



Barton-Upon-Humber

Town Council

Annual Report

2022-23



A Word from the Mayor

My Mayoral term is now more than half way through and I have had the opportunity to represent the Town at many events and meet so many people. It's certainly reassuring to know how many groups are out there for residents to join. For the residents already attending these groups and organisations it is clear to see how much enjoyment these groups bring to people. I continue to raise money for my Mayoral Charity. This year we are raising funds for GEO (Get Emotions Out) and Barton Town Cricket Club. Thank you for everyone who has donated already, it is greatly appreciated. I'm looking forward to my upcoming engagements and I hope to meet many people over the coming months.






Councillor Paul Vickers








The Assembly Rooms, Queen Street, Barton Upon Humber





Your Councillors at a glance

<p>Councillor Alvin Chapman</p> <p>Cllr Chapman is a member of the Planning, Environment and Community Committees.</p>	
<p>Councillor Liz Bennet</p> <p>Cllr Bennet is a member of the Planning Committee.</p>	
<p>Councillor Jonathan Evison</p>	
<p>Councillor Soozy Evison</p> <p>Cllr Evison is a member of the Environment and Finance & General Purposes Committees.</p>	
<p>Councillor Neil Jacques</p> <p>Cllr Jacques is the Vice Chairman of the Planning Committee, Chairman of the Environment Committee and a member of the Community Committee.</p>	



<p>Councillor Christine Patterson</p> <p>Cllr Patterson is a member of Planning, Community and Finance & General Purposes Committees.</p>	
<p>Councillor Nigel Pinchbeck</p> <p>Cllr Pinchbeck is the Chairman of the Planning Committee and a member of the Community, Environment and Finance & General Purposes Committees.</p>	
<p>Councillor Carol Thornton</p> <p>Cllr Thornton is a member of the Planning and Environment Committees.</p>	
<p>Councillor Alan Todd</p> <p>Cllr Todd is the Vice Chairman of the Community Committee and a member of the Finance & General Purposes Committee.</p>	
<p>Councillor Ben Troop</p> <p>Cllr Troop is the Chairman of the Community Committee and a member of the Environment and Finance & General Purposes Committees.</p>	



<p>Councillor Paul Vickers</p> <p>Cllr Vickers is currently Barton Upon Humber Town Council's Mayor, Chairman of the Finance & General Purposes Committee and is a Member of the Community Committee.</p>	
<p>Councillor Keith Vickers</p> <p>Cllr Vickers is currently Barton Upon Humber Town Council's Deputy Mayor and is a member of the Planning and Finance & General Purposes Committees.</p>	

Finance & General Purposes

Barton Upon Humber Town Council have had another good year delivering on its commitments for Barton. We had been able to draw down grant money from North Lincolnshire Council for the Jubilee Celebrations and the Winter and Spring in Bloom grants which helped make our finances stretch that little bit further. We have now taken over the responsibility for the monthly market located in the Market Place which is going well.

I am pleased the Town Council has been able to freeze the precept for 2023/24 while still being able to offer value for money in these challenging times.

We will be delivering another programme of exciting events throughout the coming year. The return of family favourites such as the Christmas Festival and Picnic in the Park is great news as I know these events are well attended. We are in the early stages of making arrangements to celebrate the King's Coronation.

A local contractor Mark Nettleton has been awarded the grass cutting contract for the next three years. We have also increased the Community Grant Pot. If you are involved in a community group and would like to know more about this opportunity, please contact the Town Council for an application form and further information.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Town Clerk and the staff who work hard throughout the year and have produced a balanced budget for the year ahead. Finally, I would like to thank my fellow councillors who have contributed many voluntary hours to continue to make Barton a better place to live and work.



Councillor Paul Vickers

Chairman of Finance & General Purposes Committee

Planning

The Planning Committee scrutinises every planning application for Barton Upon Humber. The committee meets every 3 weeks, all year round, which enables comments to be submitted to North Lincolnshire Council within the consultation period for each application. The number of applications on each agenda ranged from 2 -12, and each one includes many documents and plans which need to be read carefully to be able to consider the application responsibly. The applications range from large housing developments or infill for smaller numbers of houses, to small extensions to properties and tree felling or pruning. All are carefully considered and the committee makes its views known as your local representatives to North Lincolnshire who are the Planning Authority. The Planning Authority makes the final decision on whether applications are successful but take Barton Upon Humber Town Council Planning Committees views into account as one of the statutory consultees in the planning process. By the end of this year the committee will have considered nearly 90 planning applications, down a bit from the 100 last year. This does reflect that Barton Upon Humber as the second largest town receives more than other towns and parishes in the area other than Scunthorpe.

Councillor Neil Jacques

Vice Chair of Planning Committee

Environment

It has been a busy year for the Environment Committee with good progress being made on several long term projects. Funding was identified to pay for the testing of lampposts in the Town Centre to see if they are sound enough to take the weight of the “up the pole” planters which will hopefully replace the hanging baskets this summer. Results should be with us by the time of the annual meeting. Two new three tier planters were installed, in Junction Square and on Fleetgate. These received favourable comments from the judges in the Best Kept Town competition where the town came in third place. Further improvements will hopefully improve this score this year. The Council has also received funding from North Lincolnshire Council to tidy up and replant the roundabout on Ferriby Road with the junction of Forkdale and Feyzin Drive. The project to completely revamp the Finger Post signs around the town has received a welcome boost from North Lincolnshire Council with their offer to fund replacing all the existing finger post. In consultation with the Tourism Partnership a new design has been selected and as soon as the new wording can be agreed on all the signs work can start in the new financial year.



A different approach has been taken from the usual daffodil planting this year, and planted spring flowering bulbs such as blue bell, wood anemone and wild garlic at various locations around the Town. Thanks are due to other committee members, the Barton Lions and Friends of Barton Parks and other volunteers for helping with this work, and to the Barton Lions for their generous funding. Crocus were planted at the station by the Lions.

The Council also held the usual Hanging Basket Competition this year, but again took a different approach. Instead of inviting people to enter, the volunteer Bartonian deliverers were asked to keep an eye open for good baskets while doing their rounds. All these 60 were then judged to produce a short list from which the winners were chosen. Thanks are due to the Barton Lions and Barton Civic Society for helping with the judging. Congratulations to Wendy Altoft, Sarah Evans and The George who were worthy winners. This approach to the competition will be used again this year, so get those baskets ready for early July!

A good proportion of the work of the committee is behind the scenes, preparation of specifications and contracts for work such as Grass cutting and planting and maintaining the planters around the town. Focus is being made on specifying pollinator friendly plants and peat free compost as part of the commitment to improving local eco systems and reducing our carbon footprint. Grass cutting costs have increased as to be expected, but are still within the devolved funding from North Lincolnshire Council for this work.

Work will begin on updating the Town Council's Emergency Plan. Finally it remains for me to thank the other Committee members and office staff for all their hard work in making these initiatives happen.

Councillor Neil Jacques,
Chair of Environment Committee



Community

It has been a welcome return to normality over the last year with the return of events that had been sorely missed, The weather was beautiful for the picnic in the park last August and saw a great turnout for a fun summer Sunday.

The Christmas festival also returned for the first time in 3 years in November and the committee worked hard to pack as much entertainment in as possible as well as adding additional Christmas light upgrades, again we saw a fantastic attendance as the public showed us how much these events have been missed for the last few years.

This year we have also added to the events calendar with the towns monthly market really picking up. Taking place on the first Saturday of the month in the Market place, We are now regularly getting around 30 stalls booking in selling a variety of goods and helping to bring footfall into the town centre.

The community committee also continues to work with Barton Tourism Partnership to produce Bimonthly copies of the Bartonian that go out to every household in the Town, I am very proud that this partnership has doubled the number of issues keeping everyone updated on what is happening in Barton.

I would like to thank members of the Committee that support the work we do as well as the Staff in the office that work really hard to pull it all together which I know can be a very difficult job.

Councillor Ben Troop
Chairman of Community Committee



Picnic In the Park 2022



Christmas Festival 2022

The Neighbourhood Plan

The Neighbourhood Steering Group and volunteers have continued to make good progress over the past year.

The Design Code work will be completed shortly and following feedback from North Lincolnshire Council will be ready for the statutory six week public consultation period. We plan to hold this consultation over the summer and look forward to feedback from as many people as possible.

The Heritage work continues and will also be completed shortly thanks to the hard work of many volunteers.

I wish to thank everyone involved with the Neighbourhood Plan for all their hard work, not forgetting those members of the public who have already provide feedback to our earlier consultations.



Councillors Meeting Attendance 2022/23

Information:
The coloured areas indicate Councillors are on the committee
A - Apologies were given for the meeting
T - Councillor attended on Teams
X - Did not attend the meeting
Mayor - Cllr P Vickers
Deputy Mayor - Cllr K Vickers
Chair of Planning - Cllr N Pinchbeck
Chair of Environment - Cllr N Jacques
Chair of Community - Cllr B Troop
Chair of Finance & General Purposes (F&GP) - Cllr P Vickers

Cllr Name	Full Council								Planning										Environment					Community				F&GP													
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NB. This information was correct as at 22nd February 2023

Annual accounts 2022/23

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 have had a really productive year in the roll out of additional services to the community and this is ongoing at present. This includes both environmental and community related projects. To make this happen the council have been really focused on making savings wherever possible to facilitate other projects. This has included the safety testing of the lamp posts, additional market gazebos, a Royal Jubilee event and supporting the Bartonian publication. There are ongoing savings within the core of the council with a strive to become single use plastic free within the authority and the council is already looking at innovative resources to facilitate this.

Tracey Davis

Town Clerk/RFO Barton Upon Humber Town Council



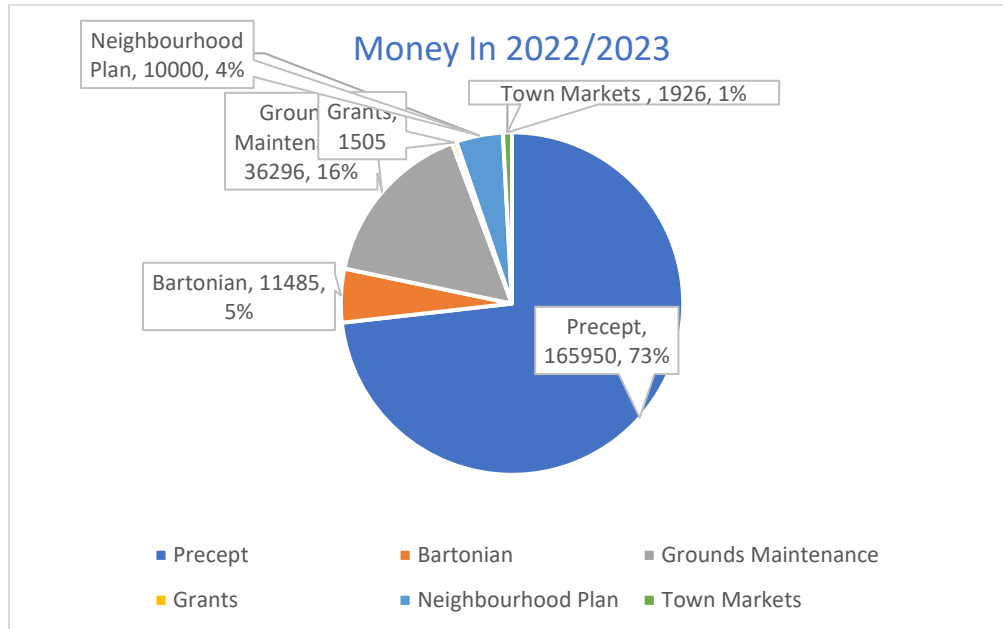
2022 Remembrance Day Parade



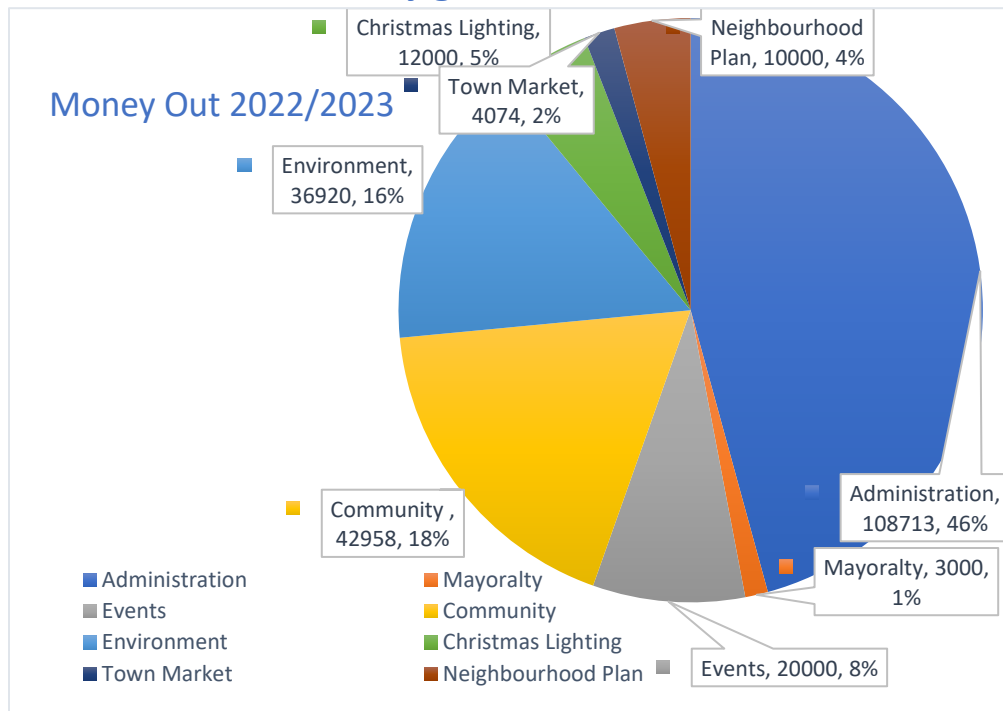
Barton Upon Humber Pop Up Toy Zoo



Where does the funding come from?



Where does the money go to?





Grants Awarded

In 2022/23 the council has supported:

- South Bank Singers - £550.00
- Barton Allotment Society - £50.00
- Barton Tourism Partnership - £6000
- Barton Bowls Club - £870.00
- Friends of Barton Parks - £10000
- Barton Arts - £2500
- Barton Carnival - £2000
- Barton Bike Night - £2500.00
- Barton Lions - £2000
- Warm Spaces Grant The Ropewalk - £1096
- Warm Spaces Grant Slow Circular Earth - £1000
- Barton Armed Forces & Veterans - £250.00

Grants awarded

It has been great pleasure to award all of the grants

shown. There has also been many donations made to community groups who have continued to the community events over the year which really adds fantastic community spirit to the whole town.

- Town Bus Grant £1739.11
- 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



Town Council Staff



Tracey Davis
Town Clerk



Carol Clark
Deputy Clerk



Vicki Reid
Assistant Clerk



View of the Humber Estuary