



# **NORMANTON TOWN COUNCIL**

## **Annual Report 2013/14**

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# Mayor of Normanton's Overview

## Councillor Mrs Hazel Jones

My mayoral year is now at an end and what a wonderful year it has been. I felt very honoured to be selected as Mayor and I have tried to do justice to the role all year, even though at times it was very hectic and I wondered whether I would get from one engagement to the other in time but I did. I have done my best to promote Normanton and Altofts on all mayoral engagements in and around Normanton and Altofts and beyond.

I have met some wonderful people during the year. I visited two ladies who both celebrated their one hundredth birthdays, one lived in the Croft at Snydale Road and was surrounded with friends and family. The other lady lived in the Chestnuts at Altofts and because we had another engagement we had to go before her party began. Her friends and family were putting things together for the party but we talked with the lady and she was delighted to see us.

I went to most of the schools in the run up to Christmas and enjoyed meeting the staff and pupils and at some schools we saw children doing Nativity plays – that almost moved me tears. We went to All Saints as they were breaking up for the Easter holidays and went into Church where they did a play on words about Easter. That was attended by some parents as well as staff and was so good.

I have also visited most of the residential care homes and sheltered housing schemes. At all the visits we were given a fantastic welcome. I think Normanton always welcomes people at all times and so do the community and that is why all the attractions arranged each year are so well supported.

Two of my favourite engagements were firstly, our own Gala Weekend. It was great to see so many people on the parade route and then in the park. On Gala Day the Mayor of Doncaster was one of our guests and he was amazed with the people on the roadside for the Carnival Parade and couldn't believe that people had turned out the full length, then in the Market Place and down to the park. He was very envious and said nothing like that took place in Doncaster. I felt very proud.

The second visit that I will remember for the rest of my life was Yorkshire Day. I cannot put into words how good a day it was meeting with Civic Heads and dignitaries to celebrate Yorkshire which we did. I know that day definitely put Normanton on the map.

I am a little sad at handing over the chains but on the other hand I do need a rest and I do want to visit my family who live in different parts of the country.

I would like to pass on my thanks to my colleagues and staff in the office for all their help during the year. I wish my successor, Councillor Keith Wilson, all the best for his year in office.

I shall of course continue as a Councillor and look forward to seeing you all around.

# The Work of the Town Council

## Mrs Donna Johnston MILCM, Town Clerk & RFO

During the last twelve months the Town Council has continued to provide a high standard of entertainment and events for the people of Normanton and Altofts. All of these events are provided free of charge and give families an opportunity to enjoy activities in their own area.

This year we have further developed our events to ensure that they continue to be relevant and attract a family audience.

Events this year include: Shopping Week, Coffee Morning and Street Party; Picnic in the Park; Party @ Haw Hill Park; Normanton Gala and Gala Sunday; Including Scarecrow competition, free funfair for children with special needs, bowls competition, Talk and Slide Show and the McMillan Coffee Morning.. Horticultural Show; Christmas Lights Switch On; Children's Christmas Party; Schools Carol Service; Christmas Celebration with Normanton Lions and Churches Together.

In addition to these events, we also held a number of Civic events including:

- Armed Forces Day;
- Civic Sunday;
- Remembrance Sunday.

We have continued to work closely with local Schools, and provide them with an opportunity to learn about the Town Council by offering visits to the Town Council Offices. We have even played host to a civic reception for one local school who brought their best attending class to the Town Hall for tea with the Mayor as a treat.

Our Committees have continued to work hard throughout the year in line with their Terms of Reference. The Consultative Group in particular have met to consider a wide range of issues affecting the local area including:

- Woodside Richmond Fellowship;
- WMDC Leisure Consultation;
- WMDC Town Centre and Retail Plan,
- Polling District Review;
- Wakefield District Sight Aid;
- HS2;
- Health Watch Wakefield;
- King Street Walk In Centre in Wakefield.

The Town Council has been working closely with Wakefield MDC in the reproduction of the historic Tiled Map which has now been installed at the Railway Station alongside a large scale replica of the town logo.

A number of meetings were held to consider the impact of HS2 and Normanton Town Council submitted comments to the consultation which raised the concerns of our residents. The Town Council does not support the HS2 scheme and do not feel that there is any social, economic or environmental benefit to our area.

Roadworks in the High Street caused inconvenience to residents during the latter part of 2013. The Town Council worked closely with Morrison Utilities to limit the impact of the works and negotiated a donation towards presents for the Children's Christmas Party.

The Town Council were invited to attend a presentation at the new Police HQ at Havertop Lane. It is hoped that this new, state of the art facility will lead the way for Policing. We continue to form working relationships with the new police management following their recent restructure.

The Town Council has had a change recently following the resignation of Councillor Deryck Scott. Councillor Scott served the Council for almost three years and our thanks should go to him for his work on behalf of the Town Council during that time. A new Councillor was appointed in April and we extend a warm welcome to Councillor Joanne Hepworth who is looking forward to taking on her new role.

The Mayor has worked throughout the year to raise the profile of Normanton throughout the District and beyond. She has done a wonderful job and raised a significant amount for her Charity Fund in the process, all of which will support local groups and organisations. I am sure Councillor Mrs Jones will enjoy a well-deserved break now that her term of office has ended.

My best wishes to Councillor Keith Wilson as he embarks on his Mayoral Year and to Councillor Denton Jones who will support him as Deputy Mayor.

**Normanton Town Council YEAR END 31.03.14**

**Income and Expenditure Account for Year Ended 31st March 2014**

31st March 2013		31st March 2014
	<b>Operating Income</b>	
165,761	Administration	196,606
0	Town Hall	0
264	Civic	0
0	Grants & Donations	21,667
2,955	Woodhouse Community Centre	2,885
6,450	Special Projects	5,870
14	Allotments - General	14
510	Allotments - Cypress Road	480
300	Allotments - Edward Street	100
1,810	Allotments - Ellins Terrace	1,830
15	Allotments - Gilcar Street	75
1,170	Allotments - Gladstone Street	1,210
685	Allotments - Heys Buildings	1,095
700	Allotments - Newland Lane	690
525	Allotments - Norwood Street	560
15	Allotments - The Grove	25
1,605	Allotments - Wentworth Terrace	1,605
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<b>182,777</b>	<b>Total Income</b>	<b>234,712</b>
	<b>Running Costs</b>	
88,228	Administration	93,236
19,965	Town Hall	16,289
18,055	Civic	7,508
6,027	Grants & Donations	7,865
5,243	Advertising & Promotions	5,325
5,002	Woodhouse Community Centre	10,868
47,101	Special Projects	39,373
266	Allotments - General	992
1,261	Allotments - Cypress Road	180
2,919	Allotments - Ellins Terrace	937
93	Allotments - Gilcar Street	0
805	Allotments - Gladstone Street	976
0	Allotments - Heys Buildings	500
0	Allotments - Newland Lane	720
2	Allotments - Norwood Street	108
87	Allotments - The Grove	1,570
1,400	Allotments - Wentworth Terrace	3,288
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<b>196,455</b>	<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>189,737</b>
	<b>General Fund Analysis</b>	
152,107	Opening Balance	113,429
182,777	Plus : Income for Year	234,712
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334,884		348,142
196,455	Less : Expenditure for Year	189,737
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138,429		158,405
0	Transfers TO / FROM Reserves	25,000
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<b>138,429</b>	<b>Closing Balance</b>	<b>133,405</b>

## Normanton Town Council

### Budget 2014/15

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<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	4,750
6) Libraries	0
7) Markets	0
8) Administration	33,760
9) Salaries & Wages	72,300
10) Contribution to Reserves	
11) Other (Please State)	
Accommodation	17,500
Events and Floral Displays	53,500
Grants and Donations	8,950
Democratic Representation, Training and Promotion	7,000
Civic Expenses	12,370
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>222,130</b>
<b>Income</b>	
1) Fees and Charges	16,315
2) Contribution from Reserves	4,915
3) Other (Please State)	
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>21,230</b>
<b>TOTAL PRECEPT (Expenditure - Income)</b>	<b>200,900</b>



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