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OUR TOWN



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A message from the Mayor

Cllr. Phil Woodall

To my fellow residents. As we reflect on an unprecedented twelve months which brought loss, loneliness, disruption and worry to us all, I cannot help but feel optimistic for the year ahead. Despite the continued success rate of the vaccination rollout, we must ensure we continue to do all we can to keep each other safe and well, to enable our lives to get 'back to normal' as soon as possible.

I am therefore addressing you, in 2021, filled with renewed hope, gratitude and a sense of togetherness, as our community, and our country, look to those better days ahead.

I would like to thank our local NHS staff and all our key workers for their outstanding efforts, which have kept our community running and helped those who have been most in need. You truly are our heroes.

Many of you will know that my fellow Town Councillors decided in the early days of the pandemic that I should continue serving as your Mayor until our Full Council Meeting takes place in May 2021. Although it has been far from the 'normal' year for any Mayor serving their community, I was still lucky enough to have attended some fantastic events over the past year, including The Regis School's annual 'Big Sing' event, visiting Bognor Regis' 'Razzamataz' dance troupe to see how their students and teachers were working hard to adapt to the Covid restrictions whilst continuing to enjoy their dance, and I was honoured to be able to attend the RAFA Service,

marking the 80th Anniversary of the Battle of Britain.

I've also enjoyed the many 'virtual' events I've been invited to partake in. Recording my 'Mayor's Message' as part of 'The Silhouette Shows' VE Day 75 singalong was one of the first. Reading stories to mark 'World Book Day' (whilst dressed as a penguin), Halloween stories (dressed as a pumpkin) and Christmas stories (dressed as an elf)! What fun myself and the Town Crier had at the switch on of the stunning Christmas lighting display in the Town Centre! A fantastic job done by all involved, including Bognor Regis BID, who this year especially, have done so much for the promotion of our Town and the support of our local businesses!

I really hope many of you had the chance to watch my Christmas Day message and 'virtual' Civic Service, which was a highlight of my year. My thanks as ever, go to Major Matt Butler and The Salvation Army for helping to make this possible!

With school and youth services having to close their doors for so much of 2020, a lot of what had been planned has had to be put on hold. However, you may have noticed the fantastic mural in London Road, which at the easing of the lockdown during the summer months, was produced by the amazing teamwork and vision of Keely Hardy (CREATE Youth Group), U CAN Spray, Bognor Regis Town Councillors, Bognor Regis BID and, of course, a group of very talented young people, who after attending workshops to learn the skills and techniques, came up with the design and made the beautiful mural now in place for all to see! A big thank you to everyone who helped make this exciting project happen, including to Matthew Reynolds, for allowing his premises to become the canvas! I believe there are plans for creating more of these in the coming months so watch this space!

SERV Sussex has remained my Mayoral charity for my additional year in office. With this year highlighting the fantastic work the NHS and volunteers do for us all, it seemed particularly relevant to highlight the vital work SERV Sussex do for residents. For those of you who may not have heard of them before, as a UK registered charity, SERV Sussex provides night-time transportation of blood, blood products and other urgent medical items for NHS Hospitals across Sussex, free of charge. By providing this transport service, SERV enables hospitals to focus their stretched resources on patient care and eliminate costly transport bills. If anyone would like to donate to this worthwhile cause, please go to their website! Every penny is greatly appreciated!

I would like to say thank you to my fellow Councillors for allowing me the extra year in office, to the Deputy Mayor and the Town Council staff for their support - it has certainly been one to remember! Thanks also to everybody who has invited me to their event this year, whether it has been 'in person' or 'virtually', your creativity in still making these occasions possible has been quite staggering!

And finally, I would like to thank you, the residents, for rallying round one another, for supporting your neighbours and buying their shopping when needed. For supporting local businesses by 'shopping local'. For following the rules and sticking to guidelines, even when it has meant missing out on precious time with loved ones.

Thank you for having me as your Mayor once again, I wish you all the best for a positive and prosperous 2021. Here's to the future!

PHOTO COMPETITION

The Town Council launched a competition to find a photograph for the front cover of the Town Newsletter that portrayed a landscape of, or a recognisable landmark in, Bognor Regis. The Town Council were pleased to declare **Liam Hicks** as the winner for this year, with his photograph titled 'Pastel Pier'. Previous winners include Jorden Aaron Hector-Anderson, whose photo graced the cover of our 2018 Newsletter, and the winner for 2019, Monika Kotowicz.



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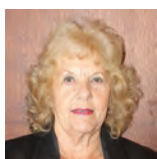
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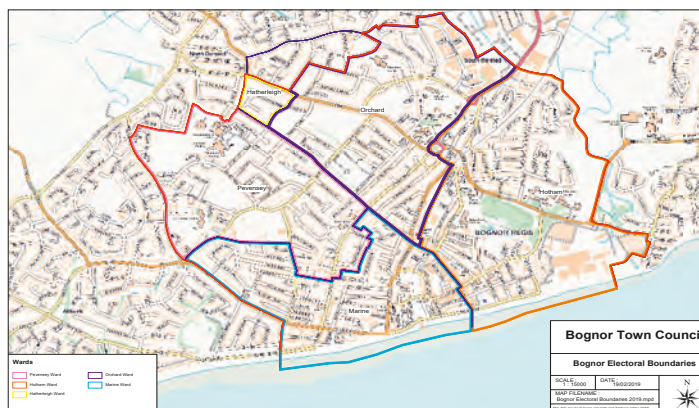
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Larger map available to view on our website

Our Budget 2021/2022

Dear Resident

It's been a year of change at Bognor Regis Town Council. This new Administration has put forward a budget that will ensure the future financial stability of our Town whilst not being afraid to invest in Bognor Regis' future.

As a Town Council we will make sizeable contributions to some extremely important partnerships such as the Bognor Regis Seafront Lights, our Town Centre Business Wardens, the 2 Hour Free Parking Scheme and CCTV.

We continue to support our young people, providing funding to the youth group CREATE as well as a variety of free entertainment during the summer months. Christmas was a huge success and evidences the power of working together with local business and the wider community. The Town Council were proud to play their part by supplying the Christmas Lights which were warmly received and will be back again this year.

*Details on the budget can be found on the Town Council website
www.bognorregis.gov.uk*

Cllr. Matt Stanley

Chairman of Policy and Resources Committee



BUDGET FIGURES

	Allotments	0.39%
	Democratic & Corporate Management	42.94%
	Events & Christmas Activities	7.53%
	Floral Displays with sponsorship	6.12%
	Grant Aid Funds	6.27%
	Highways & Transport	0.40%
	Partnership Working	4.50%
	Projects & Event Support	25.27%
	Street Scene Enhancements	4.95%
	Tourism & Visitor Info incl. Promotion	0.69%
	Weather Recording	0.94%

BREAKDOWN OF EXPENDITURE

Total Revenue Expenditure	£907,254	Total Expenditure	£1,006,767
Total Capital Expenditure	£99,513	Less Income	£47,000
Funded from Reserves	£11,395	Total Expenditure	£948,372

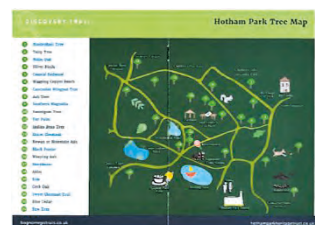
BOGNOR REGIS HERITAGE TRAILS



Bognor Regis Town Council are proud to have been involved with the completion of five Heritage Trails, working in partnership with community groups, through the Bognor Regis Heritage Partnership. The trails came about thanks to a successful heritage lottery bid and were officially launched in June 2019, along with a new website (www.bognorregistrails.co.uk) and a series of FREE booklets (available from the Town Hall, Library, Museum and Regis Centre).

The themed walks include a Richard Hotham trail, a Blue Plaque trail, a Seafront 'Fun Facts' trail and a Town Centre trail. There is also a Discovery trail for children around Hotham Park, which involves finding out about the park's variety of different trees.

Designed for the whole family our trails help you discover the people and places that make Bognor Regis so special, and all within a few hundred metres of the seafront.



TOWN FORCE

Many residents will no doubt have seen the Town Council's Town Force team in their green uniforms around the Town carrying out the planting and watering of the roundabouts and planters. The team is made up of 4 staff members and their main objective is to make the Town an attractive and pleasant place for residents and visitors alike.

The planting is changed seasonally and more recently has been designed to be more pollinator friendly. Therefore, more and more of the plants and flowers that are used provide a valuable resource to the bees and butterflies and contribute to a healthier eco-system in our community.

The planting is supported by sponsorship from local businesses. If you are interested in sponsoring one of our planters, details of availability and quarterly prices are available on the Town Council website or by contacting the Town Force Manager.

The "guys in green" will also be familiar faces if you attend any of the Town Council events as they are always on hand to assist with the setting up and running of the day - and have even been known to dress up for the Book Day in Hotham Park! The Town Council also make Town Force available to assist our local organisers in the fantastic work they do in bringing events to the Town such as the Carnival, 10k run and ROX to name but a few.



In addition to the planting, Town Force are trained and qualified to undertake graffiti removal around the Town. In the past, the Town Council was able to provide a "clear all" approach and remove graffiti from wherever it appeared, and this was funded by a grant from West Sussex County Council (WSCC). Unfortunately, due to budget cuts at WSCC this funding was withdrawn in 2019 which has limited where the Town Council can remove this blight on our landscape. However, talks are underway with WSCC regarding arrangements for graffiti removal from highways assets (such as the three local subways) after 31st March 2021 when the current agreement expires.



BLUE PLAQUES

Amongst the Bognor Regis Heritage Trails offered, you might choose to follow the 'Bognor Regis Blue & Memorial Plaque Trail'. The Trail celebrates people and events that have either lived in or influenced the seaside town of Bognor Regis. The trail is focussed primarily on Blue Plaques, but also includes memorial plaques and stones, unlocking the best of Bognor Regis' rich history. In the past few months 8 Blue Plaques have been unveiled in Bognor Regis.



If you are unfortunate enough to have graffiti on your property (private or commercial) outside of the BID area, Town Force can provide a chargeable service to remove this for you. For all enquiries and quotations please contact the Town Force Manager.

The team also undertake chargeable contract work for individuals, local businesses and our neighbouring parishes and these can range from repairing and maintenance of benches to lamppost maintenance, grounds maintenance and planting. If you have a job that you need help with - you know where you can find them. Maybe you can hire the Town Force team!

*All enquiries to the Town Force Manager,
Erika Adams on 01243 825535 or
email erikaadams@bognorregis.gov.uk*

BOGNOR TREE WARDENS!



The Bognor Regis in Bloom Working Group have appointed two Tree Wardens, to help protect and care for our trees and greenspaces in Bognor Regis. Working in conjunction with Bognor Regis in Bloom, the District and County Councils, we hope their voluntary appointments will help to promote the importance of trees, within our Town.

HOW YOU CAN GET INVOLVED

- Do you have any unwanted trees or saplings in your garden that could use rehoming?
- Are you a business that would like to offset some of your carbon footprint by planting trees on your property?
- Are you a school with space to plant new trees?

If so, or for any further details, please contact Rebecca Vervecken on 01243 867744.

BOGNOR IN BLOOM



The Bognor Regis in Bloom Working Group would like to say another HUGE thank you, to everyone who took the time to enter the 2020 Annual Gardening Competition! We were blown away by the number of entrants, especially with the challenges of last year! We hope you found tending to your front gardens, hanging baskets and window boxes therapeutic during troubling times and that the beautiful flowers that bloomed brought you joy through the summer months!

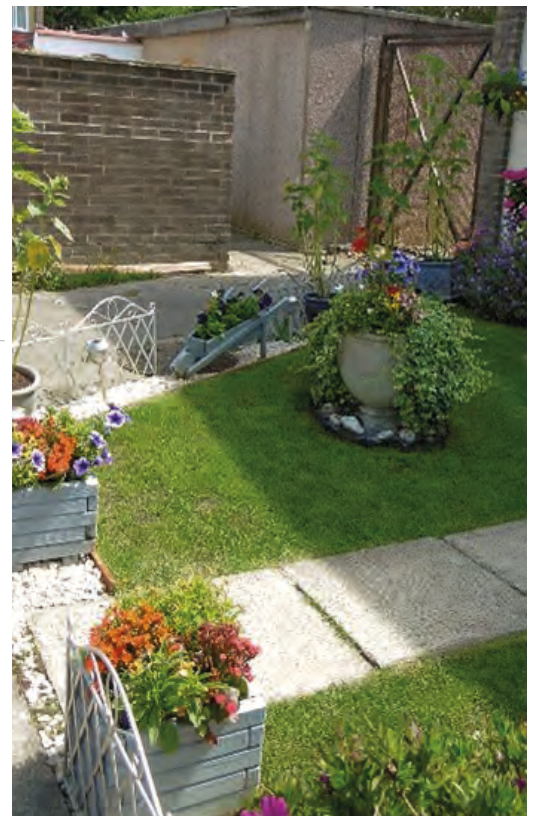
Congratulations to ALL our winners! We hope you enjoy your certificates and trophies!!

Bognor Regis in Bloom Guides
Planting Competition 2020

We are very grateful for our fantastic partnership with the Bognor Regis Girlguiding Groups, and even though they were not meeting at the time and we could not actually plant up the winning design, we STILL received some fantastic drawings from the girls for this years theme - the NHS.



A big thank you to the Girlguiding Leaders for their help and of course thank you to EVERYONE who entered!



Forms for In Bloom competitions for 2021 will shortly be available on the Bognor Regis Town Council website: www.bognorregis.gov.uk. Keep an eye on our Twitter and Facebook pages for further details and updates on how to enter.

Climate Change



Climate Change has been a huge topic of conversation for some time now, with more and more people interested in ways in which they can contribute towards tackling this issue.

On 4th November 2019, Bognor Regis Town Council declared a Climate Emergency. The Climate Change Topic Team, bringing together District and Town Councillors along with interested members of the community, meet regularly to discuss short, medium and long-term goals. The Team can make positive, realistic suggestions which are then recommended to the Town Council's Community Engagement and Environment Committee. The Climate Change Topic Team Meetings are open to members of the public and anyone interested in tackling climate change is welcome to attend. Details about these meetings are shared on the Town Council's social media platforms, such as Facebook and our website. It is also possible to contact the Town Council directly, in relation to Climate Change, by sending an email to: climateemergency@bognorregis.gov.uk.

WHAT CAN YOU DO?

1. Half fill the kettle when making a cup of tea
2. Use a glass of water for cleaning teeth - rather than leaving the tap running
3. Turn off lights in unoccupied rooms
4. Switch to a green energy supplier
5. Don't throw away - recycle wherever possible
6. Walk, cycle or take the bus, rather than drive, wherever possible
7. When out, take your litter home and recycle
8. Don't car idle - switch off engine when stationary, such as waiting outside of schools or at railway crossings
9. Email - don't print
10. Use recycling products

Pass on these tips and together, no matter how small our contribution, we can begin to make the change.

WE NEED YOU!

In the event of an emergency, would you be willing to help the Town Council support the community?
Call us on **01243 867744** to discuss this further.

ALLOTMENTS

Do you long to grow your own vegetables but only have a small garden or no garden at all? Town Council allotments can be rented at a very reasonable cost. Sizes vary from large to a very manageable small. Some of our plot holders have been there for years and have an immense amount of knowledge they are happy to share. A wide variety of vegetables can be grown and in summer salad straight from the allotment tastes so much nicer. Flowers and fruit can also be grown and some even have grapes growing in green houses on their plots.

An allotment is a big responsibility and commitment in all weathers, but the rewards are great if you put in the time and work. If you are interested in taking on an allotment fill in the application form or the Town Council website, where you will find more information about renting an allotment. Once we have your application form you will go on the waiting list for your own plot.

Waiting list is currently approximately 6 months to a year long but waiting times can vary and this timescale can change.



Events for 2021 | At a glance

FULL DETAILS CAN BE FOUND ON OUR WEBSITE, OR BY FOLLOWING OUR FACEBOOK EVENTS PAGE

The Prime Minister has announced the government's roadmap to cautiously ease lockdown restrictions in England. The roadmap, which has now been published on gov.uk, outlines four steps for easing restrictions. Before proceeding to the next step, the Government will examine the data to assess the impact of previous steps. Therefore, it should be noted that whilst it is hoped that the Town Council's planned programme of events can go ahead, they may be subject to change should the government issue further announcements relating to lockdown restrictions.



All Events organised by Bognor Regis Town Council



Wed 14th Apr: BOOK DAY

This is a magical day that celebrates the world of books with storytelling, children's activities and lots more.



Mon 31st May: WORLD OCEAN DAY - BOGNOR H2O

Celebrate and take action for our shared ocean, which connects us all. By working together, we can protect and restore our shared ocean. come in vintage-style dress!



Sat 5th Jun: PROMS IN THE PARK

Bring a picnic and join us for a rousing evening of free entertainment on the bandstand in the beautiful surroundings of the park.



Sun 18th Jul: DRIVE THROUGH TIME

This popular Motor Gala is always a favourite with exhibitions of classic cars. With lots of fun for all the family.



Weekdays 2nd - 27th Aug: FUNSHINE DAYS

A variety of FREE activities for children throughout the summer holidays.



Sun 14th Nov: REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

War Memorial, Clarence Road - Traditional Remembrance Sunday Service, with hymns and wreath laying ceremony.



Sat 27th Nov: CHRISTMAS LIGHTS SWITCH-ON

Town Centre - The switching on of the Town's Christmas illuminations for the Festive Season.

Sadly, as was the case for so many Event Organisers, the Town Council's planned programme of events for 2020 were affected by the outbreak of the pandemic. However, we did not let it stop us from providing free entertainment with a virtual offering of events and competitions.



On the 75th Anniversary of VE Day, our Town Crier performed a 'Cry for Peace Around the World', along with Town Criers across the country, which was streamed live to the Bognor Regis Town Crier Facebook page.



In August, we ran our free Virtual Sand Art Competition. Children were encouraged to create something magical with sand, and/or natural materials, then email the Town Council with a photograph of their entry. Our Judges had such a hard time choosing and awarded joint First Prizes to Evie (8yrs) for her Mermaid, and Jack (16yrs) for his Elmer the Elephant. Well done to everyone that took part!



Unable to host the annual Funshine Days, at the Bandstand on the Promenade, two weeks of virtual Funshine Days were enjoyed from home. A selection of workshops and performances ranging from Magic Shows to Storytelling, Circus Workshops to Fire Performances were available online. The first 50 people to like and share a post on the Bognor Regis Town Council, Events Facebook page even won their very own balloon modelling kit which was posted out in time for them to take part in an interactive balloon modelling workshop.

Despite the unusual circumstances, we still shared some great experiences with you all last year. Should our plans for this year have to change then you can be sure that the Town Council will do our very best to make alternative arrangements and deliver fun for all the family. Follow us on Facebook, Twitter, or visit our website to be kept updated.



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