

Annual Atherstone Ball Game – Event Report

Tuesday, 4th March

Submitted by: Cllr Gary Chamberlain

Cllr Carol Evans and I were honoured to attend this year's Annual Atherstone Ball Game. The event's reception and official start were hosted by Russell Coyle Mortgage Advisors above Mark Webster's Estate Agents. Both Cllr Evans and I were warmly welcomed and had the pleasure of engaging with the crowd by throwing sweets ahead of the official start of the game.

During the event, we spoke with the organising committee regarding potential support from Atherstone Town Council (ATC). Specifically, we discussed establishing a more formal understanding of grant submissions and strengthening links through the Town Council Liaison. The Ball Game Committee was uncertain about the current liaison contact, so we advised them to reach out to the Clerks directly for further clarification. Additionally, the committee is exploring alternative quotes for annual road closures due to rising costs from the current supplier. There was some confusion between the supplier and the committee regarding payment terms and services covered under the existing contract, which led to certain aspects not being fulfilled. Once again, we recommended that the committee contact the Clerks for clarity.

Overall, the event was a great success and appeared to conclude with minimal or no issues.

Both Cllr Evans and I would like to extend our thanks to the council for the opportunity to represent ATC and to the Ball Game Committee for their hospitality and excellent organisation of this cherished tradition.