# **Council Organisation**

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

# **Bingham East**

**Rex Barnett** 6 Betony Close, Bingham NG13 8TP Tel 01949 836776

George Davidson 101 Grantham Road, Bingham NG13 8DF Tel 01949 838564

Mrs. A.Bryan 60 Long Acre, Bingham NG13 8AH Tel 01949

John Eagles 33 Tythby Road, Bingham NG13 8GP Tel 01949 838195

Mrs Jacqui Marshall 21 St Mary's Road, Bingham NG13 8DX Tel 01949 875841

Anthony Hall 55 St. Mary's Road, Bingham NG13 8DX Tel 01949 877968

Mrs Maureen Stockwood 46 Tythby Road, Bingham NG13 8GP Tel 01949 875778 **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 NG13 8RF Tel 01949 839048

John Stockwood 46 Tythby Road, Bingham NG13 8GP Tel 01949 875778

Town Councillors do not receive any payments or allowances for attending meetings or carrying out any Town Council business.

# Council Offices:

Old Court House,	email: info@bingham-tc.gov.uk	
Church Street	www.bingham-tc.gov.uk	
Bingham	Tel: 01949 831445	
NG13 8AL	Fax: 01949 831446	

**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, 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.

#### **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. A new play area just off Swallow Drive/Grantham Road is being progressed and the preparation of the necessary legal paperwork for transferring the land to Bingham Town Council is underway.

# Sports Fields

The Council maintains sports fields at Butt Field and Wynhill. Following the recent funding applications a wind turbine is to be installed on Butt Field Sports Ground. This has been grant funded by Low Carbon Building Programme, Community Sustainable Energy Programme, Scottish Power and County Councillor Martin Suthers.

# **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 2009 / 2010

29th April 2010

**Bingham Town Council BALANCE SHEET** 31/03/2010

Last Year	Current Year	
31st. March 2009	31st. March 2010	
£	£	
LONG TERM ASSETS		
Investments	0	
Long Term Debtors	0	

#### CURRENT ASSETS

	Stocks and stores	0
	Work in progress	0
83,819	Debtors (Net of provision for doubtful debts)	883
1,250	Payments in advance	406
30,363	VAT Recoverable	1,646
	Temporary lendings (investments)	0
114,093	Cash in hand	115,460
229,525	TOTAL ASSETS	118,395
CURRENT LL	ABILITIES	
164,543	Creditors	24,406
	Temporary borrowing	0
64,982	NET ASSETS	93,989
Represented by	y:	
64,982	General fund balance	93,989
	Reserves:	
Capital		0
	Earmarked	0
	External	0
	Adjustments	0
64,982	-	93,989

The above statement represents fairly the financial position of the authority as at 31/03/2010and reflects its income and expenditure during the year

Approved by the Council on

Responsible Financial Officer Signed

Chairman

Date

Signed

# BinghamTown Council Annual Report 2009/2010



#### Foreword

As we go forward this year we are better placed to deal with ongoing issues but recent economic restraints have impacted on the Town Council's plans.

The search for land for a Community Centre and additional allotments which would be attainable within the current budget limitations continues.

A new play area to the south of Grantham Road has been identified and work will start imminently on this 'Wallenfels' Play Area including play equipment which is suitable for the less able youngsters in our community.

An interactive speed sign is in place on Nottingham Road as is the Toucan crossing nearby. Going forward, we continue to lobby the County Council for road improvements and to manage congestion in our town and also to implement the planned crossing on Grantham Road.

Finance was set aside from previous developments within the Town for widening the bridge and extending the footpath on Tithby Road and these have been completed.

Discussions and much consultation has taken place on several development proposals, including the possibility of a large store coming to the north of Bingham and with the Crown Estate regarding their plans for additional housing and employment in the north too. A major disappointment has been the failure to secure a new Health Centre but we will actively support the Primary Care Trust to begin anew with this much needed project for Bingham.

The Butt Field Sports Pavilion has been completed and work will continue over the next few years to improve the playing surfaces. Work will also take place to assist the Rugby Club with improvements to the Town Pavilion on Wynhill.

We achieved a place in the final four in our category in the Best Kept Village Competition and as the Summer and Christmas Fairs expand and improve they are attracting many visitors to our Town.

The recently published Town Guide is packed with information and the format for the Bingham Town News has been enhanced to give timelier Council News in line with the schedule for Council Meetings.

Our Town Clerk achieved the necessary gualifications for the Council to be re-accredited with Quality Council status and our thanks are due to all the office staff and ground staff for their hard work and dedication.

It is a privilege to serve as Mayor again and to promote Bingham with the help and support of your Councillors.

#### Maureen Stockwood - Town Mayor