



# **NORMANTON TOWN COUNCIL**

## **Annual Report 2012/13**

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# Mayor of Normanton's Overview

**Councillor Bill Wood**

My Mayoral year also included the year of the Queen's Jubilee which I look upon as a great honour.

Our Council hosted huge events to celebrate the Queen's Jubilee by the lighting our own Town's beacon in Haw Hill Park and fireworks display.

We hosted a 'Party in the Park' for the school children of our town along with our own Queen for them to see.

A street party was well supported by our Business people.

All these were in addition to our annual events and celebrations which our Council hosts.

The September gala was a huge success. The gymnastic displays were excellent. The charity stalls appeared to do very well. The fairground area was enjoyed by many of our towns people and those of our surrounding district. The evening firework display was spectacular. Events of Sunday were good and the fairground people were particularly exceptional and we thank them for their generosity to our special needs children.

The Horticultural show attracted the interest of many by exhibiting and viewing.

The 'turning on' of the Christmas lights was a delight and the annual children's Christmas party was enjoyed by them all.

My year has been a busy one with 139 engagements. This involved visiting local and district Yorkshire towns. The highlight was 'Yorkshire day' celebration at Scarborough on August 1<sup>st</sup> 2012 when every Mayor and Mayoress from every town and city of Yorkshire were invited to be present.

I have received many thanks and admirations for our Council's achievements during my year as Mayor.

My thanks go to my wife who has supported me as my Mayoress. My sincere thanks to my Chaplain for her dedication at all times. My grateful thanks to our Office Staff, Colleagues, Business People, PCSO's, visiting dignitaries and general public for their support.

Many thanks to you all.

# The Work of the Town Council

## Mrs Donna Johnston MILCM, Town Clerk & RFO

2012 will be remembered as a wonderful and historic year for the entire nation. We celebrated the Queen's Diamond Jubilee across the country and also witnessed a wonderful Olympic Games in London. The Olympic torch passed through our district and many people lined the streets of Wakefield to see that piece of history pass by.

Normanton didn't miss out on the Jubilee celebrations and members of the public turned out to support a vast range of events including a church service, a schools parade, sing song and picnic in the park, an open air concert, a street party and a flower festival. The residents had plenty to do to celebrate the Jubilee and importantly everything was free. The children in all of the local schools were presented with a commemorative Diamond Jubilee bookmark.

The Town Council has continued to provide the usual calendar of events during the year and try to make improvements where possible. The 2012 Gala was a huge success with the Knockout Challenge which saw several local teams competing and raising vital funds for charity.

The Christmas Lights Switch On saw the continuation of a Santa's Grotto at the Town Hall, there were over 400 children who visited Santa during the course of the evening and it was completely free of charge.

The Town Council continued to organise the standard calendar of events including:

- Civic Sunday
- Horticultural Show
- Coffee Mornings
- Local Democracy Week
- Remembrance Sunday
- Children's Christmas Party
- Joint Schools Carol Service
- Christmas Celebration (with Normanton Lions and Churches Together)
- Easter Colouring Competition

The Snow Warden scheme continued in 2012 and additional grit supplies were sourced, with the aim of keeping people moving during incidents of snow and ice. There were a number of people who came forward to assist and bags of rock salt and snow shovels were distributed to the volunteers. Volunteers from Asda came out and gritted the bungalows at Queensway and Benson Lane.

The Town Councils Committees have continued to meet during the year and have pressed for action on issues that are important to the Town. We have finally seen the introduction of double yellow lines on King Edward Street which is having a positive impact on the flow of traffic through the town.

The Allotments Committee have worked extremely hard and the Chairman, and Vice-Chairman have continued visiting sites and talking to Committee members. Much work has also been done by the site Committees and they should also be thanked for their continued support.

The new Local Business Forum has been very well received and provides a forum for local businesses to come together and share information and contacts as well as seek support for issues that affect their business such as fly tipping and litter, to vehicles using the precinct.

There were some changes on the Town Council during 2012 with the sad death of Councillor Mike Burch in June and the resignation of Councillor Frank Kendall in September. This caused two casual vacancies in Altofts and two new Councillors were elected, Councillor Mrs Audrey Wood and Councillor Mrs Pam Jackson. Both of these new Councillors bring a wealth of community knowledge and a desire to get the best for the people of Altofts.

The Woodhouse Community Centre continues to provide a convenient and reasonably priced venue for local groups. The centre is home to a wide variety of community groups including drama, kickboxing, bingo and exercise, as well as courses run by the Normanton Camera Club. Thanks go once again to Sharon and Derek Newton for their continued support in acting as caretakers for the building.

The Town Council had provided over £3,000 in grants and donations to community groups within our local area and will continue to consider applications for grants via the Small Grants Scheme.

The Mayor of Normanton, Councillor Bill Wood, has served the town well by representing Normanton at events throughout Yorkshire and attending a variety of functions within the town. He has raised £450 for his chosen charity – Martin House Hospice and other local good causes.

**Normanton Town Council YEAR END 2012/13**

**Income and Expenditure Account for Year Ended 31st March 2013**

31st March 2012		31st March 2013
	<b>Operating Income</b>	
0	Administration	165,761
0	Town Hall	0
0	Civic	264
0	Grants & Donations	0
0	Woodhouse Community Centre	2,955
0	Special Projects	6,450
0	Allotments - General	14
0	Allotments - Cypress Road	510
0	Allotments - Edward Street	300
0	Allotments - Ellins Terrace	1,810
0	Allotments - Gilcar Street	15
0	Allotments - Gladstone Street	1,170
0	Allotments - Heys Buildings	685
0	Allotments - Newland Lane	700
0	Allotments - Norwood Street	525
0	Allotments - The Grove	15
0	Allotments - Wentworth Terrace	1,605
<u>0</u>	<b>Total Income</b>	<u><b>182,777</b></u>
	<b>Running Costs</b>	
0	Administration	88,228
0	Town Hall	19,965
0	Civic	18,055
0	Grants & Donations	6,027
0	Advertising & Promotions	5,243
0	Woodhouse Community Centre	5,002
0	Special Projects	47,101
0	Allotments - General	266
0	Allotments - Cypress Road	1,261
0	Allotments - Ellins Terrace	2,919
0	Allotments - Gilcar Street	93
0	Allotments - Gladstone Street	805
0	Allotments - Heys Buildings	0
0	Allotments - Newland Lane	0
0	Allotments - Norwood Street	2
0	Allotments - The Grove	87
0	Allotments - Wentworth Terrace	1,400
<u>0</u>	<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<u><b>196,455</b></u>
	<b>General Fund Analysis</b>	
0	Opening Balance	152,107
0	Plus : Income for Year	182,777
		<u>334,884</u>
0	Less : Expenditure for Year	196,455
		<u>138,429</u>
0	Transfers TO / FROM Reserves	25,000
<u>0</u>	<b>Closing Balance</b>	<u><b>113,429</b></u>

## Normanton Town Council

### Budget 2013/14

	<b>£ p</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>	
1) Cemeteries & Crematoriums	0
2) Sport & Recreation	0
3) Parks & Open Spaces	0
4) Allotments	12,000
5) Community Centres & Village Halls	5,200
6) Libraries	0
7) Markets	0
8) Administration	23,690
9) Salaries & Wages	67,200
10) Contribution to Reserves	
11) Other (Please State)	
Accommodation	21,500
Events and Floral Displays	48,000
Grants and Donations	8,750
Democratic Representation, Training and Promotion	9,720
Civic Expenses	14,520

<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>210,580</b>
<b>Income</b>	
1) Fees and Charges	15,580
2) Contribution from Reserves	
3) Other (Please State)	
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>15,580</b>
<b>TOTAL PRECEPT (Expenditure - Income)</b>	<b>195,000</b>



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