

Broseley Town Council

Summary Annual Report 2015/2016



Introduction

by Councillor Simon Harris, Mayor of Broseley 2015/2016

It's been a fabulous year for both me and my consort Tracy Lloyd. We have visited Ellesmere, Wem, Wellington, Bridgnorth, Shrewsbury and Much Wenlock, making new friends, meeting old ones and helping to keep the voice of the towns together as a force in the county.

We have now, after much negotiation, moved into our new offices in the library building. I personally am very proud of this, having lived in the town all my life. I cannot praise the efforts of the Councillors that make up the asset transfer team enough; it has been a learning curve for all involved, and we have come through this with so much more knowledge that will stand us in good stead for the future. Guest Road open space and Maypole Green are also transferring to the Town Council and we will continue to maintain them for the town's benefit.

During the last month we have had a change of members on the asset transfer team and we are now starting negotiations on the Birchmeadow Park. The park has this year received new equipment in the form of exercise machines and also a long awaited BMX track. The equipment has been very well received, not just by the local people but also by visitors to the town. This is raising the town's profile which will help in future projects.

We have been gifted with sculptures and artefacts from Ironbridge Power Station, which was quite a coup for the town. I wish to say a great big thank you to the team of volunteers that took part in the walk around the town and sold the idea to the Station's representatives. Over the coming months you will see these sculptures being positioned in their new resting places for all to enjoy. The sculptures will form the basis of a new town trail that will, in turn, bring more tourism to the town which will benefit businesses in the high street including the public houses, cafés and restaurants. The sculptures and artefacts also gave a further impetus to developing the church heritage centre - let us hope that this moves forward over the next year.

We held a Mayor's concert in All Saints Church this year which was so successful that I am sure we will be repeating the event. My thanks go to the Shropshire Music Trust and to all the church members who helped with the organisation. The event brought together pupils from the three local primary schools, who

performed folk songs from around the world with the band, Project Jam Sandwich. The event raised £656 which was divided between the church and the Trust.

The Mayor's Ball was enjoyed by guests from around the town as well as the dignitaries from Bridgnorth, Wellington and Telford. Mike and Sarah's Catering supplied us with a four course dinner and Much Wenlock Water was the sponsor for the event. We danced the night away with Natalie Lewis and her soul band Groove City. The total sum raised for the youth of Broseley was over £1,000.

As you may be aware, the Youth Club suffered in Shropshire Council's budget cuts and closed down for a short time. I have a personal affinity with the club as my mum, Thelma Harris and Heather Butler started the Tuesday night 11 plus club back in the 1980s. I am pleased that the hard work by Mike Ridley and his team of volunteers has paid off and the Youth Club is up and running again.

My personal campaign to get the town's drains working properly has led to meetings with officers from Severn Trent Water and Shropshire Council. Drains in some areas have been cleaned and repaired and consultations with contractors over problem areas are underway. On the Birchmeadow Park, for instance, work will soon be carried out to deal with the surface water.

The dog poo campaign in the spring got off to a flying start and has since got its own facebook site. Areas that were badly affected, such as outside the schools, seem to be far better. This campaign was prompted by a small team of dog owners who refused to be blamed for the irresponsible behaviour of others.

Broseley has benefited hugely this year from its army of volunteers and their hard work and commitment to the causes and events in the town. I would like to thank all members of the Town Council for their hard work and commitment during this period of change as well as employees, including our new library staff.

Let us all look forward to another exciting year.

Committees and Outside Bodies

During 2015/16 the Council operated two committees, the Planning Committee and Estate Committee, as well as a Personnel Group.

Representatives from the Council served on the following outside bodies: Birchmeadow Centre Management Committee, Birchmeadow Park Management Committee, Victoria Hall Management Committee, Local Joint Committee, MUGA Group, Severn Gorge Countryside Trust, Ironbridge Gorge World Heritage Site Steering Group and the JL Edwards Memorial Trust.

Statement of Accounts for the Year Ended 31st March 2016

	£
Income	
Precept	180,859.00
Cemetery	23,510.00
Grants	700.00
Bank interest	1,405.31
Miscellaneous	2,582.00
Multi-use Games Area	5,331.56
	<u>214,387.87</u>
Expenditure	
Administration	15,385.18
General	3,883.03
Christmas Lights	7,124.53
Burial Ground	7,983.40
Birchmeadow Centre	16,061.03
Birchmeadow Centre Cafe Project	443.23
Grants & Subscriptions	22,193.30
Salaries & Wages	85,155.42
Street Lighting	15,151.64
Public Toilets	7,214.04
Multi-use Games Area	2,031.20
	<u>182,626.00</u>
Surplus for Year	31,761.87
Balances Brought Forward	193,889.04
Balances Carried Forward	<u>225,650.91</u>

The accounts and Annual Return for 2015/2016 are made available for public inspection for a period following approval and audit. Members of the public who wish to see the accounts should contact the Finance Officer for details.

None of your local Councillors receive any payments for the voluntary duties they undertake. The Mayor receives an allowance to offset some of the costs associated with acting as Mayor of Broseley and representing the town at many functions during the year.

Your Councillors for 2015/16 were:

Name	Address	Telephone no.
Mr Michael Burton	1 Wilkinson Avenue, Broseley TF12 5DX	07980 419032
Mr Roy Childs	20 Sherlock Hoy Close, Broseley TF12 5JB	01952 883510
Mr Andrew Cooke	22 Simpsons Lane, Broseley TF12 5RF	01952 884083
Mrs Lynda Garbett	Tynning Cottage, Chapel Lane, Broseley TF12 5JD	01952 883412
Mr Michael Garbett	Tynning Cottage, Chapel Lane, Broseley TF12 5JD	01952 883412
Mr Simon Harris, Mayor	53 Wilkinson Avenue, Broseley TF12 5DZ	01952 882003
Ms Jean Jones, Deputy Mayor	The Laurels, 39 King Street, Broseley TF12 5NA	01952 882650
Mr Ian Pickles	2 Queen Street, Broseley TF12 5NB	01952 882505
Mr Dilwyn Scott	"Solstice", 58 Church Street, Broseley TF12 5BX	01952 884673
Mr Peter Smith	17 Barber Street, Broseley TF12 5NR	01952 884769
Mr Alan Taylor	7 Hockley Road, Broseley TF12 5HS	07889 939398

Council and Committee Meetings

Meetings are usually held at the Birchmeadow Centre at 7.00 pm. Copies of agendas are displayed on Council notice boards and the Council website and are available from the Clerk or from the library. Members of the public are invited to attend and listen at any council meeting, but may only speak in the Public Participation session of the full Council or Planning Committee meetings.

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The Council office is open to visits from members of the public on Thursday mornings, 10.00 am to 12 noon.

