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Meeting Dates

February 6th* 20th 2013
 March 6th* 20th 2013
 April 3rd* 17th 2013
 May 1st* 2013

Have Your Say!

*Councillor Surgeries

6.30pm until 7.00pm prior to first Town Council Meeting each month.

Public Sessions

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

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Atherstone Market Square



Choirs from two Atherstone Schools braved a downpour on 14th December 2012 to bring a little festive spirit to the Atherstone Christmas Market.

Pupils from Outwoods Primary School (above) were followed in the afternoon by a visit from Racemeadow Primary School (below).

The Town Council thank the two schools and all the teachers and support staff who helped on the day.



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Newsletter New Year 2013

Town Council helps launch Shop Watch for Atherstone



PC Leon Carter, Cllr Denise Clews, PCSO Timothy Staten, Atherstone Mayor Cllr Mejar Singh with Stephen Reay of Castle Interiors at the launch of Shopwatch
Photograph Courtesy of the Atherstone Herald

PCSO Staten and his colleague PC 382 Leon Carter, have worked closely with Atherstone Town Council, Servicom (High Tech) Ltd, and the Warwickshire Retail Crime Initiative (WRCI) in order to get the Shopwatch Scheme up and running. PCSO Staten spent weeks canvassing and promoting the benefits of joining the Warwickshire Retail Crime Initiative to the local retailers and businesses in Atherstone town centre, and the scheme finally went live before Christmas, and is now fully operational. The new scheme currently has sixteen businesses in Atherstone signed up, and aims to help deter shoplift-

ing, anti-social behaviour and other criminal activities. Each business signed up to the scheme pays a monthly subscription to Warwickshire Retail Crime Initiative, and as part of the scheme the member stores each receives regular updates and information about local shoplifters and as well as those from neighbouring areas such as Tamworth, Nuneaton & Bedworth and Coventry. The stores are also given a digital radio, supplied by Servicom (High Tech) Ltd, based in Redditch, which allows the retailers to pass any information of criminal activity and/or antisocial behaviour amongst them-

selves, alert the town's CCTV operators and the local Safer Neighbourhoods Team officers. Atherstone Town Council has assisted with the setting up of the project by subsidising the cost of the digital radios used. PCSO Staten said, "This scheme not only a multi-agency approach to combating anti-social behaviour and criminal activity in Atherstone, but it's also a great example of a part of the community working together, to not only protect themselves and their businesses, but to help protect the community as a whole."

War Memorial Conservation



The War Memorial in Atherstone's Sheepy Road Cemetery has now had a full clean and repair which was completed in time for the November 2012 Remembrance Parade. The Cornish silver-grey granite wheel commemorates the 158 who died in the First World War and 46 who died in the Second World War.

The inscription reads "In grateful memory of the men of Atherstone who gave their lives in the wars 1914-1919, let us live to keep what they died to save 1939-1945".

The works were carried out using a Super Heated Water Treatment so as not to damage the memorial and the whole cross and surrounding areas were cleaned of organic growth and detritus. Finally missing letters were replaced and repainted in black enamel.

The Town Council is grateful to the War Memorial Trust who match funded the conservation project.



£1100 Donation to Community First Responders



Pictured from left to right are Ken Aldridge, Samantha Leeke, Town Mayor Cllr Mejar Singh and first responder, Gary Norman.

A £1,100 donation towards essential lifesaving equipment from Atherstone Town Council will ensure more lives are saved in the future.

Chairman of Atherstone CFR, Mick Fennel reported "The donation made by Atherstone Town Council has been used to buy vital life saving equipment for the residents of Atherstone. The equipment, which includes an automated external

defibrillator is now being used by every Community First Responder to answer emergency calls prior to an ambulance crew arriving on the scene.

The time saved in attending these emergency calls has resulted in saving many lives and improving the recovery of seriously ill patients.

As a charity reliant on donations we cannot express our gratitude enough and we would like to thank all those involved," he added.

Atherstone's team of seven Community First Responders will be providing cover for residents across the town.

Relatives or friends of anyone they believe to be in a life-threatening position can ring 999 and emergency services will contact Community First Responders who can be at the scene within minutes.

They then provide vital life support services during the crucial minutes before emergency crews or paramedics can reach the patient.

Atherstone Town Mayor Cllr Mejar Singh said: "We are delighted to support our local First Responders in the fantastic work that they do day in, day out throughout the year.

"I have seen first hand how determined and dedicated these remarkable people are and as a town we should be very proud and extremely grateful for the marvellous job they are doing in our community."

Anyone wishing to find out more about North Warwickshire First Responders can email them at northwarksfirstresponders@yahoo.co.uk.

Mayor Hosts Civic Reception



Atherstone Town Mayor Cllr Mejar Singh and his wife Kulwinder pictured with North Warwickshire Borough Mayor Cllr Lorna Dirveiks and Consort Cllr Neil Dirveiks, along with the Chairman of Warwickshire County Council Cllr Michael Doody and his wife Mrs Sheila Doody, Warwick Town Council Mayor Mrs Elizabeth Higgins.

Atherstone Town Council was proud to once again support Dickens Night on November 24th 2012

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 hard work and effort put in by the organisers, on a voluntary basis, is to be congratulated and they are wholeheartedly thanked by the Town Council for providing such an excellent event.

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 Mejar Singh.



Cllr Singh and his wife Kulwinder welcome Father Christmas and Paralympic torchbearer Laura Turner of Atherstone to the Dickens Night Civic Reception.

ALLOTMENTS AVAILABLE FOR THIS SPRING



Ever thought of growing your own produce? Now is an ideal time to get digging and planting and renting your own allotment!

The procedure for getting an allotment is quite straightforward. You need to be over 18 and prepared to sign a tenancy agreement which runs from year to year.

An average rent is between £10—£18.50 a year and it can be paid in two instalments. Sometimes, depending upon availability and demand you may have to go on a waiting list.

**Allotment Sites are at
Gypsy Lane Allotments, Gypsy Lane, Atherstone
and
Merevale Allotments off Bracebridge Road,
Atherstone**

If you want to know any more just contact Atherstone Town Council on 01827 720829. or email clerk@atherstone-tc.gov.uk

Welcomes

Atherstone Town Council welcomes new member Councillor Jenny Barnard who was co-opted at the Full Council meeting of 5th December 2012.

Cllr Barnard will represent the Central Ward.