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Meeting Dates

December 16th 2015
January 20th 2016
February 17th 2016
March 16th 2016
April 20th 2016

Have Your Say!

Councillor Surgeries

6.30pm until 7.00pm prior to the monthly
Town Council Meeting

Public Sessions

All Council meetings include a public session when items for a future agenda can be raised.

Contact Us

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Town Council Office, The Old Mortuary, North Street, CV9 1JN.
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DICKENS NIGHT 2015



Atherstone Town Council was proud to once again support Dickens Night on November 28th 2015.

The event is a major attraction for Atherstone, providing a marvellous evening of entertainment for thousands of people, enjoyed by young and old alike.

The Town Council invited dignitaries from across the region to visit the town and celebrate the start of the Christmas season with the switch on of the Christmas Lights. This year the lights were switched on by Atherstone Town Mayor Cllr Ray Jarvis.



The winner of the programme Design Competition at Dickens Night receive their prizes.



One of the many groups of Street Musicians who kept the crowds entertained on the night.
All Photos Courtesy of Graham Beale



Atherstone Town Mayor Cllr Ray Jarvis (2nd from left) is pictured with his guests North Warwickshire Borough Mayor Cllr Martin Davis and Mayoress Mrs Gill Davis, High Sheriff Mrs Jane-Bell Smith and Mr Stewart Bell and representatives from the Mayor's Charity North Warwickshire First Responders.



Please note the Town Council Offices will close at 11.00am on Wednesday 23rd December and re-open on Monday 4th January 2016



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Newsletter December 2015

Youngsters Lead Way in Community Clean-Up



On Thursday 2nd July 1st Atherstone Otter Colony Beavers took part in a community based litter pick as part of their " My World " Challenge badge.

With the help of Councillor Mr Ray Jarvis the beavers spent an hour picking up litter in St Mary's Park.

Atherstone Town Council provided the litter picking grabbers, the high-vis jackets and the black plastic bags.

The Beavers enjoyed the challenge and the park looked much tidier after they had finished.

For more Community Clean up news see Page 7

Town Mayor Welcomes the High Sheriff of Warwickshire To Atherstone

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High Sheriff of Warwickshire Mrs Janet Bell-Smith and Atherstone Town Mayor Cllr Ray Jarvis. For more on Dickens Night see Page 8
Photo Courtesy of Graham Beale



New Play Equipment For Westwood Road

LOCAL MAYORS OPEN NEW PLAY AREA FOR WESTWOOD ROAD IN ATHERSTONE

Rain showers did not stop North Warwickshire Borough Mayor Cllr Martin Davis and Atherstone Town Mayor, Cllr Ray Jarvis who are pictured with Borough Councillor Denise Clews and local children officially opening the new play area in Westwood Road, Atherstone.

The new £53,000 play area has been installed by Atherstone Town Council in partnership with North Warwickshire Borough Council.

It was a great chance for youngsters to try out all the exciting new equipment including the Nexus Altitude multi play, the Titan Swing, Mantis Zipwire, as well as the more familiar multi play, swings, and a roundabout, slide and climbing areas.

Thanks to the First Responders who were on hand to explain the valuable first aid work they do in the local community and also the Fire Service and Community Police Officers for attending. An ice-cream van, drinks, gingerbread men, sweets, goody bags and a bouncy castle kept everyone of all ages entertained on the day.

Photographs Courtesy of Graham Beale



Atherstone Town Council
Westwood Road Rec Ground

HAGS SMP
Inspiring all generations
www.hags-smp.co.uk UK Customer Service 0845 260 1655



Police Surgeries

15th December & 29th December 2015.

They are held from 10am to 12pm during the St Mary's Church Coffee mornings in Atherstone

PC 887 Louise Baxter
Safer Neighbourhoods Officer

**North Warwickshire East
Atherstone, Mancetter, Hartshill**

Getting tough on



These photographs highlight the before and after of a recent graffiti removal from the walkway approaching St Mary's Church in Atherstone.

A Town Council spokesperson thanked B&G Cleaning Systems Ltd for carrying out the clean up at no charge with materials bought by the Town Council and commented:

"Graffiti is a crime against all of us and cleaning it up requires a team effort. If we want this to be a successful effort we will need the support of all the community. The best way to combat graffiti in our community is to be proactive with graffiti removal. It is important to report graffiti to the police so that the offenders once apprehended can be held responsible for all the damage they have done."

Your Town Councillors



Cllr Ray Jarvis



Cllr Martin Davis



Cllr Lorna Dirveiks



Cllr Tony Clews



Cllr David Wright



Cllr Richard Freer



Cllr Jane John



Cllr Louis John



Cllr Sara Bishop



Cllr Jenny Barnard



Cllr Carl Gurney



Cllr Chris Clark



Cllr Mejar Singh



Cllr Gill Davis



Cllr Richard Barker



Public Consultation Atherstone Arcade



The Town Council is now considering the next stage in the improvement and development of the Arcade Shops, in Long Street, Atherstone. The Council wishes to consult with all organisations, and members of the public, to determine what interest there may be for the development of the upstairs areas.



The intention is to provide a meeting place and/or offices for community organisations or not-for-profit activities. This may be on a regular or occasional basis.

The Council also wishes to establish what requirements there may be for this area, both for facilities wanted, and availability.

If you wish to take part in this consultation or have any questions please contact the Town Council offices, by phone or e-mail, or by calling at the office between 9.30am and 11.00am, any weekday. (The Old Mortuary, North Street, Atherstone, CV9 1JN)

Consultation deadline: 31st January 2016.



Community News

Commendation for Community Allotment Awards 2015



The Volunteer Centre North Warwickshire's Allotment Project has been recognised in this year's Town Council's Allotment Awards.

The project which grows fruit and vegetables for the benefit of local people was awarded a certificate for Community Consideration. Three of the volunteers went along to a special presentation evening at the Atherstone Town Council Chamber

The project has been going for five years and is led by volunteer Alan Joynson. Each year quality produce is grown which is either used in the centre's volunteer run White Hart Tea Room or given to the local food bank.

The plot of land just off Bracebridge Road in Atherstone has gone from strength to strength starting out as just mud and turf.

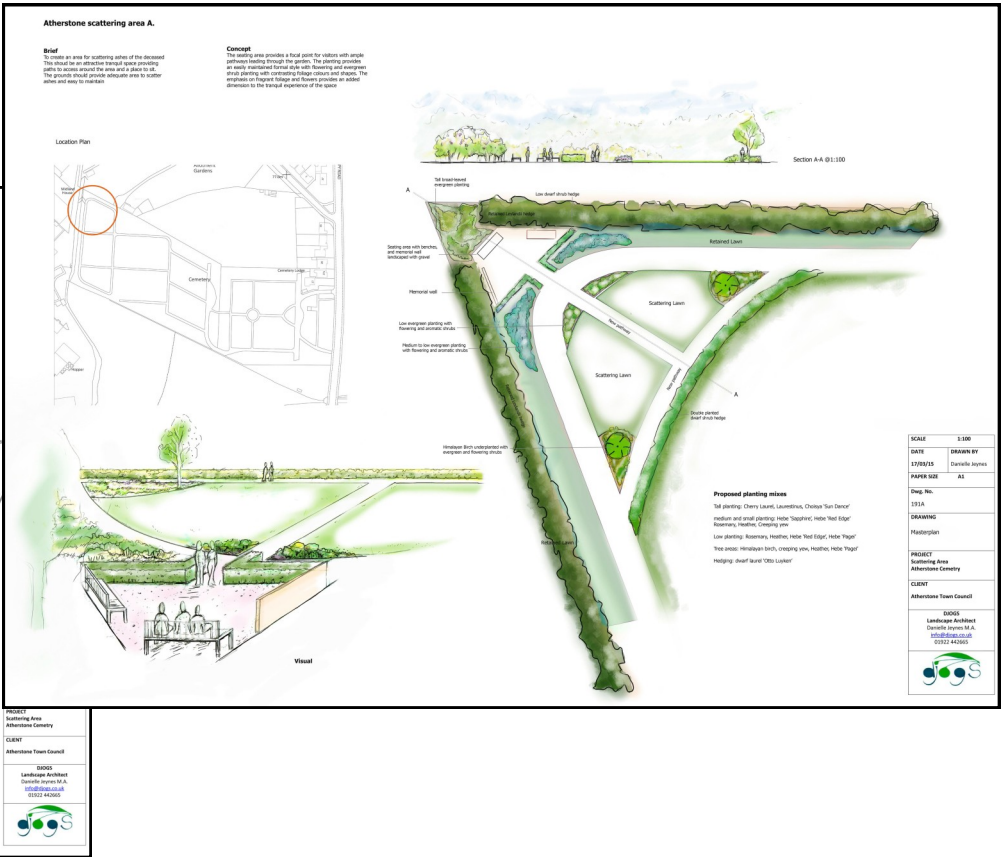
Alan says "When I first saw the plot years ago, it looked as big as a tennis court. I didn't think we would be able to fill it, but we have. It's great that someone has looked at the land and how we have transformed it and found it deserving of an award"

Alan and his team, which includes Matthew Carter and Robert Anderson spend three afternoons a week at the allotment keeping it weed free and harvesting the produce.

The allotment team are always looking for new people to join them. If you would like to volunteer or find out about other volunteering opportunities in North Warwickshire, give Martin a ring on 01827 717073 or email martin.horner@vcnw.org.uk. You can also visit the centre's website www.vcnw

Ashes Scattering Areas Commence

Below are detailed plans of the new ashes scattering areas currently being created in the Sheepy Road Cemetery in Atherstone. Further updates will be included in the next newsletter.



Town Council Buys OSCA building

Atherstone Town Council has now completed the purchase of The Arts Centre, Owen Street, Atherstone,

The Town Council has purchased the building to retain and protect this important community asset for the people of Atherstone and the surrounding area.

All covenants restricting the future use of the building as a community resource remain in place.

The building has been leased back to the Owen Street Community Arts Centre whose Board of Directors will be fully responsible for running the facility, including bookings and items such as maintenance, insurance and running cost

The Board of OSCA is keen to pursue a wider use of the building, anyone interested should contact

Phone – 01827 713634 Post – 181 Long Street, Atherstone, CV91AH.

e-mail – a.beeson@btopenworld.com

The Town Council would like to wish the Board of OSCA every success in the running of the Arts Centre



Awards 2015

Annual Allotment Awards 2015

Atherstone Town Council Allotment Awards were presented at the Town Council on Wednesday 16th September 2015.

The Town Council manages two allotment sites in the Atherstone, one off Gypsy Lane and Merevale Allotments off Bracebridge Rd.

Over 150 tenants are eligible to enter the annual allotment awards and once again the standard of entries was very high.

If anyone is interested in renting an allotment in Atherstone enquiries can be made to the Deputy Town Clerk on 01827 720829.



Gypsy Lane Allotments:
1st Prize Full Plot 38 - Mr and Mrs Hart
2nd Prize Full Plot 8 - Mr Knight
1st Prize Half Plot 32B Mr Roberts
2nd Prize Half Plot 6c Mrs Harvey

Best Newcomer
Gypsy Lane Allotments
Plot 16B Miss Lucie Riley and Mrs Lorna Riley

Merevale Allotments:
1st Prize Full Plot 39 - Yvette Andrews
2nd Prize Full Plot 42 - Teresa Kitley
1st Prize Half Plot 22B Luke Brown
2nd Prize Half Plot 71 Chris Teasdale
Merevale Allotments
Plot 65 Mr Hadley

Prize for community consideration
Plot 50 North Warwickshire Volunteer Centre

Commendation certificates were also awarded to:

Gypsy Lane
Plot 5c Mr Howkins
Plot 9b Lesley Pearce
Plot 23b Mr Ford
Plot 41 Mr and Mrs Lakin
Plot 34A Mr Starkey
Merevale Lane
Plot 26 Mr Gisbourne
Plot 17 Mr Wood
Plot 9 Mr Starkey

HONORARY CITIZENS 2015



The Honorary Citizen 2015 was awarded jointly to Mrs Judy Vero and Mr Howard Vero. They are pictured receiving their awards from the 2014-15 Town Mayor Cllr Richard Barker. The 2016 Award will be made at the Annual Town Council Dinner in April 2016.

WARWICKSHIRE DIRECTORY

Are you looking for activities, advice or services?

The Warwickshire Directory is aimed at helping people find information about local organisations, groups and agencies that provide activities, advice, services and support. Information and advice is an essential part to enabling people, carers and families to take control of, and make well-informed choices about, their care and support. Please visit the Directory online at

www.warwickshire.gov.uk/directory.

We are committed to continually improving the range of information, advice and services available to people online.

Do you run a local activity or service?

Are you listed on the Warwickshire Directory? If not, we want to hear from you. The Directory could be a great way of promoting your service to a wider audience for free.

To get listed, please contact the Directory Team by emailing directory@warwickshire.gov.uk or by calling us on 01926 742604.



NORTH WARWICKSHIRE FIRST RESPONDERS Mayoral Charity for 2015-16

Photos Courtesy of Graham Beale



First Responder Sam Leeke
Demonstrates first aid skills to local children at the play area opening event.

Atherstone Mayor Cllr Ray Jarvis is pleased to announce that his chosen charity for 2015-16 is the North Warwickshire First Responders.

Cllr Jarvis commented "I am proud to offer my support for this valuable Community Service which is run by volunteers who willingly provide pre-hospital care to the local community in an emergency."

First Responders are trained by the ambulance service in CPR, Basic Life Support, Medical Emergencies and Major Trauma in both adults and children. They also attend schools and scout groups to teach basic life skills. To equip a new individual Community First Responder costs around £1500. All Community First Responders are required to have a basic kit which is funded by charitable donations and group funding raising.



North Warwickshire First Responders using the Town Council offices out of hours for their monthly meeting.

Funding Opportunities



TOWN COUNCIL COMMUNITY GRANT FUND

Applications are invited in May and November each year.

Download application at:
www.atherstone-tc.gov.uk

or apply to:
The Town Clerk, Atherstone
Town Council, PO Box 2000,
Atherstone, Warwickshire,
CV9 1YN

£23k Grant for Market Stalls and Canopy



Atherstone Town Council was recently successful in applying for a share of the £100,000 High Street Innovation Portas Fund which North Warwickshire Borough Council has received from government "to support regeneration initiatives for the high street".

Since 2002 and the award of Quality Status the regeneration of the Market Square with its benefit to the community has been set as one of the highest priorities for the Atherstone Town Council.

The grant was used to purchase 15 pop up Market Stalls and a large Canopy Shade which covers a large part of the Market Square during events.

Community groups can apply to use the equipment at their events and the Canopy has fixings installed in the market square or it can be installed into grass as well. For details and costs of Hiring this equipment please contact

The Town Clerk: clerk@atherstone-tc.gov.uk or call (01827) 720829