



NORMANTON TOWN COUNCIL

Annual Report 2009/10

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Mayor of Normanton's Overview

Councillor Mike Burch

During the last year I have had the privilege to serve as the Mayor of Normanton. I am very grateful for the confidence and support shown by all members of the Town Council who elected me to this important role.

Normanton is a very closely knit community and I believe there is a great deal of pride in having a Town Council and also having a Mayor supporting and attending a wide range of community events.

In 2009/2010 I was able to attend a whole range of Town Council events and, as always, the Gala and the Christmas Lights switch on attracted large crowds. The Gala has grown year by year and is now recognised as one of the best in the Wakefield Metropolitan District.

I have very much appreciated the support given to me by other civic dignitaries in the Wakefield Metropolitan District and beyond. We have enjoyed each other's company on many occasions in Normanton during the year and I have had invitations to support events in other local authorities during my term of office.

There have been many highlights in the year with the opportunity to visit local schools and it has been a great joy to be present at many activities involving the children from within our community. It was also a pleasure to welcome school children to the Town Hall to take part in mock council meetings. It was with pride that I represented the town at the annual Remembrance Day service here in Normanton and elsewhere in the District, although it was with real humility and sadness to attend the funerals of young men who had been killed recently in action serving their country.

I am particularly grateful for the support

received during the year from Reverend Canon Maguire who was my chaplain and was a great supporter during my year of office. I would also like to thank my Mayoress, my wife Christine, for her support during the year, also my Deputy Mayor, Councillor Elaine Blezard, who also gave great support. Thanks must also go to the staff at the Town Council for all the work they undertook on my behalf to make the arrangements for the various events I undertook and making sure that I was in the right place at the right time for my civic engagements.

During my year of office I was able to support a number of charities and local organisations. At the end of my year of office I made financial donations from the Mayor's Charity Fund to the following groups:-

Help For Heroes

The Prince of Wales Hospice

The West Riding Blind Association

Normanton and Altofts Senior Citizens Association

The Golden Age Club

Rainbow Theatre Group

1st Normanton Scouts

Altofts and Normanton Brass Band

Haw Hill Park Bowling Club

The Royal British Legion

Normanton Lions Club

Lofthouse 2000 Band

Five Towns Musical Theatre Society

The Gemini Kickboxing Club

It has been a busy but rewarding year representing the communities of Normanton and Altofts which I will look back on with many happy memories of events and people who have been so kind and helpful.

The Work of the Town Council in 2009/10

Once again the Town Council has maintained the precept at the same level of £165,000 which actually represents a slight decrease in the amount paid by each household due to an increase in the number of properties in the Normanton and Altofts area.

The Woodhouse Community Centre has been fully refurbished and now provides an excellent community facility that the Town Council can really be proud of. In the last two years the centre has benefitted from new windows, roof, ceiling, carpets and a complete internal redecoration. The Town Council's efforts have been rewarded with a new regular booking which means that the centre is now fully booked most days of the week.

The Town Council's events have once again been a key feature of the calendar with the annual Gala and Horticultural show and indeed an entire month of events during September which engages all aspects of our community.

Remembrance Sunday is always an important and successful event and this is testament to the Town Council's longstanding partnership with the Normanton, Altofts and Whitwood Branch of the Royal British Legion.

Christmas events such as the Switch On and the Children's Christmas Party were very well attended and supported by many aspects of our community. This year saw the launch of the goody bag scheme which was supported by the local police, Yorkshire Air Ambulance and the Home Safety Committee along with the Town Council. Over 250 bags were given out to local children containing important information and colouring pencils, note books and balloons.

The Town Council has always welcomed children and young people to its offices through school visits and 2009 saw the Town Council take part in its first Local Democracy Week. The week centred on visits by local Schools who were given tours of the offices and they were also able to take part in a mock council session to show the children democracy in action. The Mayor also held a coffee morning during the week to encourage the public to come and see what the Town Council has to offer.

The Town Council's involvement with the Town Centre Partnership saw the production of the first Action Plan for the Town Centre which has since been linked into the Masterplan for Normanton which is under consultation at the moment. The work of the Town Centre Partnership can now be seen out on the streets with the introduction of four new fingerposts which were installed in May.

The work of the Town Council can also be seen in the Committees and Sub-Committees who tirelessly undertake the work of the Town Council. The Special Projects Committee, Gala Sub-Committee and Horticultural Show Sub-Committee are responsible for arranging the many events of the Town Council. The Talking Newspaper Committee and its many volunteers continue to work to keep this vital link for the blind and partially sighted people of our area.

And finally the Planning, Highways and Street lighting Committee have once again worked extremely hard to ensure that the condition and safety of our roads is not forgotten.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

2009/10

INCOME 2009-10	£
Precept	165,000.00
Interest	1,423.89
Allotments	3,109.59
Special Projects	7,674.10
Talking Newspaper	0.00
Woodhouse Community Centre	2,819.41
Gala Charity Appeal	976.00
General	1,772.86
VAT	10,714.97
Total	192,514.82

EXPENDITURE 2009-10	£
Admin	81,084.90
Accommodation	16,200.00
Elections	0.00
Donations	2,340.00
Allotments	2,629.36
Training	340.00
Special Projects	35,236.00
Gala Charity Appeal	1,000.00
Talking Newspaper	21.73
Woodhouse Community Centre	19,494.07
General	16,058.63
VAT	9,084.37
Total	182,489.06

BUDGET 2010-11

Expenditure 2010/11

Budget Heading	Budget
ADMINISTRATION	91,200
SPECIAL PROJECTS	38,000
ACCOMODATION	20,000
Training	650
Talking Newspaper	500
Allotments	5,000
General	15,300
Woodhouse Community Centre	5,000
Elections	3,000
Donations	5,000
VAT	10,000
Town Centre Partnership	2,500
Total	196,150

Income 2009/10

	Budget
Special Projects	6,000
Talking Newspaper	
Allotments	4,000
General	1,000
Wodhouse Community Centre	3,500
Interest	500
VAT	10,000
Precept	165,000
Total Income	190,500

Income - Expenditure **5,650**

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