

# ***Bingham Town Council Annual Report 2010/2011***



## **Foreword**

Bingham Town Council's finances remain strong, despite the significant expenditure required to assist the funding of the Butt Field Sports Pavilion and the General Reserve balance of £127,429 is in line with figures deemed acceptable by External Auditors.

The finishing touches to the new Sports Pavilion were finally achieved and the grass playing surfaces have begun to be upgraded and maintained.

Lack of available land and financial considerations have so far frustrated efforts to move forward on establishing new Allotments and a Multi-purpose Community Centre. However; grant funding enabled the Wallenfels Park Play Area, on Grantham Road, to be installed with items suitable for a range of ages and abilities.

Following pressure and a campaign by local residents and Councillors, a Toucan crossing has been installed on Grantham Road to assist pedestrians, particularly, local children walking to Carnarvon School.

Consultation took place after which the proposals for a large store and the development of land to the north of the railway have been submitted to the Rushcliffe Borough Planning Department by the developers but they have not yet been determined.

The Council has sought to strongly support alternative plans for a Health Centre since the disappointment of the failed site plans.

Local Community groups are able to benefit financially and to raise their profile from the well established Summer and Christmas Fairs and these have proved to be enormously popular for the town and drawing many visitors from elsewhere. The Council staff work extremely hard to enable these to take place but the weather last December was too severe at the time of the Christmas Fair.

Floral displays were altered last summer to take account of the regulations governing the weight allowed on certain lampposts and the concentration of flowers nearer to the centre was favourably commented upon.

The Council continues as an accredited Quality Council with which it has been a privilege to serve and to continue to promote the many delightful aspects of Bingham and I would like to thank the Town Clerk, Mrs. Lynn Holland, her staff and our Councillors for their contribution during the past civic year.

**Maureen Stockwood (Town Mayor)**

## **Council Organisation**

Bingham Town Council should have fourteen elected members; however; due to a resignation, as at 31st March 2011 the following Councillors were in post:

### **BINGHAM EAST**

**George Davidson**

101 Grantham Road, Bingham  
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**Mrs. A.Bryan**

60 Long Acre, Bingham  
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**John Eagles**

33 Tythby Road, Bingham  
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**Mrs Jacqui Marshall**

21 St Mary's Road, Bingham  
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**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.**

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Town Clerk  
Deputy Clerk

Lynn Holland  
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 bi-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. Installation of Wallenfels Play Area just off Swallow Drive/Grantham Road commenced February 2011.

## Sports Fields

The Council maintains sports fields at Butt Field and Wynhill. Following the recent funding applications a wind turbine was 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  
2010/2011**

**BINGHAM TOWN COUNCIL  
BALANCE SHEET  
31<sup>ST</sup> MARCH 2011**

31.03.10			31.03.11
£	<b>LONG TERM ASSETS</b>		£
0		Investments	0
0		Long Term Debtors	0
	<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>		
883		Debtors	15123
406		Payments In Advance	656
1646		VAT Recoverable	14543
<u>115460</u>		Cash in hand	<u>124610</u>
118395	<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>		154932
	<b>LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		
<u>24406</u>		Creditors	<u>27503</u>
<u>93989</u>	<b>NET ASSETS</b>		<u>127429</u>

**REPRESENTED BY:**

31.03.10		31.03.11
£		£
93989	Reserves Balance	127429