



# 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 2018-19.

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**The newly restored Ellersythwaite Square.**

## Annual Report 2017-18

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### The Year in Brief

A highlight of the year has been the improvements at Ellersythwaite Square, carried out by the Town Council, in partnership with the Civic Society. Here is a reminder of how the southern entrance to Windermere looked in April 2017.



The Windermere & Bowness Civic Society prepared a new design, aimed at reducing clutter on the square and providing a central traditional stone wall in Lakeland slate. Town Council approved this design and took on funding and management of the main project. The new wall was built by a local craftsman. The planting scheme was designed by the Town Steward and funded by the Civic Society.



The planting scheme is based on a lovely cottage garden, with plants that are sustainable. The square will now be cared for by the Town Council.

We have had some very positive feedback about the project and the area now gives the town a southern entrance to be proud of.



In the summer months of last year, a group of Town Councillors took to the streets and collected data and information about the parking situation in Bowness & Windermere. They surveyed each of the 4 town wards in detail and produced a detailed, up to date and accurate report setting out the key problems and some suggestions as to how these could be overcome.



It was important that the Town Council carried out this work, as it is the only public body able to provide an overview and local knowledge. Responsibilities for car parking are split between 3 public bodies, which

has contributed in the past to a limiting of focus.

The report makes some key recommendations about how to alleviate tourist parking, make parking easier for residents and improve the appearance of the Town, which in the summer resembles one big car park.

The Town Council is delighted that all 3 public bodies have responded positively to the report and, more importantly, are starting to take action, with the £1 per day workers car park ticket for Broad Street being introduced by SLDC in April 2018.

It was also a successful year for Windermere in Bloom. With a record number of business sponsors, the Town Council was able to do more than put up and water the 108 hanging baskets. Previously abandoned street containers were planted and maintained.



Civic planting has also been improved on the roundabout by the railway station, which the Town Council have taken over. This now has a box hedge shaped as WINDERMERE, which is starting to grow nicely. It is the work of our Town Steward. Take a look when you are next in the vicinity.

All in all, a good year.



## Windermere Clean & In Bloom



This coming year, the main improvement project will focus on Baddeley Clock. The Town Steward will re-design and plant the abandoned concrete containers in the Millennium Garden and these will henceforth be maintained by the Town Council. This is in conjunction with an SLDC scheme to improve the gardens themselves.

The Town Steward will continue to conduct regular litter picking, especially

in "hot spot" areas through the summer. Road and street signs will be cleaned twice a year and a civic litter pick will be organized.

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

The Town Council will continue to support the

successful Millerground Project, which is opening up public access to the lake shore.

Support will continue to the "Men in Sheds" who do such great work repairing benches in our area.

Finally, there are still some funds left for businesses to apply for in order to improve their shop frontage. All details are on the web-site.



## Local Assets for Local People

The Town Council will continue with its responsibilities for the War Memorial, funding the planting and gardening scheme. This year, we will look into the possibility of providing better access to the memorial itself.

We will continue to support the Orrest Drive allotments and will look at the feasibility of providing a permanent water supply.

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

There is an option that is under active consideration for 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 planning application in our area.

We will give support and assistance to some important community led projects, including a scheme to significantly improve the play area at Queens Park, creating a Windermere Park for All and the Paradise Project, based at Windermere Library.



## 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. We have been successful in securing Locally Important Projects grant funding to assist the National Park in delivering phase 2 of the restoration of the Victorian Carriage Drive.

The Town Council will continue to provide funds

to support the Winter Lights, which looked fabulous this year.

The budget for providing support to local groups wishing to put on community events has been doubled, so do come to us if necessary.

We will be supporting the newly formed Bowness & Windermere Forward in its work to provide stimulus

to a number of initiatives in our community.

The Town Council will be lighting the beacon on Orrest Head to commemorate the ending of World War One, as part of the national chain of beacons, in November this year.

Finally, our valued Town Mayor, Leith Hallatsch, will, as always, be out and about supporting local causes.

EXPENDITURE (Net of VAT)	Full Year Budget	Full Year Actual	Variance
<b>GENERAL ADMINISTRATION</b>			
Clerk's Salary	20,500	22,538	2,038
Employers NI Contribution/Pension	7,800	8,138	338
Mayor's Allowance	1,100	2,000	900
Insurances	3,300	2,656	- 644
Subscriptions	1,200	876	- 324
Audit Fee	1,500	600	- 900
War Memorial	1,500	1,634	134
Baddeley Clock	500	270	- 230
Council Chamber Rent and Store	500	451	- 49
Office Administration & Clerk's Expenses	3,000	3,989	989
Councillors' Training & Travelling Expenses	500	138	- 362
IT Contingency/Website	600	339	- 261
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE PART A</b>	<b>42,000</b>	<b>43,629</b>	<b>1,629</b>
<b>PART B - SPECIAL PROJECTS</b>			
Orrest Head and Elleray Woods	5,000	5,375	375
Footway Light and Enhancement	1,500	2,210	710
Town Steward (Labour and materials)	12,000	11,131	- 869
Langrigge Playground	2,500	1,088	- 1,412
Public Conveniences	25,000	25,000	- 0
Allotments	500	282	- 218
Community grants & events	12,000	11,958	- 42
Windermere in Bloom	10,000	9,214	- 786
Longlands land management	2,500	0	- 2,500
Contingency/Maintenance	5,000	0	- 5,000
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE PART B</b>	<b>76,000</b>	<b>66,259</b>	<b>- 9,741</b>
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>118,000</b>	<b>109,888</b>	<b>- 8,112</b>
<b>INCOME</b>			
Precept	119,000	119,000	-
Precept Grant	8,000	7,689	311
Rents - War Memorial, Elleray Wood, Allotmts	935	262	673
WiB Sponsorship	800	1,350	- 550
Grants Received	-	30	- 30
Bank Interest	375	310	65
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>129,110</b>	<b>128,641</b>	<b>469</b>
<b>Net Surplus</b>	<b>11,110</b>	<b>18,753</b>	<b>- 7,643</b>

Reserves	At 1 April 17	Utilised	Income	Balance at 31 March 2018
Benches (CCC)	1,356	-	-	1,356
Shop Front Improvement Scheme	4,189	- 931	-	3,258
Integrated Care (grant from CCC)	-	-	5,000	5,000
Ellerthwaite Square	14,200	- 11,263	2,800	5,737
Millerground	1,000	- 1,000	-	-
Windermere Park for All	-	-	500	500
<b>Total specific reserves</b>	<b>20,745</b>	<b>- 13,194</b>	<b>8,300</b>	<b>15,851</b>
General reserve	113,307	-	18,753	132,060
<b>Total reserves</b>	<b>134,052</b>	<b>- 13,194</b>	<b>27,053</b>	<b>147,911</b>



## **WINDERMERE TOWN COUNCIL**

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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  
Mr John Saunders (Deputy Mayor), Applethwaite Ward  
Miss Kathleen Atkinson, Bowness North Ward  
Mrs Jennifer Borer, Applethwaite Ward  
Ms Sandra Britton, Applethwaite Ward  
Mrs Lisa Greasley, Windermere Town Ward  
Mrs C Hallatsch, Bowness South Ward  
Mr Peter Hamilton, Bowness South Ward  
Mrs Magda Khan, Bowness North Ward  
Mr Adrian Legge, Bowness North Ward  
Ms Sandra Lilley, Bowness South Ward  
Ms Grania Nicholson, Windermere Town Ward  
Mr Mike Stafford, Bowness North Ward  
Mr Ian Telford, Windermere Town Ward