



# TIVERTON TOWN COUNCIL

Welcome to Tiverton Town Council supporting your community

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Tiverton Town Council has been involved in many projects during and post covid. Including working with partner organisations such as Mid Devon District Council, Devon County Council and Churches Homes Action Trust (CHAT) in order to benefit the community.

This has included contributing towards a new CCTV system for the town centre, the redecoration of the public toilet building at the pannier market and the painting of the railings surrounding the bus station, as well as providing emergency grant funding for projects such as fuel poverty.

There are exciting plans in the pipeline for future events for the town for 2023 and the council looks forward to once again putting on the Feast of St James to name but one.

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## Mayor of Tiverton Councillor Sue Griggs

I hope that you are enjoying the summertime, we have recently experienced some very hot weather with our gardens & parks suffering as a consequence. We now have drought measures in place but as I write this, the rain is pelting down outside so it is feeling like a 'normal' English summer once again.

I am now into my second year as mayor and enjoying meeting many of you at events and during walkabouts in the town. It's always a pleasure to stop to speak to you even if it's to talk about things that might be troubling you. I am planning on starting monthly surgeries again this autumn so you will be able to come along and meet with the town councillors to discuss any issues you might have or just to talk to us. When I was mayor previously, these surgeries were quite successful and I hope they will be again.

With the Covid restrictions being lifted, I have been able to get out to visit events & organisations more freely. This is one of the very enjoyable things about being mayor, meeting people that you might not necessarily meet and discovering groups and places that you might not have known about. It is a privilege to get to meet so many wonderful people!

Last month I attended the Mid Devon Show, our Beadle Alan Burnett opened the event by giving a great 'cry'. Year on year, the show gets bigger and better, I didn't manage to get to see everything this year, as I ran out of time! It's always nice to see so many locals coming to the show and also the many people who have travelled from afar to attend, chatting with them, I enjoyed hearing all the praises for the show and for Tiverton. It's great to see the local businesses coming to exhibit, the animals on show and the entertainment in the main ring, there really is something for everyone. It's obvious why the show is so popular.

I recently enjoyed the Tiverton Junior Operatic Club show 'In Memory' at The New Hall, I was touched by the emotional songs being sung by the many talented members of this club.

I am always very happy to attend events or come to meet organisations & groups, do contact the office to arrange this.

In our town the hanging baskets and flower beds have once again made the town more colourful and vibrant. We await the judge's decision to see if we have won a Gold award this year. We do have empty shop units which we hope will soon be filled, but times are changing as are peoples shopping and leisure habits. We need to move with the changes whilst still maintaining traditional businesses. The town council has just appointed a Town Centre Coordinator to work with us to bring about some regeneration for the town. We have seen the great improvements at the Pannier Market bringing increased footfall and a new energy to this space. I hope we can bring some actions into the town that will add a new vibrancy and additional footfall to the high street. Tiverton has many independent shops stretching from Westexe up to Bridge Street, Angel Hill, Fore Street, Bampton Street, Market Walk & Gold Street, offering an eclectic range of goods and excellent customer service. As always though, shops & cafes, the market, businesses & events need the continuous support & encouragement from the public so they can survive. You know the saying 'Use it or lose it' is all so true.

With the many new homes being built here, the landscape is changing and we find ourselves having to adjust, we don't always welcome change but it is inevitable. We are fortunate to live in a beautiful part of the country and I am very proud to be mayor of our town. We are very lucky to have many lovely & interesting attractions here, where else has two rivers & two castles, a canal with a horse drawn barge & a countryside park on its doorstep? It was a great privilege this year to be invited to open a new Community Orchard, another example of what can be done when people get together to create something special for everyone to enjoy. So much can be achieved when people work together & when Tiverton works together we really rock! I can remember a time when people said nothing ever happens in Tiverton or no that'll never work in Tiverton.... Well just look at us now, there's an abundance of things going on and people who make things happen.

You will have noticed that there is now a mural painted on the wall as you walk to the market, I'm sure you'll have seen it, Sustainable Tiverton & the Net Zero Visions Project were behind this and it certainly cheers up a dull wall as it gives out a message. I would like to see more street art in the town to brighten up Tiverton and I am working on this one.

September will see the return of the EAT food festival throughout the town and I hope to see many of you at this hugely popular event. Last year was a triumph and we were blessed with a 'perfect weather' day let's hope this year we will all enjoy this all over again.

I will be having my Mayors Parade on Sunday 18th September leaving the Town Hall at 10.30am to walk through the town to St Peter's Church, you are all invited, and it would be lovely to see you there if you can.

This year has so far certainly had its highs & lows and I know for some it has been very difficult. We have to remain positive and look forward to tomorrow.

I wish you all good health and hope you will enjoy the remainder of the summer & look to enjoy one of my favourite times of year, the autumn.

See you soon

*Sue Griggs*

Mayor of Tiverton

## Support for Ukraine

The town councillors were kept busy with assisting in the vital support and aid for this crisis.

Here are some examples of the work they carried out.

Cllr Claudette Harrower collected dressings, sanitary products and baby food etc.

Cllr Ben Holdman says “like most people I was dismayed by the news when it hit and wanted to do something to help”.

A local family reached out to me to ask for help. So I was pleased to do all I could to assist. They wanted to raise money to buy an ambulance to drive down to the Ukrainian border where they have family working with an organisation called Doctors without borders in Ukraine.

So along with a few others, we set up a Facebook group and a Go fund me page.

I am pleased to say this resulted in reaching over a £1,000 in one week and ultimately resulted in the purchase of the new ambulance.

Cllr Chris Daw from the Bethel Pentecostal Church said that as a church they sent money out for vital aid. She explained that all of the church network had joined in unison to take up a special offering. The church has contacts in Ukraine and this will help them out there.

A Ukrainian flag was purchased to fly from the town council’s Town Hall building and has been in situ ever since.



Photographs courtesy of Mr Lewis Clarke

## Community News

Tiverton is blessed with possessing a strong community spirit and many members of the public who are willing to devote time in order to benefit others and their surroundings.

The People's Park rockery is just one example of this. Before the Tivvy Trowel Blazers took this project on, the old rockery was an overgrown and unloved space, covered in brambles and ground elder. Now this tricky site owing to it's large fir trees, has been transformed into a bee and butterfly friendly garden. Thanks to the efforts of the volunteers.

A new community orchard has been created thanks to the Tiverton Tree Team and Sustainable Tiverton, who have worked hard to create this wonderful space for all to enjoy. This will provide fruit and nuts to the community as the orchard matures and grows.

Tiverton Litter Pickers are a loyal and hardworking group who regularly arrange litter picks in and around the town, as well as providing cover at local events. We are all very grateful for their efforts to keep the town clean and tidy.



Photographs courtesy of Mr Lewis Clarke & Mrs J Hubbard

## Community News

2021 saw the completion of the restoration of the Victorian water fountain at the People's Park thanks to the fund raising efforts of the Allies community group.

The fountain had stood in a sorry state of repair for many years and was crumbling into decay.

The unveiling of the fountain was a momentous occasion, with the town band playing, along with people dressed in period costume and brought delight to young and old.



Photographs courtesy of Mr Lewis Clarke

Tiverton in Bloom 2021

The Amenities Committee was once again pleased to announce that Tiverton achieved a gold award in the South West in Bloom competition for 2021.

This coveted accolade was much prized as the budget for Tiverton in Bloom has been reduced owing to the impacts of the pandemic.

However, the vibrant colour scheme brought much needed cheer to the streets of the town centre and created a welcoming environment to encourage the community to support their high street.

As ever, we are hugely grateful to the town traders for their continued support and sponsorship, as without them, it would not be possible to do this.

Tiverton is very blessed in having a larger proportion of independent shops than most towns along with a bustling weekly market too.

The market played host to a number of events throughout 2021 with local music acts/street food and a wide range of local crafts.

For 2022 it was decided to theme the colour scheme of the floral baskets and displays to honour the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, and despite the hot and dry weather they are still providing colour and cheer for locals and visitors alike.



From left to right, councillors Claudette Harrower, Irene Hill and Wally Burke shown here hard at work to ensure that the town looked its best for Tiverton in Bloom 2022.



### **Tiverton Christmas Light Switch-on event 2021**

The Christmas lights switch-on event for 2021 was a little different in that there was sadly no school lantern parade due to the pandemic.

However, the town council decided to ensure that the event still had the wow factor by securing a pyrotechnic contractor who created a roof top display on top of the Town Hall to excite and enthral.

The sight of flames shooting up into the cold night sky from the top of the roof was exhilarating to say the least.

The Mayor Cllr Sue Griggs took great delight in addressing the people from the open window of the Mayoralty room and was accompanied by Father Christmas. Radio Exe was on hand to host the event and play some festive popular tunes.

This along with a musical firework display really made it a night to remember.

The pannier market played their part too in putting on street food and entertainment.

Plans are now being made for this year's Christmas Lights display. The town council have secured a new light supplier for the provision of the town's lighting display and it is hoped that this will be as good if not better than what has been before.

## Devon And General Vintage Bus Day

The Devon General Society in partnership with Tiverton Town Council worked together to put on the first ever Vintage Bus Day for the town.

This proved hugely popular and there was a good turn out. The day saw a number of vintage vehicles all privately owned arrive to escort members of the public free of charge on short trips to a number of outlying villages.

Many of the passengers were thrilled to be riding on these vehicles and reminisced of how public transport used to be.

The younger generation enjoyed the novel experience of travelling in a historic mode of transport.

Our own Town Clerk volunteered to be the banksman for the buses on the day and worked hard to ensure everyone's safety.

The society set up stalls selling a plethora of memorabilia and collectables too.

It is hoped that the event can be put on in the future as it was very successful.



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## Grant Applications for 2022/2023

### Grants

To receive a grant, an organisation is required to submit their application by completing the Tiverton Town Council Grant Form, giving details of the specific purpose that the grant would be used for. A copy of the most recent audited accounts of the organisation must be provided with the application.

Grants can only be provided to local 'not for profit' organisations.

The Council examines each grant application on its individual merit and makes a decision on the facts provided by the organisation, therefore it is very important that you provide as much information as possible.

It is the responsibility of the organisation to obtain the application form as forms are no longer sent out automatically to organisations who have previously been awarded a grant.

Please contact the administration office by

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or by telephoning 01884 253404 for an application form.

Alternatively you can download an application form from our website [www.tivertontowncouncil.gov.uk](http://www.tivertontowncouncil.gov.uk) in the community/grants section.