



WINDERMERE TOWN COUNCIL

Representing the interests of the communities of Windermere, Bowness and Troutbeck Bridge

This Annual Report provides a snapshot of the work of the Town Council during the last year and sets out the priorities for the coming year during 2016/17.

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The Year in Brief

The Town Council has continued in its support to keeping the 8 public conveniences open, but has had to hand back Ferry Nab to SLDC, due to the site development. Re-assurances have been made to the town that the new site will include toilets open to the public.

The funding and support continued for Windermere in Bloom, which includes providing 108 hanging baskets and flower tubs as well as the annual awards event. A new contractor was recently appointed.

Due to the increasing problems in the town with litter and "abandoned" flower beds, the Town Steward's hours have been extended and he will endeavour to assist with keeping our community looking clean and tidy.

This year, grant funding has been made available to many worthy local groups, including the Winter Lights, the Youth Project, Air Ambulance and South Lakes CAB. In addition, new grants have been made available to bands who have played and provided free entertainment at the Glebe Bandstand, to encourage the use of this asset. Also, new grants have been paid to local businesses to help improve their shop fronts.

A consultation was held in the Autumn, to establish the extent of local support for the introduction of 20MPH zones.

The results showed an even dispersal of those for and against and the Town Council felt that this was not enough of a mandate to request the County Council to evaluate the situation. The most significant highways issue has been the Glebe Improvement Scheme, to which the Town Council contributed feedback and suggestions. The postponement of this scheme is a disappointment and it is hoped that work will commence on time in the Autumn.

We have made progress this year in raising the profile of the Town Council and improving our effectiveness. The Town Mayor has attended numerous events, notably speaking at the 50th Anniversary of Lakes School and more recently planting the donated Apple Tree.

The Town Council website has been modernized and improved, so that it is now mobile phone friendly.

It also has a useful news page and allows the posting of comments. The Clerk's column is a regular feature in Windermere Now. Over 200 planning applications have been received, discussed and recommendations made to the Lake District National Park.

Elleray Woods conservation goes from strength to strength and the work of the Town Steward has to be especially commended. Although the restoration of the Carriage Drive has not yet started, it is now hoped that the legal barriers have been removed and it is still a project for the Town Council and LDNPA this coming year.

The Town Council is responsible for care of the War Memorial and this year it has seen the welcome of Walking with the Wounded to Windermere on their national trek and the commemoration of a bench dedicated to soldiers who lost their lives on Windermere Lake on training manoeuvres in World War Two.



The Glebe Bandstand—we are positively encouraging its use.





Windermere Clean & In Bloom

The cut-backs in public services are now showing on our streets, where street cleansing and flower bed planting has necessarily been reduced. The Town Council will support the resurrection of “Winderclean” by the Bowness & Windermere Community Care Trust, as a campaign to harness the power of local groups to litter pick and to raise awareness throughout the community.

The Town Steward will conduct regular litter picking, especially in “hot spot” areas through the summer and we will work with SLDC to provide more litter bins in some crucial areas, including Miller-ground.

The new contractor will plant, erect and water the 108 hanging baskets and tubs during the summer months, to enhance the town.

There will be renewed encouragement to local businesses and residents to put on a really good floral display around town and the Windermere in Bloom presentation ceremony will be re-launched as a community event in the Ladyholme Centre.

Support for local groups and bands playing at the Glebe bandstand will continue.



Local Assets for Local People

The Town Council will continue its campaign to protect Langstone House as one of the few public buildings left in the area. The Council chamber will have new technology installed to enable digital presentations.

Playground equipment at Langrigge Play area will be replaced and will be suitable for younger children.

We will continue to support the Orrest Drive allotments and investigate any opportunities for new allotments sites.

The proposals to re-develop the Glebe will be closely scrutinized by the Town Council with the objectives of maintaining the beauty of the area whilst improving the facilities on offer.

The Town Council will play an active role in the consultation with United Utilities on proposals for improving the town’s sewage system.

We will continue to support the Millerground project, to improve the public access to and enjoyment of Windermere Lake and will support the superb Swim Safe event.



Orrest Head & Elleray Woods

This wonderful asset to Windermere continues to be a priority for the Town Council and it is hoped that this year will see the phase one restoration of the Victorian Carriage Drive, led by the LDNPA. If achieved, it will enable disabled and buggy access to the viewpoints in the woods. The access to the summit itself will be the subject of a phase two pro-

ject, if judged feasible by the LDNPA.

The Town Steward will continue with the plan to cut back under-growth and bring the woodland floor back to life. This is already yielding some outstanding results and we will be looking to see wildlife and views improved year on year.

The Windermere Beacon will be lit by the Town Council in celebration of HM the Queen’s 90th birthday on 21 April 2016.

Accounts 2015-16

EXPENDITURE (Net of VAT)	Full Year Budget	Full Year Actual	Variance
GENERAL ADMINISTRATION			
Clerk's Salary	19,000	17,842	- 1,158
Finance Officer/Support Assistant	5,000	0	- 5,000
Employers NI Contribution/Pension	7,200	7,602	402
Mayor's Allowance	1,100	2,339	1,239
Insurances	4,500	3,657	- 843
Subscriptions	2,400	888	- 1,512
Audit Fee	1,500	600	- 900
War Memorial	1,500	2,418	918
Baddeley Clock	750	110	- 640
Council Chamber Rent and Store	1,100	443	- 657
Office Administration & Clerk's Expenses	4,000	1,849	- 2,151
Councillors' Training & Travelling Expenses	500	213	- 287
Shop Front Improvement Grants	0	4,880	4,880
IT Contingency/Website	1,000	1,086	86
TOTAL EXPENDITURE PART A	49,550	43,927	- 5,623
PART B - SPECIAL PROJECTS			
Orrest Head and Ellera Wood	5,000	3,813	- 1,187
Footway Light and Enhancement	2,000	1,165	- 835
Town Steward (Labour and materials)	8,000	6,706	- 1,294
Revenue Grants to Community Facilities	1,000	0	- 1,000
Langrigge Playground	2,500	3,077	577
Public Conveniences	25,000	25,000	-
Allotments	2,000	367	- 1,633
Winter Lights	2,700	2,103	- 597
Windermere in Bloom	7,300	9,075	1,775
Community Grants (inc Youth Projects)	8,000	4,162	- 3,838
The Hub	4,000	4,214	214
Contingency/Maintenance	5,000	2,193	- 2,807
TOTAL EXPENDITURE PART B	72,500	61,875	- 10,625
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	122,050	105,802	- 16,248
INCOME			
Precept	115,000	115,000	-
Precept Grant	8,362	8,070	292
Rents - War Memorial, Ellera Wood, Allotmts	935	336	599
WiB Sponsorship	500	800	- 300
Grants Received	-	1,628	- 1,628
Shop Front Improvement Scheme Grant	-	5,000	- 5,000
Bank Interest	20	20	-
Total Income	124,817	130,854	- 6,037
Net Surplus	2,767	25,052	- 22,285

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Our Meetings:

We meet fortnightly, usually on the 1st & 3rd Wednesdays of the month, at Langstone House, Broad Street, Windermere.

Look out for our agenda on the notice-boards in Windermere & Bowness, the notice-board in Windermere Library and on our website.

Local residents are very welcome to come to our meetings to observe, pose questions or make comments.

Town Councillors

Mr Leith Hallatsch (Mayor), Bowness South Ward
Miss Kathleen Atkinson, Bowness North Ward
Ms Sue Bloy, Applethwaite Ward
Mrs Jennifer Borer, Applethwaite Ward
Mrs Lisa Greasley, Windermere Town Ward
Mrs C Hallatsch, Bowness South Ward
Mr Peter Jewell, Bowness North Ward
Mr Adrian Legge, Bowness North Ward
Ms Sandra Lilley, Bowness South Ward
Ms Grania Nicholson, Windermere Town Ward
Mr John Saunders, Applethwaite Ward
Mr Bill Smith, Applethwaite Ward
Mr Mike Stafford, Windermere Town Ward
Mr Ian Telford, Windermere Town Ward
Mr Allan Winrow (Mayor) Bowness South Ward