

Bingham Town Council



Annual Report 2008/2009

Foreword

Several changes in Staff resulted in some plans being delayed but the appointment in July of a permanent full time Clerk resulted in the Council being able to move ahead with a full agenda.

There was grave concern over the Eco Town proposals and the impact such large size plans would have on Bingham. There was unanimous support from Councillors to oppose the scheme.

Attempts were made to gain greater understanding of the needs of older people and a Community Support Project piloted this in Bingham. In partnership with the Rushcliffe Council for Voluntary Service a leaflet has been published with additional information to assist the elderly and a group has been set up to address mobility and other problems.

The Butt Field Pavilion Project has been ongoing and incorporated 'green' features such as a Ground Source Heating System and a Wind turbine.

Dialogue with the major land owner, the Crown Estate has continued to find land for additional allotments. This has proved difficult to negotiate given the financial restraints of the current climate and lack of suitable terrain.

Bingham was chosen as a pilot for Micro Glass Recycling sites which had a mixed reception. Opposition to some sites greatly hampered the project.

We had the major achievement of coming first in our category in the Best Kept Village Competition due to the outstanding efforts of the Ground staff.

Consultation takes place throughout the year with Nottinghamshire County Council to try to improve our roads and resolve traffic concerns. Interactive signs have been vigorously sought and promised in the next financial year.

The Town Council also played a full part in facilitating the consultation over the site for a new Health Centre and continues to have members involved in design and traffic groups associated with the Centre.

These are just some of the items which have been, and continue to be addressed by the Council. Your elected Members bring your concerns for discussion to Council to resolve and much of the Council's work is ongoing from year to year.

A greater emphasis is given now to consulting with the public and interested groups. Our thanks to all those who help in this way and thanks to all our hard working staff.

It is a great privilege to serve as Mayor of such an active, vibrant community which we have in Bingham.

Maureen Stockwood
Town Mayor

Council Organisation

The Town Council has fourteen elected members returned from 2 wards as follows:

Bingham East

Rex Barnett
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George Davidson
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33 Tythby Road, Bingham
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Mrs Jacqui Marshall
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Antony Hall
55 St. Mary's Road, Bingham
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Mrs Maureen Stockwood
46 Tythby Road, Bingham
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Bingham West

Mrs Sue Hull
22 Long Acre East, Bingham
NG13 8BY Tel 01949 839346

Clive Lancaster
26 Swallow Drive, Bingham
NG13 8QA Tel 01949 875010

Paul Abbey
18 Rothbury Grove, Bingham
NG13 8TG Tel 01949 837406

Frank Kerry
15 Orchard Avenue, Bingham
NG13 8GD Tel 01949 875632

Francis Purdue-Horan
9 Beech Avenue, Bingham
NG13 8DN Tel 01949 876401

Andrew Shelton
6 Welbeck Grove, Bingham
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Jon Stockwood
46 Tythby Road, Bingham
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Town Councillors do not receive any payments or allowances for attending meetings or carrying out any Town Council business.

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Town Clerk Lynn Holland
Deputy Clerk Claire Pegg

There is an information centre in the reception area of the Old Court House where residents can find bus and train timetables, information about Bingham and a range of tourist guides for the surrounding area.

What the Council does

Allotments

The Council operates allotment sites at Hill Drive. There is currently a waiting list due to the closure of the Moor Lane Allotment Site.

Cemetery

The Town Cemetery is on The Banks and has burial plots, a Garden of Rest and a Memorial Tower. Plots can be reserved in some areas. Contact the Town Clerk for details.

Civic Functions and Duties

The Town Mayor has represented the Council at various civic functions in Nottinghamshire and Lincolnshire and has attended events organised by local clubs and organisations in Bingham. The Town Council makes annual Civic Awards to local people who have made considerable contributions to the community and these are presented at a Civic Reception held each February. The Council holds an annual Civic Service and all residents are welcome to attend.

Events and Promotion

The Council is responsible for the organisation of the Bingham Festival and Town Fair, Carol singing, Garden competition, Festive Window competition, Christmas lighting display and the display of Hanging Baskets in summer. The Council publishes the Bingham Town News, delivered to every household with the Buttercross each month

Old Court House

The building is fully accessible for the disabled and houses the Council Offices, Council Chamber, Committee rooms and the Register Office. Other offices are let to provide an income to help cover the costs of maintenance.

The building is now licensed to hold Civil Ceremonies – weddings, partnership and citizenship ceremonies – and is the only location in Bingham to offer this facility. The Council Chamber and Committee rooms are available for hire by local groups and individuals. Contact the Town Clerk for details.

Play Areas

Play equipment is provided and maintained by the Council at Carnarvon play area, Crow Close and Wychwood Road. There is a teen play area at Wynhill. These areas are now all fully accessible in accordance with the Disability Discrimination act

Sports Fields

The Council maintains sports fields at Butt Field and Wynhill. Following the recent funding applications Butt Field Sports Facilities has been upgraded with provision of a Club House and additional training pitches.

Town Centre

The Council works in partnership with Rushcliffe Borough Council and Nottinghamshire County Council to enhance the appearance of the town centre and to attempt to solve the traffic and parking problems. The Council has provided a CCTV system in the Market Square and Eaton Place precinct.

**Summary of Accounts
20082009**

**Bingham Town Council
BALANCE SHEET
31/03/2009**

	(Last) Year Ended 31 st. March 2008		(Current) Year Ended 31st. March 2009
£	LONG TERM ASSETS		£
	Investments		0
	Long Term Debtors		0
	 CURRENT ASSETS		
	Stocks and stores		0
	Work in progress		0
	11038 Debtors (Net of provision for doubtful debts)		83819
	Payments in advance		1250
	6948 VAT Recoverable		30363
	Temporary lendings (investments)		0
	239601 Cash in hand		114092
	257587 TOTAL ASSETS		229524
	 CURRENT LIABILITIES		
	15196 Creditors		164543
	Temporary borrowing		0
	242391 NET ASSETS		64982
	 Represented by:		
	97903 General fund balance		64982
	Reserves:		
	Capital		0
	144488 Earmarked		
	External		0
	Adjustments		0
	242392		64982

Along with other grant funders such as Football Foundation, WREN, Low Carbon Building Programme, BIG Lottery, NCC & Butt Field Sports Club Bingham Town Council has provided a much needed Sports Club House & training grounds.

One of next priorities once Bingham Health Centre is underway is to progress the proposed Community Centre & develop the Play Areas in and around Bingham.