

Please note that this list refers to the membership of the Council during the last civic year and does not reflect the membership following the elections in May 2017

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Annual Report 2016- 2017

Introduction by Councillor Nigel Carter, Town Mayor

This short document reviews the work of the Council over the last twelve months and shows how money has been spent in delivering services to our community.

The most significant development that has taken place in the last year, is the inclusion of the Parish of Roundway within Devizes Town Council, creating a local authority with the capacity to deliver services that will make a real difference to our community.

As Wiltshire Council continues to have to make cuts, we know that as a Town Council, we must plug some of the gaps in order to ensure that our town remains a great place to live, work and visit.

Should you have an opinion about the Town Council and its services you are welcome to send them either directly to me at Mayor@devizes-tc.gov.uk or to the Town Clerk, Sarah Todhunter, at TownClerk@devizes-tc.gov.uk.

At the heart of the community

The Community Governance Review undertaken by Wiltshire Council resulted in the long awaited joining of Devizes and Roundway Councils. Both Councils wanted to ensure a smooth transition and worked very closely together to make this happen – indeed, joint meetings and decision making began some three months before the formal changes took place.

One of the biggest challenges to our community is the ever decreasing funding of local government at County level and the Town Council is in a process of negotiating a transfer of assets and services that we believe will help Devizes maintain its unique personality. We haven't simply waited for these discussions to conclude, we have already provided a top up to the Wiltshire Council grass cutting by "buying" additional cuts.

The Town Council took on the public toilets which were due to be closed by Wiltshire Council. The toilets on The Green were refurbished and the installation of a barrier system at the Super Loos in West Central Car Park has released our staff to improve the level of cleanliness and maintenance at both locations. There was no budget for this project, due to the late notification of the proposed closure, and there are some significant costs associated, however we have received really positive feedback which confirms that this was the right decision.

The Neighbourhood Plan is our community tool to try and ensure appropriate development in appropriate locations. It will continue to be a challenge to stand up to developers who want to build on large green field sites on the edge of town, rather than the smaller inner town locations identified in the Neighbourhood Plan.

The Town Benchmarking audit which the Town Council lead each year is a measure of the economic health of the town. We know that it is a tough time for retail trading but comparisons demonstrate that Devizes is a match and often better performing than other similar towns.

The Town Council has facilitated a number of events in partnership with the Chamber of Commerce and the Federation of Small Businesses and this is something that we look to continue.

Providing services for our community

The Council delivers many services itself and also helps to fund some services that are provided by others which improve the quality of life for our community. CCTV is one such service as is the funding of an Arts Officer who supports many of the town's cultural activities.

The Council also makes a significant annual financial contribution to the costs of the Leisure Centre, currently run in partnership with Wiltshire Council.

Over the last year, the Town Council continued its support for many of the town's events and festivals. These events included the Carnival, Arts Festival, Devizes Eisteddfod and the Food Festival.

Space to relax, exercise and have fun

Among the facilities we provide are:

- Formal Parks and Children's Play Areas at Hillworth Park, Avon Road and The Green
- Open spaces such as The Green & Crammer Pond and Leipzig Plantation
- The playing field at Green Lane
- Town Gardens
- Allotments

The Council delivers good quality recreational and leisure opportunities for people of all ages. Whether for sport, play or just relaxing in a quiet place, we hope our facilities contribute to the health of our community.

Hillworth Park has continued to be very popular with visitors of all ages, proving to be a true community space hosting music events and entertainment as well as sporting and educational activities. Last year, the Park was again awarded the prestigious Green Flag Award and judged to be of 5 star standard in the South West in Bloom "Pride in Parks" Award.

Significant progress has been made with partners to develop the Green Lane site as a football facility, supported with other sports including archery and martial arts. The Town Council is close to a submission for planning consent, after which an application can be made for Football Foundation Funding.

Caring for our Town

The look and feel of the town is vital to its economic vibrancy, therefore protecting the built environment and improving the street scene are important elements of the Council's strategy to raise the profile of the town. The Town Council constantly reminds Wiltshire Council, the principal authority of this to ensure they target their limited resources as effectively as possible within the town.

The Town Council owns a number of retail properties in the town and working with its tenants is committed to promoting and maintaining a good mix of shops and a positive shopping experience for local people and visitors alike. The Council owns some of the most significant public buildings and monuments in the town centre. Ownership of the structures carries considerable financial responsibility and we ensure that they are maintained to a high standard so that they continue to enhance the town's architecture for years to come.

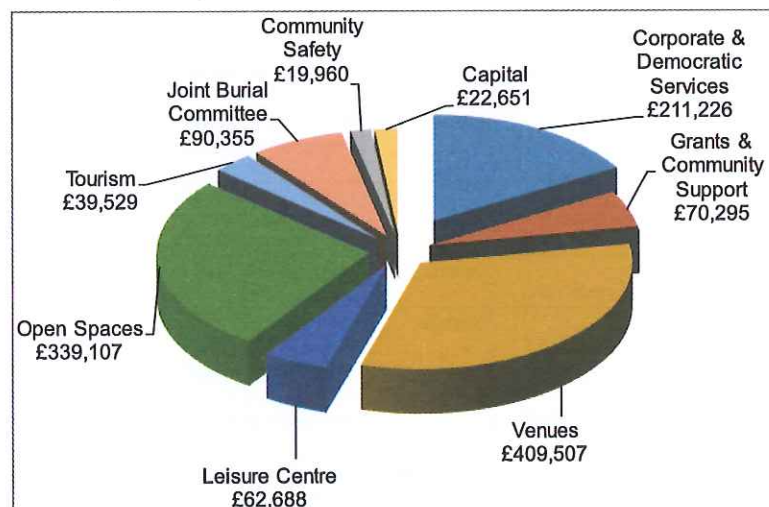
Working for the future

Our services are delivered by a small but dedicated workforce. The Council continues to believe that a well-trained workforce is an effective one and therefore it provides a training programme for each staff member.

We will continue to work in partnership with others, to ensure where services are needed and whenever possible, that they are delivered locally.

Financial Summary for 2016 – 2017

How the Money was Spent



Where the Money Came From

