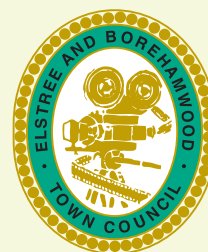


Annual Report 2014/2015



Mayor's Summary

Summing up at the Council meeting on 18 March 2015, the Town Mayor, Cllr Mrs P Strack, said "It has been a wonderful year for the Town Council and the Community of Elstree and Borehamwood with so much going on. The Council looks forward to a great Festival and VE Day celebration on Woodcock Hill. Thank you to all my Colleagues, Council Staff and Volunteers who make such a difference to people's lives locally."

Community Services

Allotments (Allum Road, Melrose Avenue and Stapleton Gardens): Plot occupancy continues to be 100% with 50 new plots being opened in the North of Borehamwood at a reclaimed site in the Summer of 2015. The bee keeping hives at Allum Lane are now well established.

Planning and Consultations: The Council considered a total of 334 planning applications, commenting on 65 of these. Concerns included overdevelopment, parking and the need for family sized dwellings in the area. Consultation responses were made to 13 documents, including a Parish and Town Council Charter, Bus Service Reductions, Elstree Village Conservation Area, Affordable Housing Document and "main modifications" to the Elstree Way Corridor.

Site and Street Maintenance: The Council maintains the film plaques in Borehamwood, 47 benches and 8 notice boards. The cost of keeping high street planters is shared with Hertsmere Borough Council. Both War Memorials, St Nicholas and All Saints Churchyard (and Church Clock) are maintained by the grounds team.

Grants: A total award of £4,800 was made in budgeted and community grants: Hertsmere Performing Arts (£750), Residents Association (£150 and inclusion in newsletter), Garden Crafts Society (£300), Elstree Screen Heritage (£1,600), Boreham Wood Football Club (£1,000) and Twin Town Association (£1,000).

Transport Forum: The Forum has responded to a consultation on proposed bus service subsidy reductions in Hertfordshire and received representations at its quarterly meeting from local bus service operators, train service providers, Hertfordshire Constabulary, road users and those affected by traffic and parking in the area on a wide range of issues. A particular achievement was pushing for improvements to the safety of Stirling Corner roundabout.

Events Forum: To demonstrate community engagement, a public events forum was re-established to hear views and suggestions on Council events from a wide range of age groups, interests and cultures.

Leisure and Entertainment

Hall Bookings: Fairway Hall is available for regular and casual hire and provides a service much in demand by the community including dance, yoga, children's activities, private birthday parties, theatrical shows, wedding receptions and public forums.

Coach Trips: the 12 subsidised coach trips for the over 60s were sold out. New destinations for 2015 were agreed as Cambridge and Poole.

Civic Festival: The Festival fortnight was hugely successful with a Summer Holiday themed Town Council float in the parade, there were over 20 entries. The Classic Car show was a novel addition to be repeated in 2015 and Families Day included over 60 community stalls, falconry, dog show and axe display.

Fireworks Display: The 5 November free entry display was choreographed to Elstree film and TV themes. Over 5,000 spectators enjoyed a safe and well organised show with the 'Penny for the Guy' competition growing each year.

Musical Concerts: A youth orchestra from San Francisco performed during the Festival as well as the brass band from Offenburg (Twin Town) and the BBC Band for a Christmas concert.

Christmas Switch On Display: New additions included a Santa's grotto, Christmas Tree, children's activities bus and cakes provided by the community. The ice rink, carousel and mulled wine/mince pies supplied by the Town Council continued to be appreciated.

Finances

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

	Actual year to date	Current annual budget
General Management		
Expenditure	£271,045	£262,245
Income	£390,218	£383,423
Net Expenditure	-£119,173	-£121,178
Environment and Planning		
Expenditure	£7,832	£12,730
Income	£6,057	£5,667
Net Expenditure	£1,775	£7,063
Leisure and Entertainment		
Expenditure	£85,156	£87,050
Income	£9,610	£11,000
Net Expenditure	£75,546	£76,050
Community Grants		
Expenditure	£39,041	£43,940
Income	0	0
Net Expenditure	£39,041	£43,940
TOTALS		
Expenditure	£403,074	£405,965
Income	£405,884	£400,090
Net Expenditure	-£2,810	£5,875

General Reserve Fund: £170,994

Earmarked Reserves: £298,212

Earmarked Reserve expenditure in year: £10,049 (for new Council van)



Children and Young People

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

Youth Council: Achievements included environmental improvements, raising funds for Hertsmere MENCAP and supporting a local young carers group.

Public Access to Annual Report

The report contents were approved by Full Council on 18 May 2015 and the report is available for inspection by any elector in the Parish area by contacting the Town Council Offices or viewing on the Council website (www.elstreeborehamwood-tc.gov.uk) and social media pages. The report is published in the quarterly Town Crier publication distributed to every resident in Elstree and Borehamwood (16,000 copies). Copies are available at the Town and Borough Councils and at Borehamwood Library.

2015 Elections

On 7 May 2015 General, Borough and Parish elections will take place resulting in a new set of Town Councillors in post from 11 May 2015. The new Mayor and Deputy Mayor will be appointed at the Annual Council meeting on 18 May 2015 along with Committee Chairmen and representatives on outside bodies.

Elstree & Borehamwood Town Council meetings

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

18 May	ANNUAL COUNCIL - MAYOR MAKING	Civic Offices	7.30pm
26 May	Environment & Planning	Fairway Hall	7.00pm
27 May	General Management	Fairway Hall	7.00pm
9 June	Entertainments	Fairway Hall	7.30pm
10 June	Youth Council Working Group	Fairway Hall	5.30pm
17 June	Youth Council	Civic Offices	6.30pm
17 June	COUNCIL	Civic Offices	7.30pm
23 June	Environment & Planning	Fairway Hall	7.00pm
1 July	Youth Council Working Group	Fairway Hall	5.30pm
2 July	Transport Forum	Civic Offices	7.00pm
14 July	Entertainments	Fairway Hall	7.30pm
16 July	General Management	Fairway Hall	7.00pm
21 July	Environment & Planning	Fairway Hall	7.00pm
1 September	Environment & Planning	Fairway Hall	7.00pm
2 September	Youth Council	Civic Offices	6.30pm
2 September	Events Forum	Fairway Hall	7.00pm

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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