



CYNGOR TREF LLANFAIR-YM-MUALLT BUILTH WELLS TOWN COUNCIL



Last night brought the end of the municipal year for Builth Wells Town Council, and the election by Council members of the Mayor and Deputy Mayor: I am delighted to let you know that Councillor Gwyn Davies was voted in as Mayor, and Councillor Alan Waller was voted in as Deputy Mayor, both for their third consecutive term in office. The Town Council continues to work towards helping to improve the environment and wellbeing of the Community we serve. I thought I would share with you a few of the achievements that have been made over the last couple of years:

- Family Fun day during the summer of 2019, which was a first for our Town.
- Santa's Grotto 2019, which was another first for Builth.
- Cllr Davies gave his Mayors allowance for gifts and the much talked about "Operation Chocolate Drop Off" to Schools and Nursery groups at Christmas in 2020.
- As always, our Town Council's Christmas Lights are spectacular and bring people from afar to see them. We have a dedicated team of Councillors and Volunteers who give up a lot of their time to make them look fantastic.
- The total repainting and updating of our Public toilets: We are still one of only a few Councils in Powys whose toilets are still free to use. We also kept these facilities open throughout the Covid pandemic.
- Painting of the War Memorial railings, together with replanting and reseeding the area within the War Memorial garden, by Councillors and Volunteers.
- Creation of the new Bee and Butterfly garden, in order to help the environment. This took a lot of hard work and dedication from Councillors and Volunteers.
- Last year, and again this year, the Council will be supplying, paying for, and putting up the hanging baskets for the Town.
- Installation of fencing along some of the Town Council's part of the Groe.
- We have been supplying and maintaining the free dog waste bags in the dispensers on the Groe for a number of years, and we will continue to do this.
- Given £6000.00 in grant money to Community Support, a much-needed service within our Town in general, but particularly during the Pandemic.
- £4000.00 grant to the Wayside Arts Centre.
- We have supported the new Scout hut refurbishment with grant money.
- The new Heritage Society Museum was supported with grant money.
- Allocated grant money to the Football club.
- Given a donation to the Heart of Wales line for new signs.
- Given donations to Primary School and the High for much needed I.T. equipment.
- Donated £3000.00 towards the Builth Bike Bash pump track project, and we are looking at how we can potentially support this further.
- Agreed to cover the full £3000.00 cost of the School crossing Patrol in respect of the Primary School.
- We have just brought a new Defibrillator unit for outside the Strand Hall and looking to get a training session for 50 people across our Community.
- Giving initial funding to support the new Town website for tourism and businesses, being developed by PixelHaze, in order to promote the Town and assist in its recovery from the pandemic.

Our Town Councillors, who are all unpaid volunteers and give their own time to help the Community, remain a dedicated team and will continue to work hard in order to see how we can develop and improve on what we do, over the forthcoming year.