



Annual Report 2015/2016

MAYOR'S REPORT

It has been an honour to be Bingham's Town Mayor for the civic year of 2015-2016 and working with fellow councillors, BTC staff and residents.

This civic year has seen new members of the council following the election in May 2015 and I would like to take this opportunity to publically thank them all for their hard work, commitment and enthusiasm demonstrated this year.

The town is growing and with that comes new challenges and makes those we are already aware of more of a priority.

As a Team, we have achieved a lot this year, although many have not yet reaped the benefits. We have challenged those that have responsibility for the different areas in our Town, such as the parking, the transport infrastructure and the public rail crossings.

We have protected an area of Bingham – Warner's Paddock – by again taking on resident's views and challenging those that were aiming for change in the form of development.

We have seen some notable changes to our Town with the development of two super stores, Aldi and Lidl, which I had the pleasure of attending the opening of both.

The New Methodist Church and community facility has already made an impact as a community facility and is seeing bookings increase day on day.

One of my main priorities has always been to protect the viability of our Town Centre and as a team we can engage and challenge for the Better of Bingham.

As our town continues to grow north of the railway we commit to work with The Crown Estates and stakeholders to ensure the Town's needs are taken into consideration.

The Community Led Plan is about to draw to a close and over the coming months we will see the results of all the hard work that has been put in by the CLP committee. It will be this council's responsibility to take on board the results of the CLP and prioritise its findings.

I would like to thank the Town Clerk, Mrs. L.Holland, and all her staff, both in the office and also the ground staff. I thank them for their support over the year and the work that is carried out behind the scenes.

Tracey Kerry
Town Mayor

Council Organisation

Bingham Town Council has fourteen elected members, as at 31st March 2016 the following Councillors were in post:

Bingham East

Rowan Bird
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John Ferguson
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NG13 8SG Tel. 01949 837115

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14 Cherwell Gardens, Bingham.
NG13 8YW Tel. 07899 662093

Mrs Tracey Kerry
22 Copeland Grove, Bingham
NG13 8SN Tel 01949 836827

Mrs Stephanie Orr
44 St. Mary's Road, Bingham.
NG13 8DW Tel. 07876 683946

Andrew Shelton
6 Welbeck Grove, Bingham.
NG13 8RF Tel. 07764 605220

Mrs. Kath Vallance
67 Long Acre, Bingham.
NG13 8AG Tel. 07954 143192

Bingham West

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

Alan R. Harvey
The Laurels, Saxondale Village
NG13 8AY Tel 07722 613753

Mrs Elizabeth Hutchison
4 Mallard Close, Bingham.
NG13 8QB Tel. 07877 737563

Mrs. Alison Langford
18 Grove Road, Bingham.
NG13 8DY Tel. 07725 592656

Francis Purdue-Horan
46 Tythby Road, Bingham
NG13 8GP Tel 07505 461002

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

Mrs. Clare Williams
12 Stainmore Grove, Bingham.
NG13 8SF Tel. 07557 763882

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

Council Offices:

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Town Clerk

Lynn Holland

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 and other community events. The Council publishes the Bingham Town News, delivered to every household with the Buttercross bi-monthly.

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 and Wallenfels (just off Swallow Drive). 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 funding applications a wind turbine was installed on Butt Field Sports Ground. This was 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
2015/2016**

**BINGHAM TOWN COUNCIL
BALANCE SHEET
31ST MARCH 2016**

31.03.14			
£	LONG TERM ASSETS		£
0		Investments	0
0		Long Term Debtors	0
	CURRENT ASSETS		
2498		Debtors	1277
21		Payments In Advance	0
1499		VAT Recoverable	2266
<u>318746</u>		Cash in hand	<u>388047</u>
322764	TOTAL ASSETS		391590
	LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		
<u>9569</u>		Creditors	<u>10539</u>
<u>313195</u>	NET ASSETS		<u>381051</u>

REPRESENTED BY:

31.03.15		31.03.16
£		£
313195	Reserve Balances	381051