



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 of 2017-18.

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The newly restored Victorian Carriage Drive in Elleray Woods.

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The Year in Brief

One of the highlights of the past year has been the restoration of the Victorian Carriage Drive in Elleray Woods, something the Town Council has worked hard to achieve. The new drive makes access to this lovely place a lot easier. Thanks go to both the Lake District National Park and South Lakeland District Council. This first phase has taken the carriage drive to just below the summit of Orrest Head. In future years, with resources, it is hoped to take the access all the way to the summit.



The Langrigge Play area has been improved by the Town Council, with a new climbing frame installed and some colourful springers for younger ones.

Thanks go to the Ambleside & Windermere Lions for part funding this project.



The Town Council has continued to support 7 public toilets and has worked with the Bow-

ness & Windermere Community Care Trust to refurbish the Quarry Rigg toilets.

Funding and support continued for Windermere in Bloom, which includes providing 108 hanging baskets and flower tubs as well as the annual awards event.

Some of you may have seen Gary, the Town Steward, out and about in the Town Centre. He planted and looked after a number of tubs and containers that had been "abandoned." He also cleaned all the road and street signs in Spring and Autumn. These now look a lot better and you can actually see the lettering!

Work started in February on the refurbishment of the Ellerthwaite Square traffic island. This has been funded and organized by the Town Council, with assistance from the Civic Society. It is planned to have it planted with attractive perennials in time for the summer season.

Problems with litter in our community continue and the Clerk has had many reports and identified "hot spot" areas for dog fouling for patrols by local police.

Goodly Dale School on their litter-pick



A very successful Clean for the Queen week took place in late March. It encouraged local groups to organize their own litter pick, assisted by the Bowness & Windermere Community Care Trust with equipment and funding provided by the Town Council.



Ladies from the Inner Wheel.

Well done to all you litter pickers and your commitment to making our community an even more beautiful place.

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 Citizens Advice Bureau and specific grants provided for Shop Front improvements. Town Council has encouraged and supported new events in Windermere & Bowness., which are fun and add to our local economy. The Christmas Market was a great success and it is hoped it will become a regular feature. The Town Council is committed to supporting more and varied events of this type.

Windermere Clean & In Bloom



This year, the refurbishment of Ellerthwaite Square will be completed and the bed will be planted and maintained by the Town Council.

The Town Steward will continue to conduct regular litter picking, especially in "hot spot" areas through the summer and we will organize another Clean for the Queen this year.

Road and street signs will be cleaned twice a year.

Town Councillors have photographed and compiled a comprehensive list of street signs that need fixing or replacement and will work with SLDC to ensure this happens.

Our contractor will plant, erect and water the 108 hanging baskets and tubs during the summer months, to enhance the town. Tubs in the town centre and library gardens will be planted and looked after by the Town Steward.

We will look into the possibility of cleaning the walls around library gardens and obtaining a new flag.

The Town Council will continue to support "Men in Sheds" as they refurbish benches in our area. A policy on new benches for dedication will be decided and acted upon.

Support for local groups and bands playing at the Glebe will continue, as will our Shop Front Improvement Scheme.



Local Assets for Local People

The Town Council has had excellent feedback about the War Memorial Gardens. This year, we plan to put in new signage and possibly a flagpole for commemoration events.

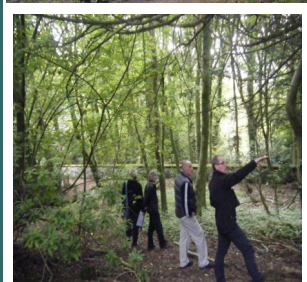
We will continue to support the Orrest Drive allotments, the Millerground Project and the Troutbeck Bridge community in their objective to radically reduce flooding. Two new

bus shelters will be provided for Troutbeck Bridge once works have finished.

There is an option that is under active consideration by the Town Council to take over trusteeship of the Longlands land, where the Bowling Club stands. We will continue to assess the legal and financial implications and come to a decision this year.

Town Councillors will continue to make recommendations on every single planning application in our area to the Lake District National Park.

Finally, we are constituting a new Advisory Group to look at the wide and complex issues of car parking in our area, with a view to making recommendations to the Councils who are responsible.



Pride in our Community

Elleray Woods and Orrest Head are a wonderful asset to our community and continue to be a priority for the Town Council. This year, tree clearance will continue to open up views and bring the woodland back to life. Very recently, a red squirrel was sighted—the first in some years. The return of wild-life is testament to the success of this project.

2017 is the 20th Anniversary of the twinning of Windermere and Diessen-am-Ammersee in Bavaria, Germany. Over the years, the exchange visits and cultural interaction have benefitted both communities. The Mayor will be making a special visit in May to celebrate the anniversary.

Finally, the Town Council has doubled its budget to provide support to local

groups wishing to put on community events. One idea that is already benefiting is the potential to resurrect the Windermere Carnival in August. We hope this will come to fruition and another celebratory event be added to our calendar.

EXPENDITURE (Net of VAT)	Full Year	Full Year	Variance
	Budget	Actual	
GENERAL ADMINISTRATION			
Clerk's Salary	20,000	17,977	- 2,023
Employers NI Contribution/Pension	7,400	7,692	292
Mayor's Allowance	1,100	1,100	-
Insurances	4,500	2,882	- 1,618
Subscriptions	1,500	1,065	- 435
Audit Fee	1,500	600	- 900
War Memorial	1,500	2,503	1,003
Baddeley Clock	750	370	- 380
Council Chamber Rent and Store	750	1,495	745
Office Administration & Clerk's Expenses	4,000	3,827	- 173
Councillors' Training & Travelling Expenses	500	179	- 321
IT Contingency/Website	1,000	176	- 825
TOTAL EXPENDITURE PART A	44,500	39,866	- 4,634
PART B - SPECIAL PROJECTS			
Orrest Head and Ellaray Woods	5,000	1,680	- 3,320
Footway Light and Enhancement	2,000	1,155	- 845
Town Steward (Labour and materials)	11,500	11,587	87
Community Facilities	1,000	500	- 500
Langrigge Playground	2,500	9,000	6,500
Public Conveniences	25,000	25,000	- 0
Allotments	500	126	- 374
Community events	12,000	11,481	- 520
Community Grants (inc Youth Projects)	8,000	7,844	- 156
The Hub	4,000	3,584	- 416
Contingency/Maintenance (inc E Square)	5,000	2,716	- 2,284
TOTAL EXPENDITURE PART B	76,500	74,673	- 1,827
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	121,000	114,539	- 6,461
INCOME			
Precept	115,900	115,900	-
Precept Grant	8,362	8,154	208
Rents - War Memorial, Ellaray Wood, Allotmts	935	1,270	- 335
WiB Sponsorship	500	845	- 345
Grants Received	-	4,000	- 4,000
Bank Interest	375	10	365
Total Income	126,072	130,179	- 4,107
Net Surplus	5,072	15,640	- 10,568

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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
Mrs Magda Khan, Bowness North Ward
Mr Adrian Legge, Bowness North Ward
Ms Sandra Lilley, Bowness South Ward
Mr Ross McMillan, Bowness South Ward
Ms Grania Nicholson, Windermere Town Ward
Mr John Saunders, Applethwaite Ward
Mr Mike Stafford, Bowness North Ward
Mr Ian Telford, Windermere Town Ward
Mr Allan Winrow, Bowness South Ward