



VERWOOD VISTA

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MAYOR'S END OF YEAR REPORT

I cannot believe that I am writing my last report for my Mayoral year; the time has gone so quickly. I have had the pleasure of representing our Town throughout Dorset, Somerset and Wiltshire and have received many comments on what a wonderful community we have here in Verwood.

My Mayoral year started with the Verwood Carnival which is a wonderful community affair. This was the start of many local engagements with the opening of St Michaels Fete, The Fireside Theatre production of the war years, and working with the Towns Women's Guild and W.I. I opened the new Lyric Suite at Clarity Hearing Solutions and also attended the Guides Tea Party and Scouts award ceremonies. I would like to thank Craig (Scout) and Ellen (Guide) for being my representatives for the year. I also attended the Contessa charity event for children in Zambia held at the Methodist Church. The Thanksgiving and auction with the Royal British Legion Ladies Section (which is being disbanded this year) was great fun. I wish them all well and thank them for all their commitment along with the men of the Royal British Legion. I have also been invited to many concerts performed by the Concert Brass Band, the Fayrewood Singers, the Choral Society and the Pantomine Society. I have had pleasure in attending The Salvation Army prayers and fellowship lunch and have been made very welcome by the URC Church and Churches Together. I thank the Reverend Sinclair for making my Civic Service so special for me, my family and the community. I have welcomed children into the council chamber from two of our schools and have been amazed at how they are able to interact and ask questions. I attended the graduation of the Marshall Arts School and have seen how discipline and respect are achieved through sport.

The Christmas concerts were lovely and my Christmas card competition was won by two children from Three Cross First School. I opened the Christmas Extravaganza for which the Rotary Club of Verwood makes so special each year and helped the Lions Club with packing Christmas parcels which they distribute through the town.

The Day Care Centre is a special part of our community, the work they achieve is amazing. I have attended an open day and have seen woodwork, cooking, shabby chic and a real influence on the environment through recycling. I have had the privilege to go to our upper schools for musical events, art exhibitions and awards ceremonies and cannot believe the talent which is thriving through hard work and determination. I was at the dedication of the SIGN which is a magnificent sculpture that sits in front of QE school, and also in Ferndown with the planting of a tree dedicated to the Holocaust victims.

I have also attended many events in and around our lovely county, seeing and learning. I have seen how volunteers are running essential services throughout our county to ensure people have the facilities they need, and my thanks go out to them all.

I was honoured to be at the fly past of the Sea King Helicopters in Yeovil as they were decommissioned that very day. This is one of the many privileges I have been able to experience this past year and I am extremely grateful.

I would like to thank all the people who have helped me during my Mayoral year and for all of you for attending my charity events. It has certainly been a very special year in our lives and one that Clive and I will always remember.

Cllr. Mrs. Sandra Grove
Town Mayor

Monday 30th May **VERWOOD CARNIVAL 2016**

The Fuzzy Bit off Crane Drive
**Carnival procession and
great entertainment in the
arena all afternoon.**



Admission £3 per adult
Children £1 (free if accompanied by an adult)
Opens 12 noon

Finance and General Purposes Committee

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.

This year, the Committee has reviewed 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 Committee responded to several consultations affecting the local areas such as the Blue Haze landfill and the Electoral Arrangement for Dorset County Council.

Over £19,300 has been given in grant aid to a total of 16 separate organisations which provide a community benefit to the town. In addition, the Committee has awarded financial aid to the Fingerpost Signs and to a community defibrillator to be installed at the Town Council offices in the coming year.

A number of highway issues have been reviewed including Taurus Way and the roads outside the various shops in the town. The town recently received funds for creating some dropped kerb crossings from the County Council and the Committee recommended funding an additional seven crossings across Verwood and Three Legged Cross to ensure safe crossing points for all members of the community.

Finally, the Committee was pleased to support a recent request for financial support from Emmanuel Middle School. This support ensured EMS were able to put forward a business case to take on the Youth Centre building as part of their campus from September 2016. If successful, the bid will ensure that, as well as education use, the building will enable community groups to deliver projects for the benefit of young people and the wider community.

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

Cllr. Mrs. N. Thompson - Chairman

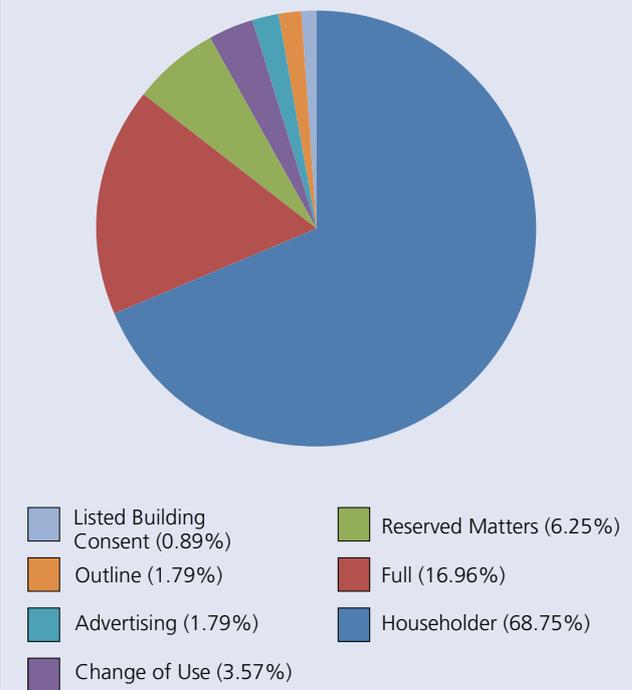
Plans Consultative Committee

In the past year the Plans Consultative Committee has met 16 times and looked at 112 planning applications. Of these, almost 70% were householder applications for alterations or extensions to a single dwelling. We also considered 19 full applications (for commercial premises or works outside the scope of a householder application), 7 applications for reserved matters (where full details were not submitted with a previous outline application) and a very small number in other categories.

We objected to only 6% of applications. Of those determined so far, the planning authority East Dorset District Council has refused all the applications we objected to; some more recent applications have not yet been determined.

This year we saw the first applications for two of the major schemes from the Core Strategy, which sets out the planning strategy for our district up to 2028. These were for an extension to the Woolsbridge Industrial Estate at Three Legged Cross and the construction of new homes north of Eastworth Road as part of the north western Verwood new neighbourhood. Outline permission was given for the industrial estate. We objected to the outline application at Eastworth Road because the proposed temporary access through Field Place is unacceptable on grounds of road safety; access should be from Edmonsham Road. As I write, this application has yet to be determined by the District Council.

Applications considered



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

Cllr. Ms. J. Russell - Chairman

Amenities Committee

The Amenities Committee meet four times a year. During the year members of the Amenities Committee have undertaken regular monthly inspections of all the amenity areas in Verwood and Three Legged Cross.

A new children's play area has been provided on the Verwood Recreation Ground.

It has been approved for Verwood Concert Brass Band to hold free 'Picnic in the Park' concerts on the Verwood Recreation Ground during this summer, in May, June and July.

The Cemetery is in the process of being enhanced which will include improving the entrance driveway and roundabout.

The Verwood in Bloom competition will not be held in 2016, a working group is investigating a new format for 2017. This could include local sponsorship, different categories, improved prizes and who would be invited to judge the competition. I would like to thank all the members of the Amenities Committee for their hard work and commitment during the Council year, and thank the Town Clerk Val Bright, Joyce and Michaela for their ongoing support.

CLlr. Mrs. Susan Shaw - Chairman

Verwood Town Council - Year-end report 2015-2016

Account Name	Debit (£)	Credit (£)
Bank Accounts	424,165.66	
Lloyds Term Deposit	150,000.00	
Petty Cash	150.00	
VAT	5,628.98	
DCC Town Plan		3,273.04
Solar Farm		33,172.48
Sundry Creditors		
Sundry Debtors		
Precept		300,743.00
Interest on Investments		660.27
Cemetery Income		10,559.45
Other Income		2,792.27
Retained Income A/C		107,830.95
Fund - Amenities		35,984.17
Fund - Cemetery Land Improvement		50,056.29
Fund - Premises Repairs		23,351.02
Fund - Three Legged Cross Youth Facilities		6,800.00
Fund - Youth Facilities		4,155.00
Fund - Playground Repairs and Renewals		112,703.94
Fund - Election Expenses		4,049.07
Fund - Three Legged Cross Recreation Ground		5,000.00
Fund - Wayside Seats		2,500.00
Fund - Bus Shelters		6,045.00
Fund - Town Enhancements		32,070.26
Fund - Verwood Recreation Ground		5,000.00
Fund - Other		15,388.12
Employee costs	69,624.90	
General Administration	35,662.78	
Insurance	3,853.57	
Cemetery	5,959.94	
Maintenance - Toilet Ferret Green	409.20	
Open Spaces	10,181.94	
Verwood Recreation Ground	3,761.35	
Three Legged Cross Recreation Ground	6,867.89	
Play Area	7,846.12	
Power of Competency - Grants	38,022.00	
	762,134.33	762,134.33

These accounts have not been audited - bank not reconciled - no accruals



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

COUNCIL MEETINGS

Town Council Offices

Tuesday 17th May -
Annual Assembly

Monday 23rd May -
Mayor Making

Tuesday 24th May
Tuesday 26th July

Three Legged Cross Village Hall

Wednesday 22nd June

Your Town Council

Dewlands North Ward

Clr. S. Bhose
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Dewlands South Ward

Clr. Mrs. L. J. Clark
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Clr. Mrs. T. B. Coombs
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Clr. S. G. Flower
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Clr. Mrs. S. Grove (Mayor)
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Clr. S. Hazel
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Clr. P. Mann
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Clr. Miss K. L. Stephens
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Stephens Castle Ward

Clr. A. Biggs
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Clr. Mrs. L. Dedden
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Clr. S. Gibson
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Clr. Miss S. Manley
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Clr. Mrs. P. Morrow
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Clr. Mrs. S. Shaw
(Deputy Mayor)
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Clr. Mrs. N. Thompson
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Three Legged Cross

Clr. M. Hudson
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Clr. Ms. J. Russell
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Congratulations to Verwood's Brass Bands

On the 12th March 2016, a total of 83 brass bands (that's in excess of 2,000 musicians) from across the West of England congregated in Torquay to compete in the annual regional brass band contest.

Most towns generally have only one competing brass band but rather proudly Verwood has two, so twice the opportunity to put Verwood on the map.

The principal band of **Verwood Concert Brass**, who were competing for the first time in the Championship Section, since gaining promotion last year, got their campaign off to a solid start with a respectable placing of 9th and it was quite something to be rubbing shoulders with bands such as Flowers from Gloucester who are currently ranked 5th best brass band in the world. Verwood can now boast of having **The Best Brass Band in Dorset**, so well done Verwood Concert Brass.

Verwood Town Band achieved their best ever result in their seven-year history, being awarded 5th place in the 4th Section. A fantastic result, especially as they were drawn to play first, and they were up against a massive field of 20 other bands in that Section.

As well as the principal band and Town Band, Verwood Concert Brass also has a Training Band and a Youth Band and new players of all standards and ages are welcome. Visit www.verwoodconcertbrass.co.uk for details and for upcoming concerts.

'SHAPE UP THIS SUMMER'... fantastic membership offer at the Verwood Hub.

Make use of state of the art cardio and resistance kit, with MyWellnessTM Technology, a functional training zone and a great programme of fitness classes, including; Indoor Cycling, Tai Chi, Yoga, Circuits and many more.

So if you want to **'Shape up this Summer'** sign up to this **special offer for just £79**, that's less than 65p a day! Offer valid between May 1st and May 31st and your membership will run for 4 months from the date of purchase*.

Call **01202 828740** or visit our website dorsetforyou.com/verwoodhub

* Terms and conditions apply and price excludes £7.50 for your MyWellnessTM Key.

COMMONWEALTH DAY

On Monday 14th March Verwood raised the Commonwealth Flag on Ferrett Green. All five schools in the Civil Parish attended the Ceremony.



Emmanuel CE (VA) Middle School, Hillside County First School, Three Legged Cross First School, Trinity CE (VA) First School and Verwood CE First School.

The Mayor, Councillor Mrs. Sandra Grove read a letter on the theme of 'An Inclusive Commonwealth' from Kamallesh Sharma, Commonwealth Secretary-General as well as the Commonwealth Affirmation.

At exactly 10.00am. the Mayor raised the Commonwealth Flag as others were doing around the country.

