OF YEAR REPORT

It doesn't seem like a year since I was made Mayor of Verwood but in mid-May I relinquish this position. It has been a very busy and interesting year.

Civic events have taken my escort Cllr Lucy Clark and I to many places and events throughout Dorset to represent Verwood. It also gives the opportunity to bring Dorset Mayors to Verwood to visit our lovely town. The Commemoration of the start of WW1 was a time for the whole country to remember those who died or were seriously injured. Here in Verwood we erected two flagpoles on Ferrett Green and re-dedicated the Verwood Recreation Ground. We held a very emotional concert/service in the Hub in November and Dorset County Council held a Commemoration in Sherborne Abbey. It was a privilege to be able to attend these events.

One of the pleasures was to find out more about Dorset and its Heritage. Steam tractors in Gillingham and a beautiful thatched Church. Outside Bridport a winery which produces its own highly successful sparkling wine. Near Chickerell a Racing Pigeon farm which sells pigeons to many countries. All these provide local work.

One visit was to a newly renovated school for children with learning difficulties. It was a beautiful place with top class facilities and a large number of staff. I was most impressed by an outdoor muddy facility. Children wore wet gear and ran around and slid in the mud, threw it around and built mud castles. One child only wanted to stand and pour water over himself continuously. It was wonderful to see them play and get dirty and no one told them to get out of it!

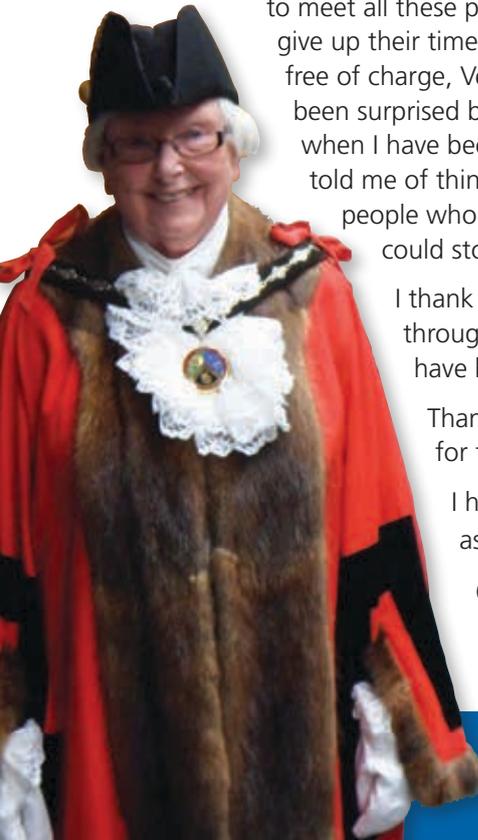
Here in Verwood I attended every event and group to which I was invited. This has been a lovely part of the 'job'. I have met some amazing people who put so much into our Verwood community and expect nothing in return. It has been a pleasure to meet all these people. Without the people who run the organisations, give up their time for others and also, in some cases, the use of land free of charge, Verwood would be a much lesser community. I have been surprised by the number of people who would stop for a chat when I have been out and about in the town or in Morrisons and told me of things they like or dislike in Verwood. I was pleased that people who recognised me, but didn't know me, felt that they could stop and talk.

I thank all those people who have helped and supported me throughout my term of office, without their help it would have been impossible to get through the year.

Thank you all very much for inviting me to your groups and for talking to me this year.

I hope that the 25th Mayor of Verwood enjoys it as much as I have done.

**Cllr. Mrs. Pat Morrow -
Verwood Town Mayor**



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

COUNCIL MEETINGS

Town Council Offices

Monday 18th May
(Mayor Making)

Tuesday 19th May

Tuesday 28th July

Tuesday 22nd September

Tuesday 27th October

Tuesday 15th December

Three Legged Cross Village Hall

Wednesday 24th June

Wednesday 25th November

VERWOOD IN BLOOM 2015

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 2015.

Entry forms are available from the Town Council offices or to download at;

www.verwood.gov.uk

The closing date is
26th June 2015



AMENITIES COMMITTEE REPORT

We have held four meetings of the Amenities Committee this Council year, 3rd June 2014, 30th September 2014, 4th November 2014 and 3rd March 2015.

The **Allotments** appeared on all the agendas. The Allotment site now has a water supply. Another request was for poly tunnels which they have now informed us they no longer require.

We discussed several items regarding the **Cemetery**, including a new area for burials which has now been renovated and grass seeds put down. Work on draining part of the Cemetery is still ongoing.

It was also agreed that there would be a small increase to costs for burial and cremation plots, burial and cremation fees, and monument applications from 1st April, 2015. It was also agreed that Non Residents could no longer purchase burial plots except in exceptional circumstances which would be at the discretion of the Mayor and the Town Clerk.

Last September we received a proposal from the **Verwood Cricket Club** asking if there was any land available for them to use for their matches. After lengthy consideration no land was found to be suitable for their purpose but we still hope that some can be found in the future.

Active Games for All (AGFA) also approached us last September offering to contribute to new matting which was needed under the fitness equipment on the Verwood Recreation Ground. It was agreed to accept the contribution from AGFA towards this new matting which has now been installed.

The discussion regarding the installation of the height restriction barrier at **3LX Recreation Ground** is still ongoing.

I would like to thank all members of the Committee for their hard work during the Council year, also the Town Clerk, Val Bright and Joyce and Michaela for their continued support.

Cllr. Mrs. L. Clark - Chairman

FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

It has been another busy year for the monthly Finance & General Purpose Committee. This Committee is responsible for the vast majority of the expenditure of the Council and deals with most of the funding provided by the Council. This year has been a successful year for the Committee with financial support given to several projects that will make a significant difference to residents in the town.

This year, financial assistance has been given to **Emmanuel Middle School** for refurbishments of the tennis courts, the **Allotment Association** for ongoing improvements to the new allotment site and significant investment in the maintenance of **Potterne Park** including the much anticipated provision of public toilets. These projects are in addition to the regular support given to Verwood & Three Legged Cross's excellent community groups.

The Committee has also been responding to several important consultations affecting the local areas such as the **Navitus Bay** scheme and recently lobbying Government to ban charging at recycling centres.

I would like to thank Val, Joyce and Michaela for their hard work and support during the Council year and also members of the Committee for their efforts.

Cllr. S. Gibson - Chairman

PLANS CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

The main function of the Plans Consultative Committee is to comment on every planning application made in Verwood and Three Legged Cross.

We have to be consulted as a statutory consultee because of our local knowledge and perspective. Planning applications are determined by East Dorset District Council, taking account of the local plan and comments made by statutory consultees and members of the public. The District Council usually grant permission for applications which comply with the local plan. As a committee, we also use the local plan and refer to its policies in our comments and objections. The current local plan was adopted in April 2014 and runs until 2028. It includes two new neighbourhoods in Verwood to be built during the 14 year life of the plan. In north west Verwood about 230 new homes will be built off Edmondsham Road and in north east Verwood about 65 new homes will be developed north of the Ringwood Road near the Cemetery, both with associated green space.

This year we have met 16 times, looked at 92 applications and objected to 3; the District Council refused all the applications we objected to.

We supported the application for the solar farm at Manor Farm with construction access at Crab Orchard bends in Three Legged Cross.

I would like to thank all members of the Council who sat on the Committee for their input to our discussions and the Town Clerk, Val Bright, and her assistants Joyce and Michaela for all their help and support during the year.

Cllr. Ms. J. Russell - Chairman

Verwood Town Council - Year End Report 2014-2015

These accounts have not been audited

Account Name	Debit (£)	Credit (£)
Bank Accounts	289,358.74	
Lloyds Term Deposit	150,000.00	
Petty Cash	150.00	
VAT	5,703.49	
DCC Town Plan		3,773.04
Solar Farm		11,571.36
Sundry Creditors		5,509.02
Sundry Debtors	214.33	
Precept		286,777.00
Interest on Investments		1,421.38
Cemetery Income		10,971.50
Other Income		4,054.83
Retained Income A/C		58,606.17
Fund - Amenities		45,984.17
Fund - Cemetery Land Improvement		50,056.29
Fund - Premises Repairs		18,351.02
Fund - Three Legged Cross Youth Facilities		6,800.00
Fund - Youth Facilities		4,155.00
Fund - Playground Repairs and Renewals		57,203.94
Fund - Election Expenses		6,049.07
Fund - Three Legged Cross Recreation Ground		5,000.00
Fund - Wayside Seats		2,500.00
Fund - Bus Shelters		4,900.00
Fund - Town Enhancements		30,000.00
Fund - Verwood Recreation Ground		5,000.00
Fund - Other		13,542.70
Employee costs	68,571.72	
General Administration	35,936.05	
Insurance - Zurich Insurance	3,041.28	
Cemetery	7,854.12	
Maintenance - Toilet Ferret Green	383.80	
Open Spaces	10,113.86	
Verwood Recreation Ground	8,339.11	
Three Legged Cross Recreation Ground	6,811.50	
Play Area	9,679.79	
Power of Competency - Grants	36,068.70	
	632,226.49	632,226.49



Your Town Council

Dewlands Ward

Cllr. Mrs. T.B. Coombs
01202 827376

Cllr. S.G. Flower
01202 821231

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

Cllr. S. Hazel
01202 827010

Cllr. A.R. Nicholls
01305 760140

Cllr. Ms. J. Taylor
01202 285948

Newtown Ward

Cllr. Mrs. L. Dedden
01202 824473

Cllr. B. Mortimer
01202 820880

Cllr. Mrs. L.A.K. Nicholls
01305 760140

Stephen's Castle Ward

Cllr. Mrs. L. Clark
01202 822275

Cllr. S. Gibson
01202 820822

Cllr. Miss. S. Manley
01202 826563

Cllr. Mrs. P. Morrow (Mayor)
01202 814733

Cllr. Mrs. S.P. Shaw
01202 813526

Cllr. Mrs. N. Thompson
01202 828369

Three Legged Cross & Potterne Ward

Cllr. P.W. Richardson
01202 829778

Cllr. Mrs. R. Richardson
01202 829778

Cllr. Ms. J. Russell
01202 822236

Following the May 2015 elections the names of the Civil Parish wards will change to:

Parish Ward	No. of Councillors
Dewlands North	1
Dewlands South	8
Stephen's Castle (amalgamated with Newtown and Potterne)	7
Three Legged Cross	2

Also some of your councillors will change. You can find out the names of the Councillors elected to serve in the wards at the Verwood Town Council telephone **01202 820880** or the website: www.verwood.gov.uk



VERWOOD CARNIVAL

Monday 25 May 2015

The Fuzzy bit off Crane Drive

Gates open 12 noon, procession starts 1pm from Carnival Field



Admission: Adult £3

Children £1 (free if accompanied by an adult)

www.verwoodcarnival.com

THREE LEGGED CROSS SOLAR FUND GROUP



The 3LX Solar Fund Group was set up to distribute £13,000 which will be given annually for the next 25 years by Homeland Solar Farm. The group are pleased to announce that recently two more grant applications have been awarded funds for their ventures.

The next wave of money will be available soon and applications for further grant aid funding are now invited for any other groups/individuals with projects or ideas that will benefit the community of Three Legged Cross. For further information please see the website; homelandsolarfarm.co.uk and click on **3LX Benefit Fund**.

For an application form please contact:

Mrs. J. Reed, 47 Church Road, Three Legged Cross, Wimborne BH21 6RQ



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