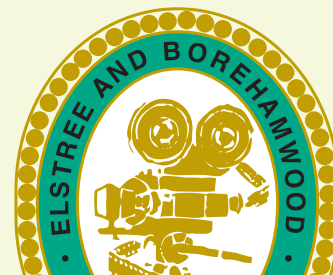


Annual Report 2013/2014



Mayor's Summary

Summing up at the Council meeting on 20 March 2014, the Town Mayor Cllr Clive Butchins said "It has been an exciting year - not just for me but for all of us involved with the Council. One of the highlights of the role for me as been the opportunity to visit our local schools and meet the young inhabitants of Borehamwood and Elstree."

Community Services

Allotments (Allum Road and Melrose Avenue sites): Plot occupancy was at 100% throughout the year.

Planning and Consultations: The Council considered a total of 322 planning applications, commenting on 69 of these. Consultation responses were made to eight documents, including the Community Infrastructure Levy Draft Charging Schedule and the Elstree Corridor Area Action Plan.

Site and Street Maintenance: The Council maintains the film plaques in Borehamwood, 53 benches and 8 notice boards. A contribution was made to Hertsmere Borough Council to match fund the cost of rejuvenating the Shenley Road planters with a commitment to contributing to ongoing maintenance costs. Both War Memorials and St Nicholas and All Saints closed churchyards are maintained by the grounds team.

Grants: A total award of £83,575 was made in budgets and community grants and fee waivers. £50,000 of this was by way of a one off grant towards the capital costs of 96 Shenley Road. A special grant was made towards the running costs of The Ark Theatre of £11,500.

Transport Forum: The Forum has responded to consultations on Hertfordshire's Travel Plan Guidance for Businesses and Residential Development, the Urban Transport Plan and 20 mph Speed Limits. It continues to act as a focal point for interested parties to share information and to debate issues of mutual concern. Representatives include First Capital Connect, Sullivan Buses and the Hertfordshire Constabulary.

Leisure and Entertainment

Hall Bookings: Fairway Hall is available for regular and casual hire and provides a service much in demand by the community through dance or yoga classes to private birthday parties or wedding receptions to name but a few examples.

Coach Trips: Once again, the subsidised coach trips for the over 60s were sold out. Oxford was agreed as a new destination for 2014/15.

Civic Festival: The festival fortnight was well received with helpful comments by the public for future improvements to be considered carefully by the Entertainments Committee for the forthcoming year.

Fireworks Display: To coincide with 100 years of filming in Elstree and Borehamwood, the theme of the event was Sci Fi (including music from films such as Star Wars and Flash Gordon). A crowd of thousands enjoyed this free event hosted by the Town Council.

Christmas 'Switch On' Event: Utilising the 96 Shenley Road facilities, the event was enjoyed by hundreds of residents, including a series of carols in the church by local schools, mulled wine and mince pies and a free ice skating rink. The event grows in size and popularity each year.

Children and Young People

School Swimming: The Council supports local schools in meeting the cost of travel to The Venue for swimming lessons.

Youth Council: Achievements included shrub planting at the railway station, 'H&Y Project', the introduction of a Youth Council Discount Card, MENCAP and Young Carers' support.

Public Access to Report

The report was approved by Full Council on 20 March 2014 and is available for inspection by any elector in the Parish area by contacting the Town Council Offices or viewing on the Council website. Copies are also available at Hertsmere Borough Council and the Borehamwood Library.

Finances

The Summary of Council Finances at Year End is as follows:

	Actual year to date	Current annual budget
General Management		
Expenditure	243,174	269,750
Income	372,819	368,370
Net Expenditure	-129,645	-98,620
Environment and Planning		
Expenditure	11,226	15,675
Income	4,137	5,653
Net Expenditure	7,089	10,022
Leisure and Entertainment		
Expenditure	80,520	85,395
Income	10,125	11,900
Net Expenditure	70,395	73,495
Community and Grants		
Expenditure	55,084	68,675
Income	0	0
Net Expenditure	55,084	68,675
TOTALS		
Expenditure	440,004	439,495
Income	387,081	385,923
Net Expenditure	52,924	53,572

General Reserve Fund: £245,000

Earmarked Reserves: £ 249,000

Earmarked Reserve expenditure in year: £50,000

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Elstree & Borehamwood Town Council meetings

For a full list of our forthcoming meetings, please see the website.

7 May	Annual Council	Civic Offices	7.30pm
27 May	Environment & Planning	Fairway Hall	7.30pm
28 May	General Management	Fairway Hall	7.30pm
10 June	Entertainments	Fairway Hall	7.30pm
18 June	COUNCIL	Civic Offices	7.30pm
24 June	Environment & Planning	Fairway Hall	7.30pm
3 July	Transport Forum	Civic Offices	7.00pm
15 July	Entertainments	Fairway Hall	7.30pm
17 July	General Management	Fairway Hall	7.30pm
22 July	Environment & Planning	Fairway Hall	7.30pm

Note: Times and venues of meetings may be changed at short notice. Meetings listed are open to the press and public.

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