



Annual Town Meeting

Annual Town Council Report for 15 May 2024

Summary for the civic year ending 07 May 2024 and financial year ending 31 March 2024

Bingham Town Council has been busy over the last Civic Year. The Council's work has included:

- 35 Council and Committee meetings taking place
- 5 community grant awards were made to local community groups
- Free Room rental was granted for another year to Bingham Food Warriors and the Police Priority Setting Group.
- Continued financial support for Bingham Community Events 2023 summer programme of events
- Partnership arrangement with the Friends of Bingham Linear Park to support the delivery of the Biodiversity Management Plan.
- 4 Civic Awards were given to members and groups that support the community and these were presented at the Christmas Light Switch On.
- The D Day Darlings joined the community for 2023 Summer Fair along with local dance groups
- The Christmas Market and Light Switch On continues to grow every year and the addition of the gingerbread house and a chat with Santa brought a smile to many faces
- Recruitment of a replacement Administrator took place in the Autumn and contractor support has assisted with the delivery of the Council's grounds maintenance responsibilities
- The Town Council was awarded the Foundation Award from the Local Councils Award Scheme and are currently the only Council in Rushcliffe to be awarded under the scheme

The Town Council continues to take care of its responsibilities for:

- Sports Field and recreational areas at Wynhill and Butt Field
- Town Pavilion and Butt Field Sports Pavilion
- Five play area
- Allotments
- Bingham Cemetery and St Mary's Churchyard
- Town Centre CCTV
- The Old Court House
- Extensive arboreal portfolio
- Town Centre floral display
- Christmas Lighting Scheme
- Linear Park

In terms of projects delivered and progressed through the previous year:

- The Town Council have granted £10,000 and officer support to the Safer Streets 5 campaign which will deliver 7 new re-deployable cameras in Summer 2024
- The Town Council have continued to receive officer support from Rushcliffe Borough Council to progress plans for a long stay car parking provision at the former allotment site.
- Representatives of the Town Council have attended meetings of the RBC Car Parking Strategy Group to look at parking across the Town and the first changes agreed from the survey data and consultation completed, will be taking place in Autumn 2023.
- Stage 2 of the feasibility work for the Chapel Lane Community land is nearing completion.
- The Wynhill Re-development received grant support of over £18,000 to assist with much needed repairs and improvements to extend the life of the building. These included UPVC windows and doors, cladding, electrics, lighting and flooring.
- Partnership working with the Crown Estate and Bingham Town Sports Club to provide an improved surface on the Bridleway access leading to Butt Field
- Successfully received the Foundation Award from the Local Council's Award Scheme
- Joint working has successfully continued with Bingham Community Events who provided another year of successful events in 2023 including the popular Classic Car Show, Music on the Square and Beer Festival.
- Replacement Server for the Old Court House
- Banking and Investment review resulting in £85,000 investment into a one year fixed term
- Contracts and Services were reviewed resulting in cost savings on Gas/Electric and Trade Waste Collections.

The Council is supported by the Clerk, Deputy Clerk, 2 Administrators, 1 Cleaner and 2 Full Time Groundstaff.