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THE MAYOR’S MESSAGE

I have really enjoyed this summer as Brackley Town Mayor, it has been so much fun. The August Mayor’s Coffee Morning raised £235.00. Thank you so much to all who attended. I look forward to seeing you at the next one on Friday 1 December (at Brackley Town Hall) between 10am-12noon.

Myself and my Consort Ian, have attended so many wonderful events in our town. Often these events are being held to raise money for charities in Brackley, like the Brackley Beer Festival which is organised by the Brackley Round Table. This event moved for the first time to the Magdalen College, St John’s site and it was yet again a huge success raising money for so many groups across the town.

We also attended a Medieval Banquet at Winchester House to celebrate 800 years of St Peter’s Church.

This was a fantastic event with everyone dressed up in period costume. The Brackley Classic Car show which was held in the Town Park was a huge success again and had fantastic weather. Both of my charities had stalls at the show, thank you to everyone who gave generously on the day. Brackley Foodbank and SNYE (South Northants Youth Engagement), really appreciate the support, as do I.

SNYE, one of my charities, put on an amazing play and activity day in the Town Park at the end of August, free to attend and so much to do. Zorb balls, assault courses, go-karts, mud play, rodeo bull, orinoco art and the community police team to name a few along with Marvin and his one off art piece made by everyone on the day. These events are exactly why I chose the charity as one of mine this year, they bring so joy to children and families in Brackley.



Our clubs, groups and associations in Brackley are what makes it so special with something for everyone. Congratulations to Brackley Rotary Club on reaching its 50th year and 5th Brackley Scouts celebrated an amazing 70 years. They are the third largest Scout group in the district and it was lovely to be able to celebrate with both groups on such important occasions.

A personal highlight at the beginning of September, was opening the Brackley Charter Fair and having a go on the bumper cars whilst wearing the Mayor’s Chain. It was great fun and brilliant memory I will cherish because, like many residents, I have been going to the fair since I was a child.

Residents of Brackley’s twin town of Montabaur visited for a long weekend starting with a reception at the Town Hall, followed the next day with a concert by Brackley and District Brass Band. An afternoon tea, a trip to Stratford Upon Avon and a farewell dinner on Sunday. The visit was a great success reuniting old friends and new. Montabaur kindly hosted four Brackley charity cyclists before they started their 500-mile journey back to Brackley raising money for local charities. It was a pleasure to greet them at the finish outside the Town Hall.

I look forward to seeing you soon.

Councillor Sue Sharps
Brackley Town Mayor

Editorial Notes:

This magazine is produced by Brackley Town Council. Town Talk magazine is for the people of Brackley to help keep residents informed of community news, services and events, and to meet its statutory duty to inform residents of council business.

Where copy is supplied we retain the right to refuse, edit: spelling, grammar, any material that may cause offence or upset and non-essential copy in order to fit the space allowed.

Thank you to all who have contributed to this October 2023 publication.

The next issue will be in February 2024. Until then, please visit our website or social media channels for regular updates, news, projects, events and services in Brackley.

This edition is also available on our website as a PDF copy.

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Brackley Town Council is made up of 16 councillors who are elected every four years to represent their particular Wards.
All Town Councillors are volunteers and receive no payment.

BRACKLEY TOWN COUNCIL MEETINGS

NOVEMBER 2023

| | |
|---|-----------------------------------|
| Full Council Meeting | Monday 6 November - 19:00 |
| Planning & General Works, Finance & Policy, Direct Responsibilities & General Purposes Committee Meeting | Monday 20 November - 19:00 |

DECEMBER 2023

| | |
|---|-----------------------------------|
| Full Council Meeting | Monday 4 December - 19:00 |
| Planning & General Works, Finance & Policy, Direct Responsibilities & General Purposes Committee Meeting | Monday 18 December - 19:00 |

JANUARY 2024

| | |
|---|----------------------------------|
| Full Council Meeting | Monday 8 January - 19:00 |
| Planning & General Works, Finance & Policy, Direct Responsibilities & General Purposes Committee Meeting | Monday 15 January - 19:00 |

All meetings are held in the Civic Hall (Brackley Town Hall). Members of the public are welcome to attend all meetings.



THE ST PETER’S CHURCH 800TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION CONCERT!

On Saturday 25th November 2023 @ 7.30pm, in celebration of the 800th Anniversary of St Peter’s Church, Brackley Jubilee Choir performs the premiere of St Peter’s Gloria, written by local composer Roland Johnson as part of a concert programme including music by one of the UK’s most acknowledged modern choral composers - John Rutter.

At the request of Rev Rich Duncan, Vicar of St Peter’s, Roland Johnson, formerly on the staff at Stowe School, kindly agreed to compose St Peter’s Gloria to celebrate the 800th anniversary to be included as part of a series of events linked to Brackley’s parish church throughout 2023.

November 25th 2023, will be the first public performance of St Peter’s Gloria, which is written to reflect scriptural vignettes from the life of the apostle Peter along with poetic extrapolation from the Gospel stories. The Inspiration for the score echos music from the great works of classical music, including Handel’s Messiah and Mozart’s choral settings.

Chair of Brackley Jubilee Choir, Auriel Warwick said: “We are happy to have been invited to perform the premiere of St Peter’s Gloria and it seems entirely appropriate that our Musical Director, Nick Perry has chosen John Rutter’s Te Deum, along with other choral anthems.....”

“.....Brackley Jubilee Choir has been part of Brackley’s cultural life for over 45 years and we are looking forward to taking part in this 800th Centenary St Peter’s Church Celebration concert and welcoming both regular and new audience members from the growing Brackley and District community to join us”.

Diary note: Saturday 25th November 2023 @ 7.30pm, a Concert at St Peter’s Church, Brackley Tickets are £12.00 and will be available in advance via a member of the Choir or at the door.

Brackley Jubilee Choir is a mixed voice choir based in Brackley, Northamptonshire. The choir was originally formed in 1977 to celebrate the late Queen Elizabeth II’s Silver Jubilee, and since then has built an enviable reputation of successfully performing a number of challenging Sacred Music, Classical, Modern and Musical Theatre concerts. The choir rehearses every Tuesday 7.30 p.m. to 9.15 p.m. at the Baptist Church, Waynflete Close, Brackley, NN13 6AE. New members are always welcome to join us at our rehearsal evenings from 5th Sept 2023.

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Tombola
Spin the wheel
Local business stalls
Fairground games
Refreshments

Autumnal Fair

Saturday 28th October 2023
10am – 3pm
Brackley WI and Girl Guide Hall
(on Manor Road, opposite Waitrose)

Cash and card payments taken
All monies go towards the maintenance of Brackley WI and Girl Guide Hall

Brackley WI 66 Hall
Registered Charity Number 227446

The Brackley Morris Men Taster Sessions
Thursday evenings, 8pm, upstairs in Brackley Town Hall.

Ever felt curious about what our Morris dancers get up to? Now’s your chance to come along and have a go, all are welcome. Music and dance works wonders for mental and physical wellbeing. There’s no cost or commitment, and the winter months are a great time to have a go. All you need to bring is a sense of fun, fitness & friendship, We can teach you the rest.

The Brackley Morris Men have a 400 year history, the earliest record being a solid silver communion plate presented by the men to the parish in 1623, It’s inscribed with their names, and is still in the possession of St Peters Church. New members are always welcome to help ensure that this wonderful colourful piece of our local heritage continues to thrive. There’s nothing to lose by giving it a try!

Facebook: The Brackley Morris Men
E-mail: brackleymorris@gmail.com



COMMUNITY GRANT APPLICATIONS FOR 2024/2025

Each year, Brackley Town Council sets aside a designated amount of funds with the intention of distributing them as grants to voluntary organisations and community groups that offer services benefiting the residents of Brackley.

It’s important to note that these grants have certain limitations and will only be accessible to those organisations capable of demonstrating a genuine need for assistance.

For the upcoming financial year of 2024/2025, grant applications **are now open** and will remain open until 12 noon on **Friday 26 January 2024**.

If your organisation falls within this category and seeks financial aid to continue its valuable work in the community, we encourage you to apply now.

Please visit our website (www.brackleynorthants-tc.gov.uk) or email accounts@brackleynorthants-tc.gov.uk for the Grants Policy and this year’s application form.

| GRANTS ALLOCATED IN 2023 | |
|---|----------------|
| ORGANISATION | AMOUNT GRANTED |
| Brackley Youth Theatre | £2,000.00 |
| Brackley Jubilee Choir | £250.00 |
| South Northants Volunteer Bureau (SNVB) | £2,000.00 |
| South Northants Youth Engagement (SNYE) | £2,000.00 |
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| Brackley Swimming Club | £700.00 |
| Brackley European Association (BEA) | £800.00 |
| St. Peters Church | £425.00 |
| Chatty Café Scheme | £1,000.00 |
| Do it for Defib | £1,225.00 |



Established earlier this year, Brackley Swimming Club is an ambitious and friendly Club with our home at the Leisure Centre in Brackley. We offer a caring and inclusive environment for swimmers across all levels - a competitive Club with a community feel. Our members have the opportunity to become a talented, competitive swimmer or simply remain engaged in swimming as a means of fitness, recreation and participation.

We welcome swimmers aged 8+ who have reached Stage 8 of Swim England ‘Learn to Swim’ programme. We work closely with the Leisure Centre to ensure that a smooth pathway is available from Learn to Swim into Brackley Swimming Club. Presently, our training sessions take place at Brackley Leisure Centre and, with a growing membership, we will look to expand our current training hours to ensure we continue to meet all members’ needs. Land training will also be introduced to our schedule.

If you would like further information, please contact secretary@brackleyswimmingclub.org
www.brackleyswimmingclub.org



BRACKLEY BRANCH

The Brackley Branch would like to get to know all local veterans as well as those still serving in the military and welcome them.

We would love to see a contingent of veterans marching in the Remembrance Sunday Parade on Sunday 12 November. If you would like to join us, please contact using the details below.

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION, BRACKLEY BRANCH

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HS2 AND EKFB UPDATE

AUTUMN 2023



HS2 and EKFB Works Update

This spring, we began construction on the temporary diversion of a section of the A43. This diversion is required so that we can build the new A43 Overbridge that will carry traffic over the HS2 railway line.



We are now ready to complete the tie in works that will join the new temporary road to the existing A43. These works will include the installation of drainage, lighting, signage, resurfacing and white lining. For reasons of safety, these works will require full weekend closures. These full weekend closures are expected to take place at the end of November and early December. Our works will also involve temporarily closing a section of the Radstone Road, Radstone (the section of road between Radstone and the A43) to carry out remedial works to the Radstone Road junction.

Periodic overnight lane closures will continue along this section of the A43, northbound and southbound, allowing us to progress our works. We will continue to collaborate with National Highways and update local communities on the progression of our works.



We are committed to keeping you informed about the planning and delivery of HS2, Britain's new high-speed railway. We produce regular updates about the project, including notifications of our upcoming works, how it's being constructed and what we're doing to make it less disruptive. Please join the HS2 mailing list for updates in your area: www.hs2.org.uk/in-your-area

Brackley Allotment Association, Egerton Site



Alongside our construction activities, we are committed to helping local communities through various initiatives supporting charities, schools and employment opportunities. Working together with our subcontractor HW Martin, we are pleased to share our involvement in the replacement of fencing at the Brackley Allotment Association's Egerton Site, positioned alongside St. Peter's Church.

The original fence was in a state of disrepair and had endured significant damage. The team from HW Martin trimmed existing hedgerow and then carried out the installation of a new fence. This has successfully established a secure boundary between the neighbouring park and the allotments, contributing to a safer community space for the town of Brackley.

JOIN US AT OUR NEXT DROP IN EVENT AND MEET THE TEAM!

We will be visiting Egerton Hall in Brackley to give an update on our works in the local area.

Thursday, 2 November

1030am-2.30pm

Egerton Hall, Juno Cres, Brackley NN13 6GN

Details of all upcoming events are listed on the HS2 Events webpage.

CONTACT US

Contact our HS2 Helpdesk team all day, every day of the year on:

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Minicom **08081 456 472**

Email HS2enquiries@hs2.org.uk

Write to:

FREEPOST

HS2 Community Engagement

Website www.hs2.org.uk

To keep up to date with what is happening in your local area, visit: www.HS2inyourarea.co.uk

LOVE PARKS WEEK 2023 PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION



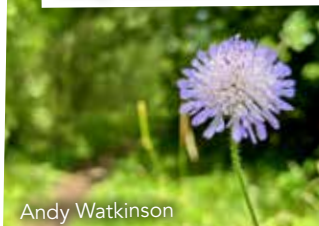
We are thrilled to announce the winner of our Love Parks Week photography competition! After receiving an abundance of gorgeous photos, it was a difficult decision to make, but without further ado, the winner is Andy Watkinson (winning photo to the left).

The winning photo beautifully captured the essence of our town's biodiversity open spaces.

We want to thank everyone who participated in the competition, and we were blown away by the creativity displayed in all of the entries.

Once again congratulations to the winner.

A special mention also to Brackley's famous sunflower grown by Debbie O'Neill. Measuring at a whopping 4.5 metres!



Andy Watkinson



Andy Watkinson



Andy Watkinson



Andy Watkinson



Andy Watkinson



Michelle Merritt



Debbie O'Neill's Sunflower



Joanna Worboy



Joanna Worboy



Joanna Worboy



Joanna Worboy



Madeline Shaw



Madeline Shaw



Michelle Merritt



Michelle Merritt



Michelle Merritt



Michelle Merritt



Suzanne Milner

ANNUAL REPORT 2022-23

Brackley is the third largest town in West Northamptonshire with an annual budget of £1.2 million. Our aim is to improve the quality of life for our residents, enhance the attractiveness of the town and make Brackley a town that is welcoming for visitors and businesses.

It can sometimes be difficult to know which tier of council is responsible for services and further information on who does what can be found on our website – www.brackleynorthants-tc.gov.uk.

For the first time in 3 years, 2022-23 was not disrupted by the pandemic and almost everything returned to normal. Meetings were held in person and our event calendar opened up again. In terms of national events, it has been a year of celebration and sadness with the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, her death and the Coronation of King Charles III.

Despite the planning and preparations in place, the passing of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II came as a shock to us all. Plans and protocols drawn up over a considerable period had to be implemented in a matter of hours. Brackley Town Council staff and councillors went above and beyond to ensure that the Town Council marked the Monarch's death in the appropriate way.

At the Annual Meeting of the Council in May 2022, Cllr Paul Wiltshire was elected Mayor of Brackley with Cllr Sue Sharps as Deputy Mayor. At the end of Cllr Wiltshire's term as Mayor, he had raised £8,400 which was split between Medical Detection Dogs and the Air Ambulance Service.

Over the last mayoral year, the Town Council delivered a series of events and activities which we hope were enjoyed by the entire community. The Queen's Jubilee Celebration was in June; Teddy Bear Festival in August; Fireworks, Armistice, Remembrance and Christmas Light Switch on in November; our Tractor Run and Carols in December; the Annual Town Meeting, Community Showcase and King Charles III Coronation event in May.

Our parks and open spaces are loved and enjoyed on a daily basis by thousands of residents and we continued to invest in improvements – from safer surfacing, new signage to additional tree planting, hedge laying and measures to enhance biodiversity.

The services and facilities provided by the town council include:

- Parks and open spaces
- Play equipment
- Town events
- Community venues – Town Hall, Old Fire Station and Egerton Hall
- Dog waste bins
- Flower beds, tubs and hanging baskets
- War Memorial
- Halse Road cemetery
- Litter bins (shared with WNC)
- Grit bins (shared with WNC)
- Grass cutting (shared with WNC)

TOWN COUNCIL STAFF FOR 2022-23

OFFICE Town Clerk, Deputy Town Clerk, Communications & Marketing Officer, Finance Officer and Receptionist.

ESTATES Operations Manager, Team Leader, Facilities Co-Ordinator, 3 Estates persons

COUNCIL MEETINGS

Brackley Town Council has 16 elected members and 5 main committees – Full Council, Staffing, Planning & General Works, Direct Responsibilities and General Purposes and Finance & Policy.

All meetings take place in the Civic Hall of the Town Hall and include a public participation item where members of the public can address the council on matters relevant to the business of the council or its committee.

PLANNING & GENERAL WORKS COMMITTEE

As a consultee, the Town Council continues to review all planning applications submitted within the town and passes on all comments to West Northamptonshire Council (the planning authority).

DIRECT RESPONSIBILITIES AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

The responsibility of this committee is to manage and control parks, playgrounds, open spaces including trees, cemetery and properties in the ownership of Brackley Town Council. It also considers matters relating to the local environment.

FINANCE AND POLICY COMMITTEE

This committee looks after money matters and controls the council's spending and oversees the annual budget. Along with setting policies and procedures.



Councillor Attendance 2022-2023

| Councillors | Present | Expected | % Percentage |
|--------------------|---------|----------|--------------|
| Anthony Bagot-Webb | 38 | 41 | 93 |
| Fiona Baker | 35 | 41 | 85 |
| *Russel Barrie | 15 | 28 | 54 |
| *Richard Butler | 3 | 9 | 33 |
| Chris Cartmell | 29 | 34 | 85 |
| *Jeremy Gladwin | 23 | 32 | 72 |
| Graham Judd | 32 | 34 | 94 |
| Jason Kew | 36 | 41 | 88 |
| Scott Langford | 22 | 41 | 54 |
| Kate Nash | 29 | 41 | 71 |
| Sue Sharps | 38 | 52 | 73 |
| Don Thompson | 33 | 41 | 80 |
| Bernie Tiller | 34 | 34 | 100 |
| *Adrian Watt | 1 | 1 | 100 |
| Simon Weaver | 40 | 41 | 98 |
| Elaine Wiltshire | 34 | 34 | 100 |
| Paul Wiltshire | 52 | 52 | 100 |
| Luke Young | 30 | 34 | 88 |

*Russell Barrie – resigned 8 January 2022.

*Richard Butler – resigned 9 June 2022.

*Jeremy Gladwin – started 5 September 2022 and resigned 22 March 2023.

*Adrian Watt – started 3 April 2023

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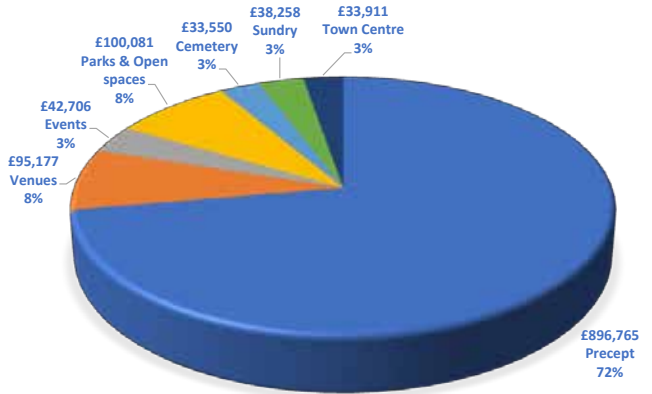
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| Expected | The number of meetings a Councillor was summonsed to Full Council, Planning & General Works, Direct Responsibilities & General Purpose and Finance & Planning |
| Present | The number of meetings a Councillor attended that they were summonsed to. |
| % Attendance | The percentage of meetings a Councillor attended of which they were summonsed to. |

All Councillors sit on Full Council and 2 other committees.

| Finance & Support Services | Grounds & Environmental Services | Community Services |
|---|--|--|
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Council administration• Support services – IT, professional fees, insurance, etc.• Civic costs• Office space | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Grounds administration• Open spaces & parks• Play equipment• Biodiversity• Vehicles• Grass cutting• Ditches, hedges and trees• Flowerbeds/baskets and pots• Dog waste bins• Bus shelters• Grit/litter bins (shared with WNC) | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Town Hall• Old Fire Station• Egerton Hall• Public toilets• Elections• Website/Town Talk/Newsletters• War Memorial• Christmas lights• Community events• Cemetery• Markets |

WHERE DOES OUR MONEY COME FROM?

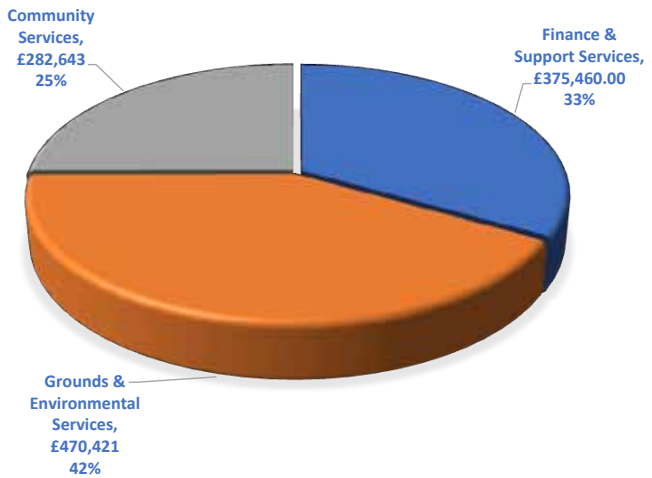
Brackley Town Council's income and expenditure for the year ending 31 March 2023 shows that we had a total income of £1,240,448.00 broken down as shown below.



Our single largest source of income is the Precept. This money, paid to us by West Northamptonshire Council is collected through the council tax and calculated on the number of dwellings within Brackley. It is paid in two halves in April and September and amounted to £896,765 for the 2022-23 financial year.

HOW HAVE WE SPENT THE MONEY?

We have placed just over £111,924 into reserves towards maintaining our services and a number of future projects which are currently under discussion but include improving our play spaces, youth provision, biodiversity, hosting more environmentally friendly events, improvements to our community buildings and improving communication with residents. The remaining £1,128,524 was spent as below:



Accounting Statements 2022-23 - Annual Return

Section 2 – Accounting Statements 2022/23 for

| ENTER NAME OF AUTHORITY | | | |
|---|--------------------|--------------------|---|
| | Year ending | | Notes and guidance |
| | 31 March 2022 £ | 31 March 2023 £ | |
| 1. Balances brought forward | 1,665,947 | 1,601,308 | Please round all figures to nearest £1. Do not leave any boxes blank and report £0 or Nil balances. All figures must agree to underlying financial records. |
| 2. (+) Precept or Rates and Levies | 865,450 | 896,765 | Total amount of precept (or for IDBs rates and levies) received or receivable in the year. Exclude any grants received. |
| 3. (+) Total other receipts | 257,962 | 343,683 | Total income or receipts as recorded in the cashbook less the precept or rates/levies received (line 2). Include any grants received. |
| 4. (-) Staff costs | 483,176 | 527,713 | Total expenditure or payments made to and on behalf of all employees. Include gross salaries and wages, employers NI contributions, employers pension contributions, gratuities and severance payments. |
| 5. (-) Loan interest/capital repayments | 0 | 0 | Total expenditure or payments of capital and interest made during the year on the authority's borrowings (if any). |
| 6. (-) All other payments | 704,875 | 600,812 | Total expenditure or payments as recorded in the cashbook less staff costs (line 4) and loan interest/capital repayments (line 5). |
| 7. (=) Balances carried forward | 1,601,308 | 1,713,231 | Total balances and reserves at the end of the year. Must equal (1+2+3) - (4+5+6). |
| 8. Total value of cash and short term investments | 1,611,361 | 1,743,266 | The sum of all current and deposit bank accounts, cash holdings and short term investments held as at 31 March – To agree with bank reconciliation. |
| 9. Total fixed assets plus long term investments and assets | 475,833 | 495,825 | The value of all the property the authority owns – it is made up of all its fixed assets and long term investments as at 31 March. |
| 10. Total borrowings | 0 | 0 | The outstanding capital balance as at 31 March of all loans from third parties (including PWLB). |

| For Local Councils Only | Yes | No | N/A | |
|--|-----|----|-----|---|
| 11a. Disclosure note re Trust funds (including charitable) | | | | The Council, as a body corporate, acts as sole trustee and is responsible for managing Trust funds or assets. |
| 11b. Disclosure note re Trust funds (including charitable) | | | | The figures in the accounting statements above do not include any Trust transactions. |

I certify that for the year ended 31 March 2023 the Accounting Statements in this Annual Governance and Accountability Return have been prepared on either a receipts and payments or income and expenditure basis following the guidance in Governance and Accountability for Smaller Authorities – a Practitioners' Guide to Proper Practices and present fairly the financial position of this authority.

Signed by Responsible Financial Officer before being presented to the authority for approval

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Date

15/05/2023

I confirm that these Accounting Statements were approved by this authority on this date:

15/05/2023

as recorded in minute reference:

MIN 29/23

Signed by Chairman of the meeting where the Accounting Statements were approved

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SNYE YOUTH CLUB BRACKLEY

Held at Brackley Leisure Centre
Drop in every FRIDAY

BRACKLEY LEISURE CENTRE

TIME: 7:30PM - 9PM
AGE: 11 - 15 YEAR OLDS

£2

COVID RESPONSIBLE

Activities include music, arts & crafts, games, sport, meeting new friends, chance to talk, plus tuck shop!

Come along or contact us to find out more:
admin@youth-engagement.co.uk

SNYE OCTOBER HALF TERM

SOUTHFIELDS PRIMARY SCHOOL, BRACKLEY, NN13 6AU

7-11 YRS

MULTI ART SESSIONS

Outdoor games, arts & crafts, sports, baking, dance, make new friends! Young people can learn new skills and develop existing ones.

TICKETS FREE NOW!

Club Information:

- 25-27 October, 2023
- 10 - 3pm
- Bring a packed lunch.

To book, please email:
admin@youth-engagement.co.uk

SNYE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

South Northants Youth Engagement

Just once a month!

SNYE runs youth clubs, activities, events + projects with young people across South Northants.

VOLUNTEERS WILL RECEIVE:

- Enhanced DBS check
- Level 2 Safeguarding Training
- First Aid Training
- Make new friends + become part of a GREAT team!
- Great experience for a job or university application

INTERESTED IN JOINING THE TEAM?

For more information please contact us on...

07816 466134

admin@youth-engagement.co.uk

SNYE 9-11 yrs Tuesdays Term Time 6:30-7:30pm

South Northants Youth Engagement

Southfields youth Club

£2 entry

Southfield Primary School
Banbury Road, Brackley, NN13 6AU

Activities include: arts & crafts, games, cooking, music, meeting new friends & tuck shop!

For more information please contact:
admin@youth-engagement.co.uk

BRACKLEY TOWN COUNCIL EVENTS
AUTUMN/WINTER 2023

**BRACKLEY FIREWORKS SPONSORED BY MERCEDES-AMG
PETRONAS FORMULA ONE TEAM**
Saturday 4 November

Taking place on Saturday 4 November, Brackley is gearing up for our annual spectacular free entry firework display, proudly sponsored by Mercedes-AMG PETRONAS Formula One Team.

The event promises to be an unforgettable evening of family fun and entertainment. The display will be held at St John's Site, Magdalen College School Playing Fields and gates will open at 17:00.

There will be a range of delicious hot food and drink stalls available to keep you warm, as well as a funfair and fantastic range of local community stall activities for the kids to enjoy. The Mercedes-AMG PETRONAS Formula One Team's W14 show car will also be on display, and members from the team will be in attendance to talk about the car and raise vital funds for their Official Team Charity Partner 2023 – 2024, Mind.

Make sure you don't miss the pre-show entertainment – the LED drummers will return this year but this time as a nine-piece band! The fifteen-minute firework display will start at 19:00. This event is always popular, so it's best to arrive early to secure a good viewing spot.

If you're in the area during the event, make sure to check it out and experience the magic of Brackley Fireworks.



REMEMBRANCE SERVICE & PARADE
Sunday 12 November

The Brackley Remembrance Service and Parade is an important event in the town's calendar, held annually to remember and honour those who have given their lives in service to their country. This year's parade and service will take place on Sunday 12 November.

The parade will start at 14:30 from Winchester House and will proceed down the High Street. A Service of Remembrance will then take place at 15:00, followed by wreath-laying at Brackley War Memorial.

CHRISTMAS LANTERN WORKSHOPS
Saturday 18 November and Sunday 19 November

Kicking off the festivities, get ready to decorate your lanterns for the Christmas Lantern Parade and Light Switch On! If you would like to book your child onto a workshop, please visit our events page on our website (www.brackleynorthants-tc.gov.uk/events). Please note, this is for booking purposes only. You will pay on the door for each child booked on. Payment can be cash or card on the day.

Price: £5.00 per child (includes lantern, light, elastic bands and cane) + £2.50 for additional siblings.

Venue: Old Fire Station Community Room

Workshop sessions: 9:00-11:00, 11:00-13:00, 13:00-15:00, 15:00-17:00

All children will need to be accompanied by an adult.

Once your lantern is complete, you will have the opportunity to showcase your creation in the lantern parade, which culminates in the town's light switch on event on Saturday 25 November. This is a wonderful opportunity for families to join with your community in celebrating the start of the festive season.

If you are unable to attend a workshop on any of the above dates, do not panic, we are selling the lantern packs for £2.50, so parents can purchase and collect from the Brackley Town Council office so you can decorate at home instead.



BRACKLEY TOWN COUNCIL EVENTS
AUTUMN/WINTER 2023

CHRISTMAS MARKET, LANTERN PARADE AND LIGHT SWITCH ON
Saturday 25 November

The Brackley Christmas Lantern Parade and Light Switch On will start a little earlier this year as the Christmas Market addition will begin from 15:00.

From 15:00, on the Piazza and Market Place, there will be a range of community group activities, craft stalls, home goods and festive food all supplied from local traders.

The lantern parade will be led by none other than Father Christmas himself and The Mayor of Brackley, Cllr Sue Sharps. The lantern parade will gather at Winchester House at 16:45 and commence at 17:15. The parade will slowly walk down the High Street and finish just in front of the War Memorial where the famous Brackley Christmas lights will be switched on at 17:30.



CHRISTMAS TRACTOR RUN
Sunday 10 December

The Christmas Tractor Run in Brackley is an annual event that takes place on the second Sunday in December. This year will be our third Brackley Christmas Tractor Run and it is now very much a firm favourite in the BTC office events calendar.

Once more, we will be raising money for the charity Yellow Wellies, an award-winning charity that supports the physical and mental wellbeing of UK farmers. In 2022, we raised £3,281.00. Incredible! But can we do even better this year, Brackley?

We hope to bring you between 50-100 tractors who will participate by decorating their tractors with lights, tinsel, and other Christmas

decorations. Spectators gather along the route to watch the parade of tractors pass by – please give them a wave as they drive past!

The tractor run will begin at 6pm and covers a predetermined route through the town. More details will be announced on our website and social media as we head into December.

CHRISTMAS COMMUNITY CAROL SERVICE
Sunday 17 December

From 18:00, on the piazza, we invite you to join Brackley Town Mayor, Cllr Sue Sharps, Brackley Town Council councillors and council staff to sing Christmas carols outside of the Town Hall and under the lights of the Christmas trees. Refreshments will be available and song sheets provided for everyone to join in the community singing.



HAVE YOUR SAY

Local Transport Plan Help Shape the Interim Bus Policy for West Northants

West Northamptonshire Council supports several local bus services, works with community transport operators to enable connectivity in rural areas, and supports the Concessionary Scheme that provides free travel for eligible residents.

A short-term local bus policy is being developed as part of a review of current provision. An interim bus policy will enable the council to maintain support for local bus services and the communities they serve until a new Local Transport Plan is developed and adopted around late 2024, early 2025.

People across West Northamptonshire are being invited to share their views on the new interim bus policy. Your feedback will be part of a report with other people's feedback, and you will not be personally identified. All responses will be considered and will help to shape decisions by the council on the development of the interim bus policy.

The findings of the consultation will be published and presented to council in early 2024. The consultation will be shared online between 29 September and 12 November. You can give your feedback by visiting: <https://westnorthants.citizenspace.com/travel-choices/interim-bus-policy/>



GET INVOLVED IN OTHER LOCAL DECISIONS

If you want your voice to be heard on other proceedings in West Northamptonshire, you can take part in many consultations and engagement activities ran by West Northants Council.

From having your say on SEND funding, to sharing your views on the Public Spaces Protection Order, your voice matters. The idea is to consult and engage with stakeholders so they can inform better decisions.

You can find a link to all current West Northamptonshire Council consultation activities on our Brackley Town Council website. (Homepage > News > West Northants Consultations).

BRACKLEY CLASSIC CAR SHOW

THE CHRISTMAS CLASSIC CAR SHOW IS ON!

30.12.2023 BRACKLEY MARKET PLACE

Between 09:30 and 13:00, the Brackley Classic Christmas Car Show will take place for another year running on the Market Place and Piazza (High Street).

The show is a celebration of vintage and classic cars, attracting car enthusiasts from all over the local area.

Entry is free but we welcome any charity donations on the day towards the Mayor's charities. Collection this year is for the South Northants Youth Engagement (SNYE) and the Brackley Foodbank.

During the event, there are many fantastic shops and places to grab a tea/coffee from in town so please support our local businesses and shop local. Public toilets will be available at the top of the Market Place car park.

All the vehicles are loved and cherished by their owners so please be careful around them during the show.

For further updates and event details, please keep updated by visiting the official Facebook page: Brackley Classic Car Show.





BRACKLEY TOWN COUNCILLOR SURGERY DATES

SATURDAY 4 NOVEMBER

The Old Fire Station, 2pm- 4pm
Councillor L Young, Councillor J Kew, Councillor A Watt,
Councillor W King and Councillor S Sharps

FRIDAY 8 DECEMBER

Brackley Town Hall, 10am-12noon
Councillor P Wiltshire, Councillor S Weaver, Councillor E Wiltshire,
Councillor W King and Councillor S Sharps

During the surgery, residents can raise any issues or concerns they have about their local area directly with their ward councillor.



TIM PRIDMORE – CELEBRATING 20 YEARS AS VOLUNTEER WARDEN

If you recently walked through Farthinghoe Nature Reserve and saw a group of volunteers eating cake and celebrating, there was good reason for it. Tim Pridmore the volunteer warden of the reserve had just reached the 20-year mark looking after this wildlife gem on the doorstep of West Northamptonshire.

Farthinghoe Nature Reserve is 4 miles west of Brackley and is maintained by Brackley & District Wildlife Trust. The site was once part of a railway between Brackley and Banbury and now consists of a patchwork of woodland, meadows and glades managed to achieve a diversity of habitats for wildlife.

Tim's role as an instrumental member of the Brackley Wildlife Trust has been invaluable to the organisation's mission to preserve and protect the local wildlife and their habitats.

Tim went down to Farthinghoe Nature Reserve in 2003 to help Cliff and Joyce Christie who had looked after the reserve since its beginnings in 1987. And from that point on he took over the stewardship of its upkeep and development. He has not only observed and reported on wildlife on the reserve but has adapted and created an environment allowing things to thrive in changing times.

His first work party, back in 2003, comprised three people. Tim, his wife Lin and his nine-year-old son. Now there are around a dozen regular helpers that maintain the meadows, pond area, paths, and benches (all built by Tim).

Star fact: Tim has recorded 815 different species of moths on the reserve over his 20 years. And he knows their names in English and Latin!

So, a massive thank you to Tim Pridmore. Here's to the next 20!



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