



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 2019-20

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Windermere in Box Hedging created last year by the Town Steward. Bowness in box is opposite.

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The Year in Brief

2018 was a very busy civic year, commemorating 100 years since the end of the First World War. The Town Council arranged for



poppies to be erected, each one with a name of a local young man who perished.

The Town Council's beacon was lit on Orrest Head by Cllr Adrian Legge, to commemorate the Armistice.



It was also time to celebrate 20 years of Windermere's Town Twinning with Diessen and the



Mayor helped unveil the newly named Diessen Promenade on

the Glebe:



A highlight of the year was the transformation of the Millennium gardens at Baddeley Clock. Gary, our Town Steward has done a great job of bringing this neglected area back to life; Here is before:



And after..... With planting



also to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the RAF. It has been an important year for setting in motion groups that will help Windermere grow and prosper. Bowness &

Windermere Forward has gone from strength to strength, bringing markets and entertainment to the Glebe. The Town Council is a major supporter.

The Town Council has changed the way in which it deals with making recommendations on planning applications, setting up a planning sub-committee to provide focus and expertise to deal with these very important local issues.

The Clerk has been busy not only winding the Town Clock!



She has arranged for 2 new bus shelters erected on either side of the A591 at Troutbeck Bridge and installed a much-needed permanent water supply at the Orrest Drive allotments site.

Finally, the Town Council's stewardship of Elleray Woods is never forgotten and improvements are made every year. Last year this included new benches, brash hurdle fences, salt bins and planting of 1,000 native daffodils, funded by the Civic Society. Here is planting in progress:



Windermere Clean & In Bloom



This coming year, there will be some focus on railings and benches in response to comments from local people. This will include re-painting and new benches at Ash Street.

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.

Our contractor will plant,

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

The very popular Windermere in Bloom judging and awards ceremony will take place and there will be efforts to increase the sponsorship from local businesses.

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 and to maintaining the newly provided dog poo bag dispensers.



Local Assets for Local People

The Town Council will continue with its responsibilities for the War Memorial, funding the gardening and will continue to support the Orrest Drive allotments and the Langrigge Play area.

SLDC have agreed to transfer trusteeship of the land at Longlands to the Town Council and we will be looking for local ideas as to how to utilize this area

to provide better community facilities.

The planning sub-committee 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.

Elleray Woods and Orrest Head continue to be a priority and next year should see the Carriage Drive extended to improve access. The Town Steward will manage a new phase of tree management to further open up the wonderful views.



Pride in our Community

It is important to recognise our beautiful and much visited community is also a place to live and enjoy. Town Council will give consideration to the possibility of CCTV cameras in our community.

The Town Council will continue to provide funds to support the Winter Lights, which looked fabulous last year.

The budget for providing support to local groups wishing to put on community events is a substantial part of the budget and will be made available to local people.

Local elections take place in May this year and we are hoping to strengthen our Town Council as a result. It is, after all, the only local organization that has unpaid volunteers that put

the needs of the community first.

Finally, Cumbria Highways are creating opportunities for the Town Council to take over some small works in maintaining the public highway and providing local and quick responses. The Town Council will be considering how to best respond and assist our community.

EXPENDITURE (Net of VAT)	Full Year Budget	Full Year Actual	Variance
Clerk's Salary	23,000	23,526	526
Employers NI Contribution/Pension	8,500	8,670	170
Mayor's Allowance/Regalia	2,000	3,439	1,439
Insurances	3,300	2,777	- 523
Subscriptions	1,200	967	- 233
Audit Fee	900	600	- 300
War Memorial	1,600	1,683	83
Baddeley Clock	500	156	- 344
Council Chamber Rent and Store	500	901	- 401
Office Administration & Clerk's Expenses	3,000	3,147	147
Councillors' Training & Travelling Expenses	500	600	100
IT Contingency/Website	600	656	56
TOTAL EXPENDITURE PART A	45,600	47,122	1,522
PART B - SPECIAL PROJECTS			
Orrest Head and Elleray Woods	5,000	785	- 4,215
Footway Light and Enhancement	2,000	3,854	1,854
Town Steward (Labour and materials)	12,500	11,456	- 1,044
Langrigge Playground	2,500	2,041	- 459
Public Conveniences	25,000	25,000	- 0
Allotments	500	296	- 204
Community grants & events	12,000	12,705	705
Windermere in Bloom	10,000	8,693	-1,307
Longlands land management	2,500	0	- 2,500
Baddeley Clock Improvement	2,500	1,500	-1,000
Contingency/Maintenance	5,000	0	- 5,000
TOTAL EXPENDITURE PART B	79,500	66,330	- 10,670
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	125,100	113,452	- 9,148
INCOME			
Precept	122,200	122,200	-
Precept Grant	8,000	7,227	773
Rents - War Memorial, Elleray Wood, Allotmts	935	1,006	-71
WiB Sponsorship	800	1,000	- 200
Grants Received	-	2,750	- 2,750
Bank Interest	375	376	-1
Total Income	132,310	134,559	-2,249
Net Surplus	7,210	21,107	- 11,397

Reserves	At 1 April 18	Utilised	Income	Balance at 31 March 2018
Benches	1,356	-334	283	1,305
Shop Front Improvement Scheme	3,258	- 3,258	0	0
Integrated Care (grant from CCC)	5,000	0	0	5,000
Bowness & Windermere Forward	0	0	2,013	2,013
Windermere Park for All	500	-	1,362	1,862
Total specific reserves	10,114	- 3,592	3,658	10,180
General reserve	138,302	-11,456	21,107	147,853
Total reserves	148,316	- 15,048	24,765	158,033

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Our Meetings:

Full Council meets on the 2nd Wednesday of the month, at Langstone House, Broad Street, Windermere. (Planning sub-committee meets on the 4th Wednesday of the month).

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 John Saunders (Deputy Mayor), Applethwaite Ward
Mr Leith Hallatsch, Bowness South Ward
Miss Kathleen Atkinson, Bowness North Ward
Mrs Jennifer Borer, 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
Mrs Kate Tripp, Windermere Town Ward
Mr Alan Hands, Bowness South Ward