

Meet your Councillor

On alternate Friday and Saturday mornings 10am - 12noon Town Councillors are on hand at the Town Hall to listen and help you with your questions. If they need referring to the County or District Council we can signpost you to people who can help. Check the Town Council website for actual dates.

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This year saw more hanging baskets and cascade planters than ever before in Bolsover. We have also been able to extend floral displays to the railings at Hornscroft Park and Carr Vale.

We are also very proud that our surrounding communities, which include Shuttlewood and Whaley, now have floral displays as they are, and should feel, very much part of Bolsover.

Our achievements over the last year...

- 6 cascade planters
- 2 square planters
- 70 hanging baskets
- 3 stone planters
- 10 railing planters
- winter planting
- Other areas around the town, e.g. the Cenotaph, Stone Cairns etc.
- Watered twice a week and installation of new planters, erecting and removal of baskets etc.



Our aims for the future...

- Bring more colour to the streets of Bolsover - to make it look and feel a great place to live and visit.
- To put Bolsover on the map with it's displays all year round.
- Bolsover to be 'talked about' so people want to come and visit us.
- To extend and grow year on year, include new schemes, for example spring bulb planting and wildflower areas.
- Look at new ways to encourage wildlife and to protect and value our rich environment through planting.
- Include and encourage individuals, shops, businesses and groups to take part, anything from a hanging basket, a front garden, or something bigger!

Tree Survey

We shall shortly be surveying all mature trees on council sites; Hornscroft, Back Hills, King George V playing fields, Moor Lane club, Bainbridge Hall, Whaley, Shuttlewood and Cundy House to ensure they are healthy and don't prove a danger to residents.

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Where do we go from here...

Our wish is to continue to work hard so Bolsover in Bloom is the best in the area but we cannot do it without support. If you already do so then please continue. If you don't, would you please consider helping through making a donation or if you could offer support in any other way.

This can be done by contacting Old Bolsover Town Council and they will advise you how you can support or donate to this fantastic and growing project that makes our Town special, look bright, colourful and welcoming.

If you can help however big or small, please contact; clerk@oldbolsovertowncouncil.gov.uk or telephone 01246 823809

Councillor Michele Longden Deputy Town Mayor for Bolsover in Bloom

Thank you...

We couldn't have done or do what we do without the incredible support we get from our shops and businesses.

All the donations big and small are gratefully received and much appreciated. The list of contributors is published every year and their generosity acknowledged.

We hope they also feel proud to see their donations make a difference.

Old Bolsover Town Council also give great support to the scheme in both time and contributions.

Using local businesses is important to us so 'thank you' also goes to Gilgrass Nurseries for the excellent planting and to Garden Flair for ensuring that displays are kept watered throughout the season. I am sure you will agree they have looked amazing this year. A note of thanks also to Mick Chapman for tending the troughs at Whaley.



Issue 1

Welcome

Welcome to **Your Bolsover...** the exciting new publication from Old Bolsover Town Council.

All our councillors feel very proud of where they live and want you (our residents) to feel proud too, which is why we've introduced this newsletter to keep you informed about all the new things we have planned. It will let you know what we have achieved and what we are working on to improve Bolsover and surrounding communities.

We would also like to introduce you to our new look, our new identity and our new logo, which we think makes us a little more modern. Over the next few months you'll see our new logo and styling start to appear around the town and online, so keep a look out and watch this space!



Did you know....

Most households in Bolsover pay less than £2 per week for all of these services provided by the Town Council:

Parks, play areas and open spaces.
Manage and support community venues at Bainbridge Hall, Bolsover Assembly Hall and the Oxcroft Centre.
Allotments.
Oxcroft Lane Cemetery.
Bolsover Market.
Christmas Lights.
Bolsover in Bloom.
Food & Drink Festival.
Town Centre CCTV.

Christmas Festival & Lantern Parade.
Remembrance Sunday Service & Parade.
Armistice Day arrangements.
Bolsover Firework Display.
Supporting community events including: Bolsover Gala, Hill Race, Flower Festival.
Supporting community projects including: Freedom Community Cafe, Freedom Community Shop, Boza Youth inc. Lantern making workshops.



Our priority areas are:

Hornscroft Park

Improvements to the park, for example, seating, lighting etc so it is a park for all. Conversion of the former Bowl area into a more useful space is a priority.

Town Square

The former market area which was a joint responsibility of the District and Town Councils is now owned outright by the Town Council. We are investigating ideas for radically improving the square to make it an attractive and useful public space for town events throughout the year.

Allotments

The council owns more than 500 allotment sites throughout the area, many of which need radical improvement. We are looking at a programme of how to do this.

Local Events

In addition to the **Food & Drink Festival** and the **Christmas Festival & Lantern Parade**, the Events Group is always looking at exciting events to bring to the town, for example November's first **Remembrance Day Buffet**, which was a huge success. There are many other ideas in planning, as well as continued support for the **Bolsover Gala** and **Under the Castle Music Festival**.

Bolsover in Bloom

Elsewhere in this issue you can read about how each year we improve this highly popular addition to the town centre and surrounding villages.

Communications

Your council is looking at ways we communicate with you all. This **Newsletter** and **Town Directory** are part of this, alongside plans for improved signage for community buildings; the Town Hall, Assembly Hall, Bainbridge Hall and Oxcroft Centre. Further in this issue read about our weekly **'Meet Your Local Councillor'** sessions at the Town Hall.

Those projects which will rely on significant funding will not happen immediately but we will be working hard to identify budgets or possibilities for accessing external funding. We will keep you informed on progress.

Elsewhere in this issue you can read more about these and other initiatives we have in place to improve our town. We all know it is a great place to live. I can assure you that your Town Council will work flat out on your behalf to make it even better.

Councillor Bernard Haigh

Town Mayor
Chairman of Old Bolsover Town Council

Things are changing on our Allotments



Councillor Geoff Davis for Allotments Sub Committee

Old Bolsover Town Council owns and manages 530 allotment plots on 9 separate sites.

The Allotment Sub Committee who report to the Council are dedicated to promoting our allotments and helping individuals, families and Community Groups, to enjoy the outdoors, grow their own produce and create leisure space.

However, it is clear that some plots are overgrown, derelict, creating an eyesore and nuisance to other allotment holders and local residents. We will be reminding allotment holders of their obligations under the terms of the signed allotment agreements. The key points being:- Keep allotments clean and in a good state of fertility and free from weeds. The numbers of poultry kept limited as per agreement, not to deposit rubbish and to keep hedges trimmed.

Plot holders not complying with the terms of the tenancy agreement will have their tenancy terminated.

It is our sole intention to make our community allotments safe, clean and happy places for all to enjoy.

Exciting new plans for the Town Square

One of our 'Task and Finish' groups is looking at how the Town Square, opposite the Post Office, can be best utilised. At the moment it is only used for special events such as the Food and Drink Fair and the rest of the time it is not used at all as no facilities are currently provided there.

The first meeting was held in the middle of September and a number of possible options were discussed regarding how the area could be potentially used all year round. Ideally the space should be available for general recreational and social purposes, combined with a regular programme of special events, and some suggestions made included a summer beach theme, winter ice rink during the Christmas Festival, farmers' and other specialist markets, musical and Street Food events.

In order to achieve this, and to get the most benefit from the space, it would be necessary to provide a permanent canopy over the area and the design could also include the option for covering the sides of the structure for additional protection from the weather. We are currently in discussion with contractors to obtain a concept design with a quotation together with identifying any urban designers who may be able to assist with providing options for the site; the project would need to include the full resurfacing of the area, the reinstatement of electrics, lighting and sound facilities.

It was recognised that the plans would have to meet any requirements of the District Conservation Officer and it was agreed that once the concept design has been accepted the Council will take pre-application advice from the Planning Officers at Bolsover District Council.



Councillor Paul Goodwin for Town Square working group



Hornscroft... a park for everyone

In response to a general feeling that there is a lack of facilities in our town for younger residents, the Council agreed at its October meeting to commission professional contractors to provide a range of designs for a multi-purpose recreational area.

This venture is proposed to be positioned around the currently unused 'Bowl Site' and will provide new facilities for skateboarders, scooters and cyclists. The high-quality facility is expected to cost around £200 - £300K and is in addition to other plans that ensures Hornscroft Park has better lighting, seating, shelters, wireless access points and CCTV. All of these measures will provide a safely monitored area, that all can enjoy. The plans will go out to full public consultation with all Bolsover residents and more information will be available in our next issue of 'Your Bolsover'.

Councillor Bernard Haigh for Hornscroft working group

Become a Bolsover Friend

The Town Council is compiling a database of people who are prepared to give a little of their time to help with events in and around our town. If you would like to help from time to time with marshalling, setting up events, ticket sales and generally being involved in our events please leave contact details at the Town Hall, Cotton Street or contact the Town Clerk Andrew Tristram by email clerk@oldbolsovertowncouncil.gov.uk

Councillor Geoff Davis for Events working group



Councillors: Rushby, Longden, Cooper, Haigh, Goodwin, Clarke, Adams, Cooper and Town Clerk Andrew Tristram following the 2019 Remembrance Day commemorations.

Any ideas for the Market Place phone box?

In 2015 the red phone box designed in 1924 was voted the greatest British design of all time, ahead of the Spitfire, union jack and Concorde. The council has bought our Market Place one from BT and we are wanting ideas of what to use it for. Elsewhere in the country they have become libraries, iPhone repair businesses, coffee shops and planter boxes. We are getting it painted and reglazed. Let us know what you would like to see it used for.



Traffic Enforcement

Town Council members are meeting with Derbyshire County Council to finalise plans to solve the traffic issues on the pedestrianised area of Cotton Street and around the War Memorial. We have considered a number of options over the years and are now looking at Automated Bollards, which will be funded by the Old Bolsover Town Council. Currently, there are large numbers of vehicles accessing these areas illegally, committing moving traffic



offences and parking in prohibited areas.

In October council members met with Hardyal Dhindsa, Police and Crime Commissioner for Derbyshire to discuss traffic enforcement in the town. He promised his support in assisting the council to achieve a less lawless flouting of traffic rules by a small minority of people.



We are continuing to invest in our Christmas Lights in the Town.

Last year saw more lights in Town End and improved Christmas Trees above shop premises, together with an illuminated Christmas Tree next to Bainbridge Hall and illuminated trees on the main road in Carr Vale.



Historic Bainbridge Hall needs some TLC

Councillor Derek Adams for Bainbridge Hall working group

Bainbridge Hall was originally built by Emerson Bainbridge Circa 1894 as an orphanage to house children whose fathers died in the service of the Bolsover Colliery Company.

The Hall was renovated in the mid 1970s and then again in 2004/5.

After site visits to the hall it is quite clear that this fabulous old building requires further renovation work to bring it up to a standard that the town deserves. The town council has already started getting quotes in for remedial work and we hope to get started with this as soon as possible.

The hall is very well patronised with various groups that hold meetings and activities within including local resident's group, Freedom Project who run a café, citizens advice, just to name a few.

We as a town council also believe that with a spruce up the hall could be used for quite a few more functions because of the size of the rooms and ease of access. Weddings, parties, and all types of events could be staged here.



Bolsover Welcomes Morrisons

The opening of Morrisons Supermarket in Bolsover has brought an influx of jobs for local people. The new store, together with four retail units, has completely regenerated the former site of the old District Council offices and will bring much needed new business into the town. This brings a much improved retail offer to the town encouraging more people to shop locally adding to the diverse selection of independent retailers we already have in the town.

Assembly Hall

The Assembly Hall in Bolsover is ideally situated in the town centre with parking facilities on site as well as being very close to public transport facilities. With full disabled access and offering various room sizes, it is a very popular venue for many local organisations and events. The Bolsover Drama Group, Storm Martial Arts and Harlequin School of Dance are just some of the regular users providing leisure opportunities for local residents.

On 23rd August 2019 the Annual General Meeting took place and under discussion was the need to ensure the facilities on offer were of a viable standard. As the Assembly Hall has been well used over the past few years, it is apparent that the small hall floor needs replacing and overall redecoration throughout is required to reflect a modern and attractive setting. This work will ensure that the residents of Bolsover and visitors to this popular town will continue to benefit from this local facility.

Councillor Tim Bagguley, Town Council representative on the Trustees committee



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Saturday 28 March
Bolsover Drama Group; 'One Night Around the Jukebox', Assembly Hall

Monday 27 April
Annual Town Meeting
Bolsover Assembly Hall

7, 8, 9 May
Under the Castle Music
Event Carr Vale

Sunday 28 June
Bolsover Gala -
Hornscroft Park

Saturday 25 July & Sunday 26 July
Bolsover Food and
Drink Festival

Sunday 6 September
Bolsover Hill Race

Sunday 8 November
Remembrance Day
Parade and Civic Service

Wednesday 11 November
Remembrance Day
Minutes Silence at
Cenotaph 11am

Saturday 28 November
Christmas Festival and
Lantern Parade

For more information
please email our town
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