

From the Chair of the Atherstone Town Council

Dear Parishioner

I would firstly like to thank the Atherstone and District Forum who were commissioned by the Town Council to produce a Parish Plan for Atherstone and thanks to their hard work we now have this plan. The Forum together with a band of willing volunteers spent many hours delivering and collecting the questionnaires to enable this plan to be compiled. Also may I thank all the organisations who have contributed to the plan with their commitments to work with the Town Council to achieve the aims and objectives of the plan. Lastly but by no means least I would like to thank all the residents who completed the questionnaire, as without your contribution there would not be a plan.

The Parish Action Plan sets out the aspirations of the residents of Atherstone and how they would like to see their town develop. I am sure that you will appreciate not all wishes can be granted and some of those that are listed in the plan will take some time to implement, but the good news is that we have already achieved some of these wishes:-

- Recycling of plastic and cardboard is now available at Woolpack Way
- The rail service has already greatly improved with 14 trains per day each way to and from London to Crew stopping at Atherstone.
- New play equipment is to be installed early in 2009 at Royal Meadow Drive in a joint initiative between Atherstone Town Council and North Warwickshire Borough Council.
- The Theatre Workshop will be remaining in Atherstone at Owen Street with the success of OSCAR in securing this building for community use.

Atherstone has been historically described as a pleasantly placed town and I am sure you will all agree with this sentiment and together with the Parish Plan we can make it an even better place to live in the future.

Gill Davis
Chair & Town Mayor
Atherstone Town Council