



VERWOOD VISTA

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MAYOR'S END OF YEAR REPORT

My Mayoral year started with the Verwood Carnival, a wonderful community event. My many engagements included visiting all the schools within Verwood and Three Legged Cross to meet and talk to the children who are our future.

Mike and I have attended many civic days and civic church services throughout Dorset, Wiltshire, Hampshire and Somerset. Local engagements have included a 60th Wedding Anniversary and one lady's 100th birthday party. I have opened a bike shed and a bike pod at the local schools, a new path and new gym equipment at Three Legged Cross.

I have attended QE School at Wimborne and Ferndown Middle and upper schools for graduating and award ceremonies and art and music exhibitions. Also we have attended our award winning Town Band concerts, the Pantomime Society and the Fayrewood and the Choral Society concerts.

I have also attended Armed Forces Day, Remembrance Sunday Church Service and Parade, raising of the flag on Commonwealth Day, and many more.

December was a very busy month; we had our annual Christmas Card competition asking all the schools to enter. The first and second prizes went to Three Legged Cross First School and the third to Hillside First School. We attended schools' pantomimes and carol concerts, Age Concern and the Community Christmas lunch. My Christmas Reception held at the Hub was attended by local guests and dignitaries and my Civic Service, at St. Michael and All Angels church which followed in February, was very well attended.

It has been a pleasure and a privilege to be able to attend all the above events and to represent Verwood and Three Legged Cross. I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their warm welcome during our many visits; it has been delightful to be able to meet so many people. Thank you to the members of Verwood Town Council for their support. Thank you to my Committee for their support, the many cakes and scones and to all of you for attending my charity events. Also, thank you to our Town Clerk, Val Bright and Joyce and Michaela in the office, to Emily Jordan my Guide and Rhys Walkley my Scout.

It has been a wonderful year and one which Mike and I will always remember; I would like to wish the 27th Mayor of Verwood all the best for the forthcoming year.

Cllr. Mrs. Susan Shaw – Verwood Town Mayor

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 2017.

Sponsors of the prize trophies are:

- EDWARDS ESTATE AGENTS
- GOADSBY ESTATE AGENTS
- ISEARDS ESTATE AGENTS
- IRVING & SONS ESTATE AGENTS

Please tick the appropriate category below and return your entry by 23rd June 2017 to:

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

Private Dwellings:

- Best Front Garden**
- Best Use of Container/Hanging Baskets**
- Best Commercial Property**
- Best School Display**

It is neither necessary nor desirable for entrants to be present during judging.

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

Name:

Address:

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Tel. No:



NEW FOREST BIKE PROJECT

Serving The New Forest and East Dorset

New Forest Bike Project (NFBP) is a social enterprise which takes in unwanted bicycles and then repairs, restores and relocates them. NFBP is registered as a Community Interest Company (CIC), number 10327640. They aim to help people from all walks of life get out on two wheels and for it to be a fun experience. The aim is to engage people, particularly those in need, with all aspects of the project to help build confidence, skills, health and well-being through things like teaching bike maintenance, safe riding, earning a bike through volunteering and learning about recycling and sustainability issues.

Unwanted bicycles and parts keep the project going – bikes donated will be refurbished and given away free or heavily subsidised to those in need (we take referrals from schools, colleges, local authorities, Community First New Forest, Dorset Community Action, Police, charities etc.) or sold to raise much needed funds. Depending on their condition, they may also end up being stripped down for all useful parts. They try and minimise scrap, re-using as much as they can. Any scrap is sent for recycling and disposed of properly.

They mainly require adult bikes of all sizes and styles. Even if you think a bike might be beyond saving, there are usually some parts on it that can be re-used.

HOW TO DONATE

Donations of bikes and cycling related paraphernalia can be sent or dropped off at: **NFBP CIC c/o AR Plant, The Old Nurseries, Burnt House Lane, Bransgore, Near Christchurch BH23 8AL** open 8am – 5pm Monday to Friday, or they can collect locally at times to suit you, email louis@newforestbikeproject.org or text **07818 403114**

Verwood Town Council - Year End Report 2016-2017

These accounts have not been audited

Account Name	Debit (£)	Credit (£)
Sundry Debtors	2,203.72	
Bank Accounts	337,311.42	
Lloyds Term Deposit	250,000.00	
Petty Cash	150.00	
VAT	4,714.25	
Sundry Creditors		11,880.43
DCC Town Plan		3,273.04
Solar Farm - Three Legged Cross		21,376.10
Solar Farm - Verwood		29,060.46
Precept - East Dorset District Council		299,585.00
Interest on Investments		1,977.40
Cemetery Income		11,605.00
Other Income		1,329.00
Retained Income Account		167,657.97
Fund - Amenities		35,984.17
Fund - Cemetery Land Improvement		38,839.44
Fund - Premises Repairs		26,311.02
Fund - Three Legged Cross Youth Facilities		7,000.00
Fund - Youth Facilities		7,000.00
Fund - Playground Repairs and Renewals		62,182.14
Fund - Election Expenses		4,049.07
Fund - Three Legged Cross Recreation Ground		5,000.00
Fund - Wayside Seats		2,500.00
Fund - Bus Shelters		9,755.00
Fund - Town Enhancements		32,070.26
Fund - Verwood Recreation Ground		5,000.00
Fund - Other		18,393.12
Employee Costs	73,845.41	
General Administration	34,428.91	
Insurance	3,668.56	
Cemetery	7,412.34	
Maintenance - Toilet Ferret Green	423.40	
Open Spaces	17,170.54	
Verwood Recreation Ground	6,691.35	
Three Legged Cross Recreation Ground	6,485.70	
Play Area	6,073.22	
Allotments	1,125.00	
Power of Competency - Grants	50,124.80	
	801,828.62	801,828.62

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 largely affecting local government and its organisation instead of more immediate local areas, however it is important that we contribute to such wider discussions. These included the Registration Services Public Consultation, "Reshaping Your Council, Devolution, Combined Authority and Local Government Reorganisation" Consultation and the Local Government Finance Technical Consultations Paper, "Changes to Local Resources".

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.

At every meeting, the financial income and expenditure of the Town Council is reviewed. Suggested savings are made by members and investigated by the Town Clerk and her team. In June 2016, a post project review was carried out on the Recreation Ground play park refurbishment and the final works relating to that will take place in Spring 2017.

Over £17,700 has been given in grant aid to a total of 15 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.

A number of highway issues have been covered including the use of Speed Indicator Devices in the town, traffic management across the area and in Woodlinken Drive specifically and parking issues in Edmondsham Road. Any resident with concerns is able to raise them with the Town Council offices in person, by email or letter and the Committee will consider them.

Personally, I would like to thank Val, Joyce and Michaela for their hard work and support during the 2016-17 Council year and all members of the Committee for their efforts.

Cllr N Thompson – Chairman

AMENITIES REPORT

The Amenities Committee holds meetings four times a year. The Committee is responsible for open spaces, the recreation grounds in Verwood and Three Legged Cross and the Verwood Cemetery.

Monthly inspections are made on all of these areas by committee members.

Verwood in Bloom will be back this year after a year's break to overhaul the competition. This year's competition will be launched shortly.

At the beginning of April outdoor gym equipment was installed on the recreation ground at Three Legged Cross.

The new playground equipment in the Verwood Recreation Ground is still popular. There are still some remedial works to do which will cause some closures of the play area.

Verwood Brass will once again be holding their summer outdoor concerts on Verwood Recreation Ground in June, July and September.

Final works have taken place to improve the entrance to Cemetery with the gateway section being tarmacked.

I would like to thank Val, Joyce and Michaela for their help and support this year; also the committee members for all their hard work.

Cllr Miss Kate Stephens – Chairman

Monday 29th May
VERWOOD CARNIVAL 2017
 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

PLANS CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

This year the Committee has met 18 times and looked at 117 applications of which almost 70% were householder applications for alterations or extensions to a single dwelling. We objected to only 6% of applications.

Interest continues in the planned north western Verwood new neighbourhood off Edmondsham Road. The Bargate Homes application for 40 dwellings on part of the site was refused by the District Council in May 2016 but is now the subject of an appeal. We objected to the Pennyfarthing Homes application for 230 homes on the northern part of the site; the application is still under consideration by the District Council.

On Lower Common between Three Legged Cross and Moors Valley Country Park another application has been received for the siting of caravans at Heathlands Football Club. This site has been used by the Traveller community for a number of years and has a history of planning applications dating back to 2010, none of which have been allowed.

Late spring saw the introduction of a new online system to allow members of the public to access all planning applications and the consequent loss of paper documents. I am pleased to report that we have adapted well to the change and that all committee members and Verwood Town Council office staff are now adept at looking at planning documents online.

I would like to thank the Town Clerk, Val Bright and her assistants Joyce and Michaela for their efforts.



YOUR TOWN COUNCIL

Dewlands North Ward

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Cllr. Mrs. L. J. Clark
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Cllr. Mrs. T. B. Coombs
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Cllr. Mrs. S. Grove
01202 826449

Cllr. S. Hazel
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Cllr. P. Mann
01202 820866

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01202 940456

Stephens Castle Ward

Cllr. A. Biggs
01202 821186

Cllr. Mrs. L. Dedden
(Deputy Mayor)
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Cllr. S. Gibson
01202 820822

Cllr. Mrs. P. Morrow
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Cllr. M. Parker
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Cllr. Mrs. S. Shaw (Mayor)
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Cllr. Mrs. N. Thompson
01202 828369

Three Legged Cross

Cllr. M. Hudson
01202 974654

Cllr. Ms. J. Russell
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PICNIC IN THE PARK CONCERTS

Once again the three bands that make up Verwood Concert Brass will be providing free to attend, open-air, Picnic in the Park concerts at the Verwood Recreation Ground (next to the Memorial Hall). It is a wonderful way to relax on a Sunday afternoon, listening to some great live music whilst enjoying some refreshments.

The first event is planned for Sunday 11th June from 3pm to 5pm and it will be the Verwood Training Band performing. The next event is scheduled for Sunday 9th July from 3pm to 5pm and it will be the turn of the Verwood Concert Brass Band.

As both of these are outdoor events only, they depend on good weather so will be subject to change or cancellation. Therefore, please check on the www.verwoodconcertbrass.co.uk website for confirmation before setting out. Don't forget to bring your chairs, rugs and refreshments and with any luck, a sun hat and sun cream too.

The last event will be on Sunday 17th July from 3pm to 5pm and is the Verwood Town Band 'Cream Tea' Picnic in the Park concert. As the name implies, delicious homemade cream teas plus other refreshments will be on sale from the Memorial Hall. If the weather is nice then the event will be outdoors on the Rec, so please bring your chairs and rugs to sit on. Otherwise the concert will be held inside the Memorial Hall.



NEW FITNESS EQUIPMENT ON THREE LEGGED CROSS RECREATION GROUND



Thanks to a grant from 3LX Community Fund six pieces of adult outdoor gym equipment have been installed on Three Legged Cross Recreation Ground. These will provide opportunities for free exercise for all local residents.

The project was started by an application to the Fund from a local resident and completed in partnership by the Town Council and the Fund.

The Town Council allowed the equipment to be sited on the recreation ground and resolved to contribute additional money up to a matched amount to install the requested items. If the new equipment proves popular there is space for expansion by adding more items in the future.

3LX Community Fund was set up when Homeland Solar Farm promised to provide a fund of £13,200 per year for the benefit of the community of Three Legged Cross. The Fund has been available since 2014 when the Solar Farm started to generate electricity and will continue for the lifetime of the Solar Farm of 25 years.

Since 2014, the Fund has made sixteen diverse grants towards things which have benefitted the community of Three Legged Cross, including:

- Radio training in the Forest FM mobile studio on site in Three Legged Cross
- Refurbishment of the 'quiet area' in the grounds of Three Legged Cross First School
- Purchase of land at Rushmoor Heath, Three Legged Cross by the Erica Trust as part of the Great Heath Living Landscape project in South East Dorset
- Sting in the Tale story telling event in Three Legged Village Hall
- Support to the Coach in the Community project which provides a venue for young people at Potterne every Friday night
- Grants to help community buildings and groups in Three Legged Cross

The Fund Committee meets every two months and always welcomes new applications for projects or events which would improve the environment or facilities of Three Legged Cross or bring the community together. Apply for funding using the 3LX Community Fund application form available from: Mrs J Reed (01202 829689), online at www.verwood.gov.uk/solar-farmcommunity-benefit/3lx-communityfund/ or from the Town Council Offices.

dorsetforyou.com/verwoodhub

HUB CINEMA
Trolls
Family showing
Saturday 27 May 2017 • 11am
Kids showing
Wednesday 31 May 2017 • 3pm

LIFESTYLE ACTIVE
VERWOOD HUB
COMMUNITY FUND



Tel/Fax: **01202 820880**

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