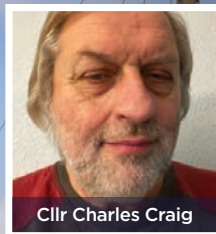




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Cllr Charles Craig



Cllr Vicki Gwilliam



Cllr Vaughan Watson



Cllr Mark Williams

Your newly co-opted Potton Town Councillors

Following a meeting of the Town Council on 5th January 2021, members co-opted three new councillors. The new councillors are Charles Craig, Vicki Gwilliam and Mark Williams. Cllr Vaughan Watson was co-opted in April 2020.

Get to know your new Town Councillors on pages 10 and 11.





Chairman's message

Hello and welcome to the February 2021 edition of the Town Council quarterly newsletter.

Normally in this Newsletter I would be reminiscing about the wonderful summer and autumn of community activities that we had all enjoyed in the second half of last year. Sadly of course that is not appropriate or possible. So many of our normal activities had to be cancelled, principally the bi-annual Party on Potton, which would normally have taken place at the end of August. In addition to this, the Potton Show and Apple Day had to be cancelled.



Poppy Rocks by Gemma Grubb



L-R: David Tall OBE, DL Chris Kilroy MBE and Cllr Jonathan Lean

In addition, unfortunately we were not able to hold the usual Remembrance Day Service on Sunday 8th November 2020, but this did not stop others from recognising those who have served, and in many cases, made the ultimate sacrifice during war and conflict. Members of the community were asked to remember at home and observe a two-minute silence with the nation at 11am. I would like to thank Deputy Lieutenant (DL) Chris Kilroy MBE and David Tall OBE who attended and supported our small Civic ceremony and to everyone who 'Remembered at Home'.



Father Christmas visits Potton



Also sadly missed was the annual great Christmas Lights switch-on. Father Christmas was able to take a tour of the town on Saturday 5th December, accompanied by his 'elves' and seasonal music. There was also a 'Light up Potton' competition run by the Party on Potton committee and the Town Council's Christmas Lights sub-committee. You can read more on these events on pages 19 to 21. Congratulations to all the winners and well done to everyone who took so much time and effort to make this Christmas as festive as possible.

So – let's concentrate on the positives and the things that we were still able to do.



A major milestone was reached in the Potton Hall for All project whereby the majority of respondents to the consultation that took place in September and October

supported the proposal that Potton Town Council should seek authorisation from the Minister of Housing, Communities and Local Government for a loan from the Public Works Loan Board to assist with the funding of this important project. Full details of the status of the project can be seen on page 7 of this newsletter.

Within the Covid guidelines in existence at the time, we were able to put on both the September and December Seasonal markets. Both of them were very well attended despite the inclement December weather. Many thanks to all of you who support these markets which have become so popular that we normally have a waiting list of traders who want to attend.

Four Seasons Market



Sat 20th March
9am – 1pm



For more information visit
pottontowncouncil.co.uk/four-seasons-market

The Potton Food and Community Gardens are all up and running with significant involvement from members of the public. You can read more about these important projects on pages 17 and 22-23 respectively.

Potton Community Support Group (PCSG) has been busy also throughout the pandemic assisting those in our community who were more affected either directly or indirectly by the restrictions that were imposed on us. This has been made possible by generous financial support from Potton Consolidated Charity, Potton Town Council and through funds raised via a Just Giving support page. Here I have to give special thanks to those of you who have donated so generously to allow the support group to do their work so effectively. You can read an update from the PCSG on page 14.

A special thanks also to the Royal Oak who sponsored 20 hampers of food to go to various families in Potton for Christmas. It was their initiative and they supplied the meat and trimmings with the vegetables being provided by the allotments holders in Everton Road. A wonderful community project! Read more on page 16.

By the time you get this newsletter we will be well into 2021 and I am sure that, like me, you are all hoping for a rapid return to normality – or at least the new normal. What a brilliant town we live in though where 'normal' is to pull together to make our community stronger.

Thank you.

Jonathan

Cllr Jonathan Lean



Everton Road Allotments

Budget 2021-2022



This is always a very important time of year for the Council as it is traditionally the period in which the Council agrees its annual budget and precept. The precept is the council tax element, raised by the town council to undertake its functions across the town. The law requires Town/Parish councils to set a precept that is a 'balancing figure' known in legislation as the 'council tax requirement'. The precept should be set to the amount of money required to balance the accounts after deducting 'other estimated income'.

For the financial year 2021/2022 Potton Town Council's 'Precept' will be £345,908. If you live in a Potton Band D property, you will pay an annual charge of £156.03 to Potton Town Council. This is an increase on last year of £17.26 per band D household (12.4%) which is approximately an additional £1.44 per month / 33 pence per week. Of which approximately 25 pence per week (9.3%) is for the purpose of the Potton Hall for

All loan repayments and 8 pence per week (3.1%) for other services).

The town council is committed to providing services and developing facilities that will benefit all members of our community whilst ensuring we achieve best value from our budget. The town council is seeking the approval of the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government to apply for a Public Works Loan Board (PWLb) loan of £500,000 over the borrowing term of 15 years for the part funding of Potton Hall for All project.

Finally, all town Councillors are volunteers and give of their time free to support Town life and make Potton a great place to live. We are fortunate to have a strong community spirit in Potton and we look forward to working together with residents to help to build on this further.

New Rector for St Mary's

Hello everyone. My name is Alex Wheatley and (all being well) from 25th March, I will be the new Rector for the parish churches in Potton, Sutton and Cockayne Hatley! I'm looking forward to joining these communities and residing in Potton. Obviously, due to our difficult national circumstances it is likely that I won't meet many people initially, but in time I'm looking forward to meeting Potton's people and understanding this community's dynamics. Until then, please be assured of my prayers for you all at a difficult time.



Potton Hall for All

Potton Hall for All Charity held its virtual AGM on 26th November, where we welcomed two new Trustees, Beverley Hutchinson and Justin Thomas. Our Support Group also welcomed four new volunteers.

In 2021 we are looking to grow our volunteer support group. Perhaps you can help? Do you have a few hours to spare to work with other passionate people to bring this community building into reality? If you'd like to help with the project, get in touch at hall4allpotton@gmail.com

We know many things are on hold due to Covid-19 but we must plan for the future now. This new building will be your new hall, your unique space, like no other in town. The new building will host existing groups and also provide a large flexible space for new sports, arts and social activities.

Keep up to date with us at www.pottonhallforall.org.uk or follow us on Facebook or Instagram.

Funding

Funding for the Potton Hall for All project was given a boost just before Christmas when we raised £288 at the Potton Seasonal Market. We also received a £200 donation from Mulberry Homes (developers of Market Reach). These funds will help us move the project forward by helping us raise awareness, recruit new volunteers and pay for costs such as essential professional fees to help keep the project on track.

Community fundraising has been tough in 2020 with little or no income opportunities for the project but behind the scenes we are planning larger scale fundraising to grant and charitable trusts in 2021.



Following the public consultation in Autumn 2020, Potton Town Council have now prepared an application to ask the Ministry of Housing Communities and Local Government (MHCLG) for permission to take the Public Works Board Loan of £500,000 towards the cost of building the hall. This will be submitted later this month with the support of the Potton Hall for All Trustees.



Potton Hall for All is a Registered Charity, number 1158751

Kier slaps in second planning application for 100 houses south of Potton just days before Christmas

- **Kier re-applies for 100 houses south of Potton.**
- **Developer seeking to demolish homes on The Paddocks to build an entrance road.**
- **Consultation now closed but application likely to go to committee.**

A controversial proposed housing development is back on the table and this time the developer wants to create vehicle access via a second quiet residential road.

In December 2019, the developer applied for houses in the same location, however serious concerns were raised by residents, councillors and Central Bedfordshire Council (CBC) planning officers. The developer was informed of these concerns by CBC and encouraged to withdraw the application, which it then did.

Tracey Wye and I opposed the original application and expressed objections to CBC about overdevelopment, access, visual impact and the environment.

At the time, I warned people 'While the number of concerns voiced by CBC is clearly a very positive thing for Potton, residents must be watchful. It is very likely the developer will be back with a revised application in the months to come'. Unfortunately I was right.

In November last year I warned Kier was preparing to re-apply.

The timing of this latest application is interesting. It is an oft-used tactic by developers to put in applications just before Christmas on the basis that fewer people will notice or comment. Four significant planning applications in our ward alone were received by CBC in December. Despite all this, at the time of writing over 700 people have sent objections to the council.





The proposed development would see all construction traffic accessing the site via Sutton Mill Road and, once complete, the 350+ vehicle journeys per day would go in and out via The Ridgeway or The Paddocks and then on to Sutton Mill Road. The development would clearly cause huge disruption to a large part of Potton both in construction and once completed.

On the map above, one can see a barrier half way through the new development meaning traffic would not be able to drive all the way through the estate. In the documents, Kier acknowledges the change of access and says 55 houses would be accessed from The Ridgeway and 42 from The Paddocks, splitting the development into two halves with only pedestrian/cycle access between them.

What's more, the map on the left shows the western access will exit via The Paddocks straight over an area of land where there are currently homes owned by a housing association called Stonewater.

Tracey Wye and I have opposed the application and if - as seems likely - CBC are prepared to approve it, it will go to a committee of councillors to make the final decision.

While the consultation period has now closed, if you'd like to get comments to CBC, let me know via adamzerny@hotmail.co.uk

The documents can be found on CBC's website or on my Facebook page www.facebook.com/adamzerny

If you would like to receive my monthly email newsletter, which will contain further information on this application and what happens, please drop me a line.

Cllr Adam Zerny



Get to know your Town Councillors



Councillor Charles Craig

Originating from Northern Ireland, I have been living in England for 34 years and in Potton for 18. My wife, son and I arrived here by accident through an exercise in triangulation (I worked in Stevenage and my wife in Cambridge). We have no regrets as the town is charming, the people friendly and the countryside (still) on our doorstep.

I'm a virologist, which is a profession that has unfortunately risen from obscurity during 2020/21 – hoping for obscurity again as soon as possible!

I'm keen to help address local and community issues. I have a natural affinity for issues around health, education and safety – I'm also enthusiastic for town and country environmental conservation.

When not mulling over variants, I enjoy the outdoors, especially dog walking, photography and music (all sorts – playing and listening).



Councillor Vicki Gwilliam

I have lived in Potton with my husband and son since 2006. We relocated from North London and chose Potton for its charm and sense of community. I am ready and willing to support the council and our community and would like to take part in ensuring Potton retains its charm, character, community spirit and changes that take place are those that are welcomed and for the benefit of our community.

I am a dog owner and enjoy the green spaces around our town. As with many others, it is important to me that these areas are retained and accessible to all.

I work in education as a Higher Level Teaching Assistant in Huntingdon. I am actively involved in children's football and hold the position of Welfare Officer for a local club.



Councillor Vaughan Watson

I have lived in central Bedfordshire for the past 30 years and moved to Potton with my wife in 2004. This is the best place I've ever lived and find the community and town a real asset.

I have worked in local government for 45 years and have a good understanding of the pressures it's under and the challenges that Potton will face in the coming years.

I feel privileged to represent the community and will do my very best to protect the interests of the town. I have no political affiliations and therefore feel best placed to represent our local community.

I enjoy spending time with our family and fortunately our four grandchildren all live no more than 5 miles away.



Councillor Mark Williams

I had a very particular idea of the kind of town I wanted to find to put down some roots after a decade of working for a London based shipping firm, but mostly travelling overseas. Potton met those requirements and I was very happy to move here in 2006. My wife joined me here after we married in 2012 and our daughter has benefited from early years education here. We are regulars at St Mary's church on a Sunday. We value the community spirit, the vibrancy and compactness of the town centre, and the sense that Potton is a place people come to live in, not just to commute from.

I am in the pubs less than I used to be while I try to lose weight! A riding accident in 2014 ended my sporting career, though I chucked a few darts for the Bricklayers a long time ago.

As a Councillor I hope to help to maintain the positives that we all enjoy living here.

Your meeting. Your town.



Annual Town Meeting Tuesday 27th April at 7pm

The Annual Town Meeting will be held by Potton Town Council (online via Zoom) on **Tuesday 27th April at 7pm**. It is a chance for residents to talk to their town council about issues of concern in Potton.

Chairman, Cllr Jonathan Lean, will speak about what has been achieved in the year, what is planned for the future and answer questions.

Potton's two Central Bedfordshire Council ward councillors (Cllrs Wye and Zerny) and representatives from Potton Federation, Potton Neighbourhood Plan and Potton Hall for All have been invited to speak.

Members of the public may address the meeting and raise any issues they feel should be considered in the future. If you wish to participate, please contact the Town Clerk at **pottoncouncil@btconnect.com** by 9am on Monday 26th April (giving your name and address) to receive joining instructions.

So come along, meet the people who represent your views and tell them how well you think they are doing and what you feel should be their next priority.

This is **your meeting** about **your town**. Please join us!

Keeping Potton Tidy

Autumn Litter Pick 2020

Author: Cllr Carol Leggatt

Firstly, thank you to those of you who gave up their time for the last litter pick in October. It was organised differently due to restrictions necessitating keeping people safe and in small groups. The uniformed groups, who are normally stalwarts of the litter pick, were unable to participate this time. We were fortunate enough to be supported by several people though and the town always looks better for it. There were not so many bags collected this time - is this a hopeful sign for the future?

The next litter pick is scheduled to take place on **Saturday 13th March 2021**. Keep an eye on the Town Council media outputs for updates to this as we get closer to the time.

We hope to see you there!



Help clean up our streets

Join the Great British Spring Clean

SATURDAY 13TH MARCH 2021

FROM 10AM -2PM

The Community Centre, Brook End, Potton SG19 2QS

#GBSpringClean

Garden Waste Collections Resume

Garden waste collections are set to resume with **Potton's green wheelie bin collection on Friday 5th March**.

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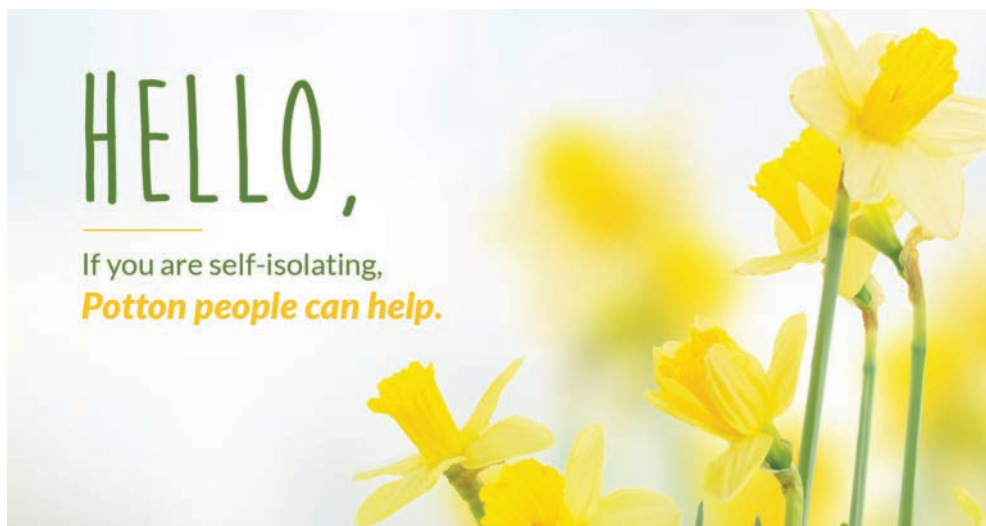
Potton Community Support Group

Author: Cllr John Hobbs

For the last nine months the Potton Community Support Group (PCSG) has provided food boxes or Tesco vouchers to more than 20 Potton families. We could not have done this without your financial support and we therefore thank everyone who made donations to our fund either via our JustGiving page or via Potton Town Council. So far, we have spent over £5,300.

Having been placed under lockdown restrictions, we will continue supporting Potton-based families through these difficult times. Your generosity over the Christmas period added a further £1,000 to our support fund. We are still glad to receive your donations and the link to our JustGiving page is:

www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/potton-towncouncil



Do you know of a family that is suffering financial hardship due to the COVID Lockdown?

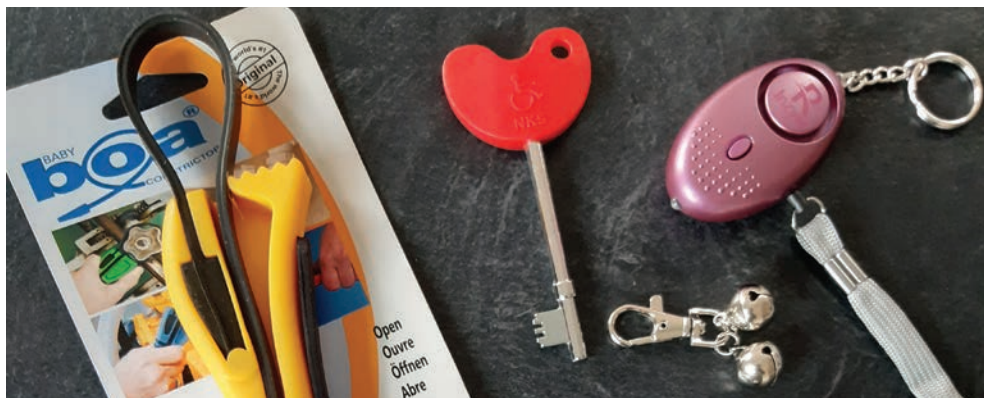
If so, tell them to contact us via
Andrea MacAdam, the Potton Community Agent,
on **07590 359630**
or **email andream@bedsrcc.org.uk**

Any discussions will be treated in the strictest confidence and any support provided will not be shared with the PCSG team.

Potton Community Agent News

Supporting the over 60s in Potton

Author: Andrea MacAdam



**Tel: Andrea mobile: 07590 359630
(working Weds & Thurs only)**

**Or email: andream@bedsrcc.org.uk
(please note the 0300 number is no longer in use)**

Wellbeing freebies – there are still a few wellbeing items to give away. If you would benefit from a jar opener, disabled toilet key, personal safety alarm or purse bells, please contact Andrea who can social distance deliver.

Benefits help – if you need support completing forms such as Attendance Allowance, Blue Parking Badge, Carer's Allowance, Pension Credit or Council Tax Reduction/Housing Benefit, please get in touch. Andrea can advise you and help you complete these forms if you are unsure doing it yourself. Social distance guidelines apply.

Gas and Electricity emergencies – be prepared for winter. In the event of a powercut, dial 105 for information. In a gas emergency dial 0800 111 999.

Are You Eligible for Pension Credit?

If your weekly income is below £173.25 (single person) or £265.20 (couple) then contact Andrea and she will help you to apply for Pension Credit. You may also be eligible for a rebate on your energy bill, help with NHS costs, and a free TV licence, so it is worth applying even if your income is only just below the threshold.

Foodbank parcels – if you are struggling to keep yourself fed properly due to a temporary change in your income, COVID related or not, Andrea can refer you in confidence for a foodbank parcel.

Thursday Friendship Group & Tablet Workshops - unfortunately both of these groups are on hold until further notice, but they will resume when guidelines allow.

If you have any issues you need advice or help with please contact Andrea in confidence. Potton's Community Agent is kindly funded by Potton Consolidated Charity with support from the Town Council.

Veg Box Donation Scheme

faith • food • community

Author: Sharon Mey



The culmination of our first seven months as a charity was a collaborative effort between the Veg Box Donation Scheme, The Royal Oak Potton, and the Potton Community Support Group. The Royal Oak had been setting aside £1 for every Sunday and Christmas Day takeaway lunch order, and the funds were used to purchase the ingredients for a Christmas dinner hamper for local Potton families facing food poverty, which we distributed to those on our lists.

This first year for the Veg Box Donation Scheme has been a time of establishment as a Christian charity based in Potton, laying the foundations for expansion into other areas. We have been working with local food banks and other referral agencies to provide a nutritious diet for households in need in Potton and latterly in Biggleswade as well.

Donations of fresh fruit and vegetables have come from many sources, mainly from the allotments and home growers in the summer, but as winter drew on the donations from shoppers and local schools and supermarkets increased,

to enable us to continue to provide veg boxes to those who need them the most.

Can you help? We need:

- ongoing donations of fruit and vegetables, which can be left on the Veg Box Donation Scheme table at the Potton Town Council allotments in Everton Road on Saturdays from 09:00-12:00, or call me to collect or provide another donation point;
- volunteers to help pack and distribute the veg boxes;
- monetary donations so that we can purchase produce when needed;
- volunteer Management Committee members, if you share our Christian ethos and feel you could contribute to our vision to help those in need.

Please contact Sharon Mey on vegboxdonations@gmail.com, mobile **07944 730565**, or 'Like' us on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/vegboxdonationscheme>. Help us to help them!

Growing for health and wellbeing

Introducing the Potton Food Garden

Author: Tracey Wye

Calling all budding gardeners and growers - the new Potton Food Garden is looking for people who want to get involved with growing (and sharing) fruit and vegetables.

After a herculean effort laying cardboard on the surface of the beds and paths, spreading wood chippings on the paths, and 'mining' 15-year-old horse compost on a nearby farm to spread on the beds, the no dig, organic Potton Food Garden has been left to the cold and frost, and the worms and other soil organisms, to break down the mulches and enrich the soil over the winter months. Thank you to those who volunteered their time and energy in getting the garden ready for overwintering, and to those who donated

cardboard, wood chip, a wheelbarrow and that delicious 'black gold' compost.

We look forward with excitement to planting in the spring – the broad beans are already growing happily in a greenhouse nearby. If you would like to be involved, keep an eye on our Facebook page for details of work parties, community events and other happenings, info on no dig and organic gardening, and details on how to join in: <https://www.facebook.com/pottonfoodgarden>, or contact Tracey Wye at traceywy@icloud.com to be added to the email list.

The Potton Food Garden is a community garden for all Potton residents to enjoy and improve their health and wellbeing.



Explore the Greensand Country from your home

Author: Louise Stewart-Young, Greensand Country



As a resident of Pottton you are in the fortunate position of being a resident of Greensand Country.

Some of you will be aware of this beautiful and much loved landscape of the Greensand Country which is defined by the Greensand Ridge, a band of higher ground stretching from Leighton Buzzard to Gamlingay, which rises out of the surrounding vales to create a unique local environment.

Others of you may be completely unaware of just what is on their doorstep. The Greensand Country area contains all of Bedfordshire's remaining heathland, more than half of its woodland and 29 historic parklands. It is a landscape rich in wildlife and cultural heritage, with its own special qualities and sense of place. A 'green oasis' of peace and quiet, rolling countryside, breath-taking views and lots more.

Due to the Covid-19 lockdown people have been spending more time outside

and this has been a great opportunity to explore the local landscape. Greensand Country has numerous trails available to cycle, run or walk which will take you into the heart of the countryside. But there is so much more.

There are numerous hidden gems to find and explore. Use the **Greensand Country interactive map: www.greensandcountry.com/explore/interactive-map** to plan your walk.

Greensand Country is a place where people feel able to slow down, unwind and connect with nature. Somewhere to escape urban life, breathe easy and feel uplifted. Come and discover it for yourself!

To find out more go to **www.greensandcountry.com**



Light Up Potton 2020 Competition

Author: POP Committee

We asked the people of Potton to light up the town for Christmas and you didn't disappoint!

As our usual Christmas light switch-on couldn't be held this year due to marauding ducks in the square (not really, it was government restrictions on social gatherings), we appealed to you to help us celebrate by lighting up the whole town. And my goodness, you rose to the occasion.

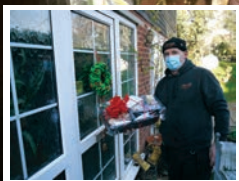
There were light-up reindeer, full-size inflatable snowmen, cheeky Christmas elves and even entire streets getting in on the act (well done Baker Avenue). Our wonderful Potton people pulled together with community spirit and lifted all our spirits after a dark and difficult year.

We had more than 50 entries in the Light Up Potton Competition, but sadly there could only be three winners. Party On Potton Chair Carlton Avison spent two fun-filled evenings walking the length and breadth of the town, looking at all the contenders before deciding on the winning entries.

Best Dressed Home went to a brilliantly decorated entry on Bury Hill, Best Dressed Window was taken by those cheeky Widdershins elves and Best Dressed Shop, Pub or Business went to the incomparable Tysoe's.

Councillor Carol Leggatt and Carlton Avison presented the winners with their prize hampers. Congratulations to all our winners and thank you to everyone who took part in cheering up our town during a very different December.

Here's to a better 2021 and (fingers crossed) having the Christmas light switch-on in person this year.



Christmas Lights 2020

Author: Cllr Carol Leggatt



Well, 2020 was an interesting one for the Lights Committee. Our plans went awry on several occasions and we tried our best to overcome a rapidly changing set of rules resulting from Covid restrictions.

With scaffolding having been erected around the library for maintenance of the woodwork in November, we managed to put up over half of the lights around the square on the first day booked for the task. To be fair, the contractors responsible for the library refurbishment were very helpful and provided assistance where they could

to minimise the disruption including organising the removal and refitting of our new rope lights recently fitted to the library. They also refurbished the lighting in the clock tower and fitted brackets for our new Christmas Cracker motif.

We hope you liked our two new decorations – the cracker as mentioned above and the Snow Globe above Clayton's. These were made to the designs of our two winners of the 2019 Christmas Light Decoration Competition. Hopefully we will be scaffold free in 2021 and you will be able see them properly.

Knowing that there would be no formal switch-on event we did not want to disappoint the children by not letting them see Father Christmas and giving him their letters. So, it was very much up in the air until the last minute as to whether we would be able to transport him around Potton. My sincere thanks go to Father Christmas, Simon Auckland for organising the transport and music and Woodentops Pre-school for the excellent decoration of the sleigh. I hope you liked our “overgrown” Elves in their green trousers and Christmas jumpers. We did not over advertise the event so as not to encourage large groups of people gathering and, of course, it was very weather dependent. We covered as large an area as we could and, hopefully, at a time that did not affect children’s bed times.

The committee wanted to show its support for Potton shops which every year play a key role in ensuring our lighting display and switch-on event is one of the best in the area. To this end we held a competition for the best dressed shopfront window, best dressed house window and best decorated house. A very big thank you



goes to Party on Potton for promoting and judging the competition – an outstanding job. The prizes were all bought from local shops and paid for from the Christmas Lights budget. The winners received their prizes on Christmas Eve from Carlton Avison and myself. Read more on page 19.

Due to current restrictions the lights will not be taken down again until it is safe to do so with the exception of the tree which has now been returned to Deepdale Trees.

Thank you to everybody who made all of this possible in what was a very difficult year. With your continued support we hope 2021 will return nearer to normality.



Potton Community Garden

Authors: Cllrs John Day and Carol Leggett



Photos: Dave Badger

One Sunday back in September, residents were inspired by Councillors Leggett and Day to start a Community Garden in Meeting Lane. Aware it is a well-used route into town, but not necessarily the nicest looking, it was decided it needed a bit of a 'face-lift', but rather than impose our own choice of plants, we wanted the community to have their own say in what was grown by donating their own plants.

During the course of the day, up to twenty people, all socially distanced, came to spend time weeding and planting areas between King Street and Carters Lane.

Many people kindly donated plants, not just those participating. We hope everyone had a great time on the day and enjoyed themselves. The plants have now started to establish and we will be looking to do more in the next year as and when restrictions and time allows. Transforming the pathways will take time, but with such a great community spirit it can only get better.

We would like to thank all those who have taken part so far and have also kindly donated plants. If you want to add any plants as you pass, please feel free



to pop anything in from small shrubs, herbaceous plants and bulbs, herbs and other edibles. We'd like please for you to adopt a plant during dry weather; take some water out with you so when passing you can give a plant a drink.

For now, we have just focused around the King Street to Carters Lane area, but our aspiration is for residents living along the route from Chapman Close all the way through to King Street getting involved in time, to brighten the whole pathway and make it their own.

By the time you read this, we will already be planning our next moves. We very much want to see this as a Community-led project supported by Pottton Town Council's Environmental Committee. If you are interested to participate in future events or even help coordinate activities, please contact us by emailing **pottoncouncil@btconnect.com**. We welcome all the help and support we can get to take this project forward.

Town Council Information

For enquiries regarding the following: Cemetery, Allotments, Henry Smith Playground, Mill Lane Playground, Recreation Fields, Public Conveniences, Brook End Car Park, Mill Lane Pavilion and Community Centre.

The Town Council office is currently unmanned due to COVID-19. If you wish to contact a member of staff, please email **pottoncouncil@btconnect.com** or call **01767 260086** and leave a message. You can find lots of information on the Town Council website **www.pottontowncouncil.co.uk** or **[@PottonTownCouncil](https://www.facebook.com/PottonTownCouncil)** or **[@pottoncouncil](https://twitter.com/pottoncouncil)**

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Town Council Meetings

During the Coronavirus COVID-19 crisis, meetings will be held online, starting at 7pm. To receive joining instructions for a meeting, please email **pottoncouncil@btconnect.com** **providing your name and address details.**

Tuesday 2nd March

Tuesday 6th April

Tuesday 27th April - Annual Town Meeting

Tuesday 4th May - Annual Meeting of the Town Council

Councillor Surgeries

Venue and times to be advised.

Saturday 20th March

Cllrs Leggatt and Macdonald

Saturday 17th April

Cllrs Lean and Price Williams

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