



# **Barton-Upon-Humber**

## **Town Council**

Annual Report

2021-22



## A Word from the Mayor

Welcome to this year's Annual Report from Barton upon Humber Town Council. We are happy to be able to bring you this report allowing us to be as open and transparent as possible about what your Town Council does and where we spend the money that we receive.

It has once again been a very unusual year which finally looks to getting back to more normality as we enter the new financial year, lots of work has been done to help us become more efficient at supporting the Town to adapt with further devolution of services from North Lincolnshire Council and the exciting prospect of a monthly market on the horizon. I would encourage all members of the public to get in touch and let the Council know if there are any changes you would like to see in the future as we look to increase the levels of community engagement we get.

I would like to thank all of my fellow Councillors for the work they have put in and for supporting me over the last year and especially to our Clerks Tracey, Carol and Vicki for working hard to help us achieve our goals and I look forward to exciting times coming in the next year with events returning, the Queens Jubilee celebrations and the Town market coming back.






*Councillor Ben Troop*








*High Street, Barton Upon Humber*



## Your Councillors at a glance

<p><b>Councillor Alvin Chapman</b></p> <p>Cllr Chapman is a member of the Personnel, Environment and Community Committees.</p>	
<p><b>Councillor Ann Clark</b></p> <p>Cllr Clark is a member of the Environment Committee and Planning Committee.</p>	
<p><b>Councillor Jonathan Evison</b></p> <p>Cllr Evison is a member of the Environment, Community and Finance and General Purposes Committees.</p>	
<p><b>Councillor Soozy Evison</b></p> <p>Cllr Evison is a member of the Finance &amp; General Purposes and Environment Committees.</p>	
<p><b>Councillor Neil Jacques</b></p> <p>Cllr Jacques is a member of the Planning, Environment and Finance &amp; General Purposes Committees.</p>	



<p><b>Councillor Christine Patterson</b></p> <p>Cllr Patterson is a member of Planning and Finance &amp; General Purposes Committees.</p>	 A portrait of Councillor Christine Patterson, a woman with short blonde hair, wearing a dark blue top, smiling.
<p><b>Councillor Nigel Pinchbeck</b></p> <p>Cllr Pinchbeck is a member of the Planning and Community Committees.</p>	 A portrait of Councillor Nigel Pinchbeck, a man with short grey hair, wearing a dark suit jacket over a dark shirt.
<p><b>Councillor Carol Thornton</b></p> <p>Cllr Thornton is a member of the Planning, Environment and Community Committees.</p>	 A portrait of Councillor Carol Thornton, a woman with short grey hair and glasses, wearing a colorful patterned blouse, smiling.
<p><b>Councillor Alan Todd</b></p> <p>Cllr Todd is a member of the Community and Finance &amp; General Purposes Committees.</p>	 A portrait of Councillor Alan Todd, a man with a beard and glasses, wearing a red jacket over a dark shirt.
<p><b>Councillor Ben Troop</b></p> <p>Cllr Troop is currently Barton Upon Humber Town Council's Mayor as well as being a member of the Community, Personnel and Finance and General Purposes Committees</p>	 A portrait of Councillor Ben Troop, a man with short dark hair, wearing a light blue button-down shirt.



**Councillor Paul Vickers**

Cllr Vickers is currently Barton Upon Humber Town Council's Deputy Mayor and is a Member of the Community Committee, Personnel and the Finance and General Purposes Committees.



**Councillor Keith Vickers**

Cllr Vickers is a member of the Planning Committee.



## Finance & General Purposes

As the Chair of the Finance and General Purpose Committee I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all well for 2022.

The committee have worked hard to recommend a freeze on your council tax for the financial year 2022/2023. We are happy to report this recommendation was agreed at a meeting of the full council in January. We appreciate the contribution you pay in council tax to allow Barton Upon Humber Town Council to continue to deliver a number of services and events such as Picnic in the Park and the Christmas Festival. We also appreciate the positive feedback we have received regarding the Bartonian. I would like to thank the advertisers, editorial team and everyone who contributes to the Bartonian including the volunteers who deliver the publication. The Bartonian will continue to be published throughout the financial year 2022/2023.

In the upcoming budget we have ensured that funds are available for groups to apply for. If you belong to a group that is interested in applying for grants, please contact the Town Clerk for further details.

We are also in the process of looking at further services the council could take over delivering from North Lincolnshire Council. We currently have the responsibility for the amenity grass cutting and are hoping to hire a handy person to help look after the town and deal with issues in a timely manner, ensuring the town is always looking at its best. We are also purchasing a couple of speed indicator devices which will be located at different sites that have been identified as the best locations for them to help reduce vehicle's speeds.



This year we will celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, 70 years is a fantastic achievement and one I know we as a community are rightly proud of and one that certainly deserves celebrating. If you are celebrating this unique achievement please let the Town Council know and we may be able to help even if it's just to promote your event.

Let's hope the town has a busy and successful year and we are all able to enjoy the fantastic events which are planned for the coming year.

Lastly, I would like to thank my fellow Councillors and the Town Council staff who continue to work hard in the best interests of Barton Upon Humber.

*Councillor Paul Vickers*

Chairman of Finance & General Purposes Committee

## Planning

The Planning Committee scrutinises every planning application for Barton. We meet every 3 weeks, all year round, which enables comments to be submitted to North Lincolnshire Council within the consultation period for each application. Over the last year we have considered nearly 100 planning applications, which reflects that Barton as the second largest town receives more than other towns and parishes in the county except Scunthorpe. These range from large housing developments to small extensions to properties – and all are carefully considered. Some of the notable ones include the conversion of Providence House to apartments, and significant housing developments off Falkland Way and also more recently Horkstow Road. North Lincolnshire Council are the Planning Authority and make the final decision on whether applications are successful but we always make our view known as your local representatives.

*Councillor Nigel Pinchbeck*

Chairman of Planning Committee

## Environment

It goes without saying that 2021 has been an odd year. We did not meet as a committee until September due to Covid restrictions but have made up for lost time. It has been a busy few months and here are some of the highlights. In May members of the committee helped volunteers sow Barton's first wild flower verge on Butts Road and this has led to plans for more to be planted in the next few months. Assisted by Barton Lions Club and other volunteers, we also planted several thousand daffodil bulbs in Tofts Road Park, Dam Road Playing Field and Butts Road Park in October. I checked recently, and they are just starting to emerge.



We were unable to have our usual hanging basket displays as the lamp posts they are fixed to were repainted and the hanging brackets no longer conform to current standards. We are purchasing new ones for the coming year. Also new for the coming year will be some tiered planters, probably in the market place, to give some height to the floral displays in the town. In addition to taking on the grass cutting from North Lincolnshire Council we are also seeking to add some of their planters to the contract about to be let for the Town Council's planters. We shall specify the use of peat free compost as part of our effort to reduce the Town Council's carbon footprint. The suggested planting scheme for this year is to celebrate the Platinum Jubilee, and recently we were successful in getting a grant of £250 to support these plans. We also hope to have completed the takeover of the planting of the roundabout at the top of Ferriby Road by the time of the Annual Town Meeting.

After several years of trying, we now have a full list of all the litter and dog bins in the town so can start the audit, to check which ones are still in place and where new ones are needed. The usual Hanging Basket and Best Kept Garden Competitions took place again this year with some very impressive displays for the judges to enjoy. We are looking to revamp the competition for the coming year. More details in the next Bartonian.

Despite some of the drawbacks of last year we were awarded the accolade of Most Improved Large Town in the CPRE (Campaign to Protect Rural England) Best Kept Town and Village Competition. There are a few areas needing our attention for next year, but the judges praised the lack of litter (thanks to Barton Baggers), and the wild flower verge in particular as well as many well kept private gardens.

It remains for me to thank the office staff for their work and the other members of the committee.

*Councillor Neil Jacques,*  
Chair of Environment Committee

## **Community**

It has been a very strange year for us as a Community Committee with some of our biggest tasks normally revolving around the two events that the Town Council run, sadly this wasn't to be with Covid restrictions leaving us unable to hold the Picnic in the Park and the weather putting a stop to the Christmas Festival.

I was particularly sad about having to cancel the Christmas Festival at the last minute as so much effort was put into pulling together what I believe would have been one of the best events to date.



Money that has been saved from the cancelled events has been moved towards making improvements to the Christmas lights in the town and making upgrades that wouldn't have normally been within our budgets.

The community committee have also widened the scope of what we look at now with the addition of Community engagement and speed monitoring to the agenda, this enables us to look at what the council can do to support the community more with shop local and the Councils website and Facebook page being brought into discussion.

We now look forward to 2022 with the Picnic in the Park and Christmas Festival back on the agenda alongside plans to help the town celebrate the Queens Platinum Jubilee along with supporting all of the other great events that happen in Barton.

I would like to thank all of the committee members and Tracey, Carol and Vicki for all of their hard work and ability to react quickly to changing circumstances and also to the public for their understanding and support throughout the last year.

*Councillor Ben Troop*  
Chairman of Community Committee

## **The Neighbourhood Plan**

The Neighbourhood Steering Group and volunteers have made great progress over the last year. Further consultation has taken place within the town in the form of face to face events and online engagement. With the fantastic work that the Neighbourhood Plan sub-groups have undertaken it has been possible, with the expert guidance from our Planning Consultant to produce the draft policies of the plan. A detailed Housing Needs Assessment has been produced by AECOM with thanks to the Steering Group, Integreat Plus and North Lincolnshire Council Officers who have all contributed to the development of the document. A new bespoke logo has been created and will be on display on all Neighbourhood Plan documents and media. Further funding is being sourced to fund the work required to create the Design Codes and more work will be undertaken on the preparation of the Neighbourhood Plan policies which cover Housing, Environment, Infrastructure, Community Services, Business and Industry, Sports and Leisure and Culture and Tourism.







## Annual accounts 2021/22

Barton Upon Humber Town Council accounts are subject to External and Internal Audit. Residents are given the opportunity to inspect the accounts every year once they have been approved by the Full Council and submitted to the External Auditor. This public notice will be clearly displayed on the notice boards and the website and social media areas around June/July each year.

The council has been very busy this year. There have been essential improvements to the Assembly Rooms. Urgent electrical and lift repair work has taken place with further improvements and repairs including contributions from CHAMP. The Bartonian has now had one full year in the new format and has been very well received in the community. There has been great support from local businesses and following a review a further year in the same format is planned. Continued support from the council to community groups has been strong with continued regular support to some groups and new support to for projects that have been of great benefit to the town. Grant applications are welcome from all community groups. This has been the second season the council has had the responsibility for town verge cutting and amenity grass cutting and with the addition of wild flower verges and trees the contract is going really well. A summer event was planned in the summer but did not progress due to pandemic restrictions. The Christmas event was planned and all good to go ahead when sadly it had to be cancelled due to the poor very windy weather. The savings from these events have been transferred to the purchase of new Christmas Lights and towards the Platinum Jubilee event which is an additional event in 2022. Also the purchase and display of Jubilee bunting has been made to install and remain in the town until the Christmas Lights go up.

*Tracey Broughton*

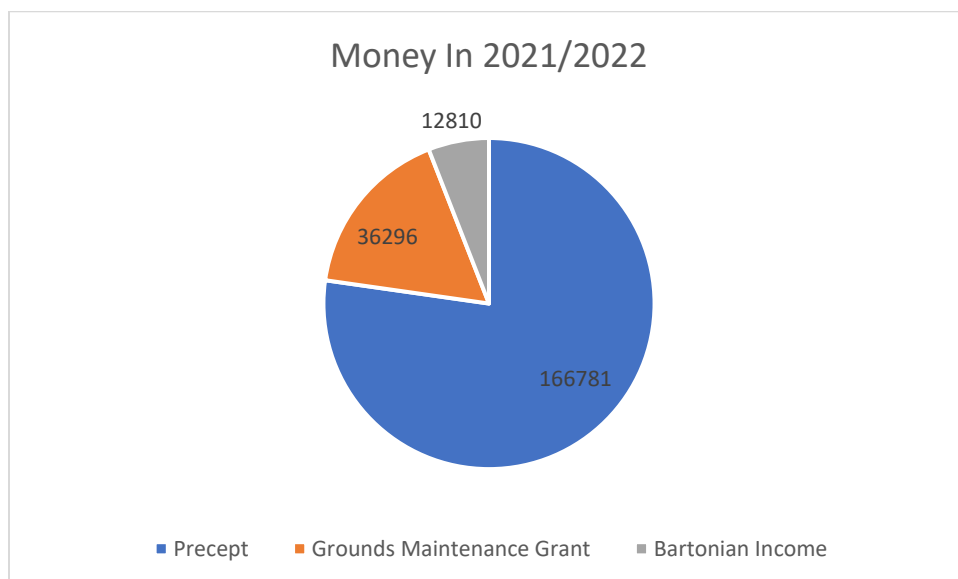
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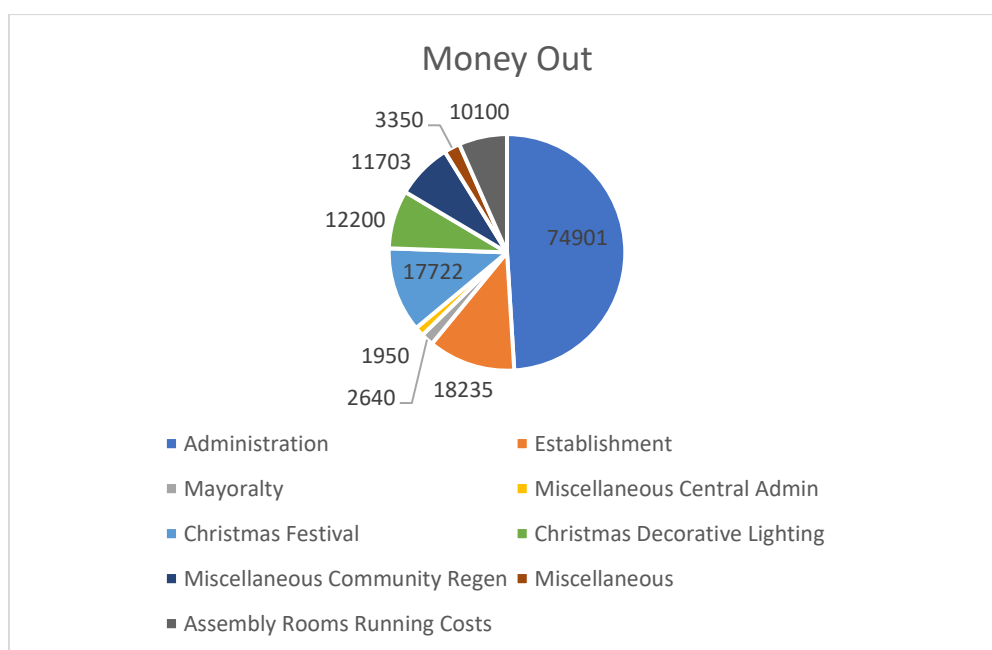
*Waters' Edge Visitor Centre and Country Park, Barton Upon Humber*



## Where does the funding come from?



## Where does the money go to?





## Grants Awarded

In 2021/22 the council has supported:

- Barton Arts - £2,000.00
- Barton Lions Club Beer Festival - £2,000.00
- Ted Lewis Centre - £100.00
- Barton Lions Bonfire & Firework Display - £2,000.00
- Barton Upon Humber Armed Forces & Veterans Breakfast Club - £500.00
- Barton Tourism Partnership - £6,000.00
- Christmas Lantern Parade - £3,000
- Duck Egg Theatre – Film Project £500

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- Rural Car Scheme £500

## Grants awarded

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- General donations (Section 137)
  - Barton Bagger Scheme £240

In previous years, before the current pandemic Barton Upon Humber Town Council has awarded grants each year to many local community groups to help them put on events in the town,

hopefully we will be able to continue this in the future.

- Town Bus Grant £1548.63
- Barton Public Conveniences £2352
- Maintenance of Town Clock £204.80



Barton Upon Humber Town Council gives funding each year to North Lincolnshire Council to support the running of the Town Bus and for Public Conveniences in the town to be open at a weekend:

**Any requests for grant funding from Barton Upon Humber Town Council must be made by completing the Town Council Grant Application form. Details can be requested from the Council Office via email: [info@bartonuponhumbertowncouncil.gov.uk](mailto:info@bartonuponhumbertowncouncil.gov.uk)**

## The Future of the Assembly Rooms

A Grade II Listed building built in 1843 and owned by Barton Upon Humber Town Council. The Town Council will continue to consider the best way to undertake the renovations required and prioritise them into order. The Council will be working in the future with interested groups from within the town and any advice and input is welcomed.



*The Assembly Rooms, Barton-Upon-Humber*



## Town Council Staff



Tracey Broughton  
Town Clerk



Carol Clark  
Deputy Clerk



Vicki Reid  
Assistant Clerk



*View of the Humber Estuary*