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# Wymondham rebel remembered at Ketts Day 475

A Town Council event held at the appropriately named Kett's Park on 7th July marked 475 years since Robert Kett led a famous rebellion against the monarchy.

The free family funday included sword fighting demonstrations by Go Medieval, children's activities by the Wild Tribe community group and a talk by Kett's 'widow' Georgette Vale.

There were also children's rides by Grays funfair and were free courtesy of a generous donation.

*Go Medieval perform at Ketts Day (above right)  
Councillors joined Georgette Vale as "Ketts Widow"*



## Armed Forces Week commemorated

The Wymondham branch of the Royal British Legion commemorated the start of Armed Forces Week and the 80th anniversary of the D-Day landings with a flag raising ceremony at Priory Gardens.

Mayor Nuri-Nixon joined members of the branch, including chairman Ian Jacques and veteran Fred Squires who can be found frequently fundraising for the RBL.



*Members of the Wymondham branch of Royal British Legion and the Mayor at Priory Gardens*



## Councillor Julian Halls remembered on anniversary

Councillors came together for a short ceremony to mark the anniversary of loved and respected colleague Cllr Julian Halls who passed away after a short illness in July 2023.

A tree has been planted in his honour in the grounds of the Town Council offices and a plaque installed to remember a man known for his community spirit and kindness





# VISIT WYMONDHAM WEBSITE LAUNCH

A new website which showcases the best of Wymondham for both local residents and tourists has been officially launched by Wymondham Town Council.

VisitWymondham.org.uk is the new site for a wealth of information about the Town which lists local businesses, community groups, places of interest and much more.

The formal launch took place on 11 July at the Town Council offices, bringing together a range of local people and stakeholders to mark the occasion.

Mayor Suzanne Nuri-Nixon, Deputy Mayor Dave Roberts and LEET chair Cllr Annette James were among those who mingled with the guests and watched a short presentation by Town Coordinator Corinna Pharoah who had been heavily involved in the project.

Mayor Nuri-Nixon thanked Corinna and the team who had worked so hard to make the website a reality, adding this would be a welcome resource for those wanting to discover more about Wymondham, whether local or visiting the Town.

## Bird boxes installed in Council gardens

A number of bird boxes have been installed by Wymondham Town Council as a result of discussions and decisions taken by the Leisure, Environment, Enterprise and Tourism (LEET) committee.

The boxes, which were made by The Shed community group on Ayton Road, have been sited at Priory Gardens in Middleton Street and the Queen Elizabeth II Memorial Garden in Chandlers Hill.



*Cllrs Annette James and Lucy Nixon with some of the bird boxes made by The Shed*

# REVIEW OF A CIVIC YEAR

I have never written a Review of the Civic Year before but then until May 2023 I had never been a Mayor before. So the past Civic year has been a series of firsts for both myself and many of my councillor colleagues.

My election to the post of Mayor by my fellow Wymondham Town councillors was, for me personally, a huge honour. It also became a somewhat bitter sweet memory after the loss of our dear friend Councillor Julian Halls who proposed me for the role in the first place. Little did we know that the first Council meeting of the new administration would be Cllr Halls' last as he unexpectedly passed away in July 2023.

The 2023 May local elections meant we had ten brand new councillors elected and as to be expected, this came with its own challenges and steep learning curves. With a combination of councillors from different parties, the make-up of Wymondham Town Council was a radical departure from previous years.

Sadly, as well as the loss of Cllr Halls, we also had two resignations from the Council in the past year which meant new elections to reinstate our 14 member councillor total.

Since May 2023, the Council has undertaken various initiatives, one of them being declaring a climate emergency back in August last year. With that declaration, a new group was formed called Sustainable Wymondham which has hosted a number of events to raise awareness of what we can do as both a Council and community to help mitigate climate change effects and our own nearby environment. Our adoption of a biodiversity policy is also focusing the Council's energies on ensuring we are able custodians of our Town's green spaces.

As a council we were also able to complete work started by the previous administration, such as the formal opening of the revamped and newly named Queen Elizabeth II Memorial Gardens (formerly Chandler's Hill gardens) and agreement to commit £250,000 to South Norfolk Council's project for public realm improvements in the Town Centre.

Other green projects include allocating £20,000 to plans to improve Rothbury Park through Greening Wymondham, ongoing works for Browick Skate Park and Recreation space.

We have installed a new seed library in Priory Gardens to encourage seed swaps amongst gardeners. The Council has also installed new defibrillators around town.

We also extended the funding for the Town Coordinator, whose role it is to promote our Town and assist businesses with online marketing strategies by using social media. The Coordinator has created a social media presence including the Visit Wymondham Facebook and Instagram pages which promote not only local businesses but also group activities and events. The Farmers' Market has been actively promoted and we have seen an increase in visitors to Town due to that.

We launched the Wymondham Volunteer Network last October which seeks to draw community groups together to share experiences, resources and information as I know how difficult it is to run a volunteer group, managing both the amount of time and commitment needed.

As Wymondham Town Council members, your councillors are all volunteers. This group of 14 councillors you can see about Town, in meetings whether online or in person, freely give up their time to serve their communities and our Town. You may have elected them but they receive no expenses, make no monetary gain.

So thank you to all the councillors who give up their time and energy to represent our Town. But I also want to express my thanks to our hardworking Office staff and grounds-people, without whose help we would not get things done in a timely, professional fashion.

We believe and care about Wymondham, its residents, businesses and community groups. Their vibrancy combines with our beautiful Town and countryside to provide the best of both worlds. I believe our little market town to be the best in South Norfolk and as a Council we will continue to work hard for all our residents and businesses to keep promoting our wonderful Wymondham.



**Town Mayor**  
**Cllr Suzanne Nuri-Nixon**

# Wymondham Town Council

## Annual Report 2023-24

### Precepts, grants, income and expenditure.

#### Council finance explained

The Town Council is required by law to set a budget each year, which then determines how its financed for that year.

Income is obtained from a number of sources, such as market fees, leisure activity fees, burials, rents, grants and income on investments. It is also prudent for the Council to maintain a general reserve to cover emergencies together with earmarked reserves for specific projects.

The largest source of income is the precept which in the 2023-24 financial year was £656,638 which was received. For the present 2024-25 financial year the precept has been set at £693,503.

Expenditure included the cost of maintaining the Council Offices at Ketts Park and the salaries of the Town Clerk, administration support staff, and groundsmen as well as the Tourist Information staff. The Town Council also maintains various amenity and play areas such as Tolls Meadow, Bellrope Lane and the Cemetery.

Another important part of the Council's work is in supporting local groups through our grants scheme. Each year the Town Council makes grants to local organisations to help with projects. Grants were awarded in 2023-24, as shown.

#### Income 2023-24

Recreation	5873
Precept	656638
Burial Fees	26810
Rent	12447
Market Fees	10748
Community Infrastructure Levy	7098
Allotments	5280
Other	3503
Tourist Information Centre	520
Interest	49551
Bus Shelter Maintance Grant	11550
TOTAL	790018

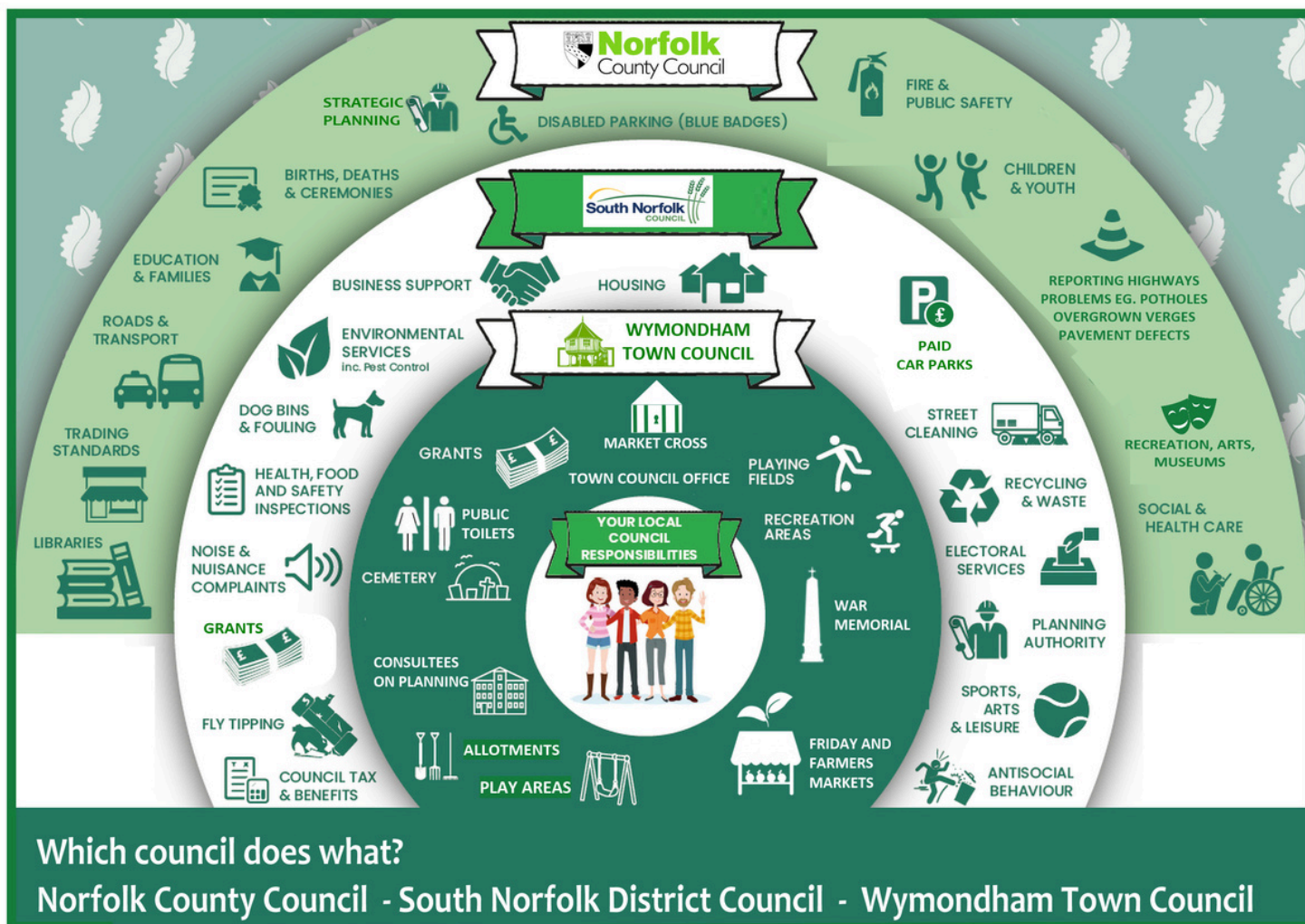
#### Expenditure 2023-24

Public Works loan	71945
Salaries	237518
Administration	134608
Recreation	51076
Cemetery	7993
Office building	48067
Markets	6130
Grants	2817
Allotments	7572
About Wymondham	450
Ketts Park	0
Tourist Information Centre	7902
Toilets	18248
Street Lights	7779
Contract Resource	37459
Town Co-ordinator	22868
Equipment	23245
TOTAL	685677

#### GRANTS 2023-24

Wymondham in Bloom	1438.10
Wymondham Rotary	375
Wymondham Symphony	1003.90
TOTAL	2817





## Council working with event organisers for A Wymondham Christmas

The Town Council is currently working with event organisers for a Christmas event to be held on Sunday 1st December which will feature a traditional lights switch on in the late afternoon.

Though this year's event will be smaller after organisers from last year did not want to continue, Christmas 2024 will be a much more community focused with music from young musicians from Rebel Arts, choirs, entertainment from a steel pan band and children's rides run by the Gray family.

**Look out for posters and publicity soon.**



## Pride flag raised in support of LGBT+ communities

The Pride Progress flag was raised at the Town Council in July in support of our LGBT+ communities and Norwich Pride which took place on 27th July.

# TOWN COUNCIL MEETING DATES

September 3 -	Planning Lighting & Highways
September 3 -	Town Council
September 17 -	Planning Lighting & Highways
September 17 -	Leisure Environment Enterprise & Tourism Committee - Cancelled
October 1 -	Planning Lighting & Highways
October 1 -	Town Council
October 15 -	Planning Lighting & Highways
October 15 -	Finance & General Purposes
November 5 -	Planning Lighting & Highways
November 5 -	Town Council
November 19 -	Planning Lighting & Highways
November 19 -	Leisure Environment Enterprise & Tourism Committee
December 3 -	Planning Lighting & Highways
December 3 -	Town Council
December 17 -	Planning Lighting & Highways
December 17 -	Finance & General Purposes

## Time to have your say Wymondham

Help South Norfolk Council and Wymondham Town Council to develop a plan to make Wymondham a more attractive place to visit, work and live. We are hosting a consultation which closes on 13th October.

Give us your views and make your voice heard.



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