



Spring / Summer 2023 Newsletter

WELCOME FROM CHAIRPERSON

At the Annual Meeting in May I had the privilege of being voted Chair person for 2023—2034. Over the previous year we as councillors have all come to recognise the hard work done by all councillors, particularly when working in sub committees. For this reason, we have agreed to trial not having a mayor for the coming year. There will be an overall chair for council meetings who will attend sub committees. At full council subcommittee chairs will report on their progress in achieving their goals and on their budgets. Council will agree which councillor should represent the town council at events.

Clr Fiona Howard

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HAY FREEDOM PARADE

On 20th May Hay streets were lined to witness the Royal Welsh parade through the town with a marching band, veterans and cadets to celebrate the reaffirmation of the freedom of the county.

There was a fantastic feel-

ing about the town with residents and visitors alike enjoying the parade.

The Parade started and finished at Hay Castle with speeches and handing over of the key.

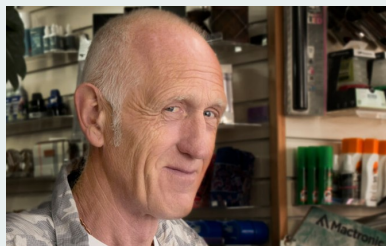
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Cllr Gareth Ratcliffe said “It was a huge honour to welcome and inspect the Royal Welch regiment for their reaffirmation march”.

MEET THE COUNCILLORS :



CLLR FIONA HOWARD



CLLR ROB GOLESWORTHY



CLLR SIMON MORRIS

CORONATION CELEBRATIONS

Coronation weekend saw the town alive with celebrations from family picnics on black lion green to the Markets hosting a specialist outdoor market with large screen so that everyone could join in the pomp and ceremony of the day and enjoy it, window dressings to coronation trails.

The window competitions were fantastic, both businesses and residential which caused some very difficult voting for the Councillors.

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Cllrs Morgan and Powell with Hay Woodland Group installing post rail fence to ensure safety.

ASH DIE BACK

Hay Town Council, Estates Sub-Committee has responsibility for managing land owned by the council and has to comply with statutory legislation e.g., Occupiers Liability Act 1957 & 1984, covering duty of care to the public, Environment (Wales) Act 2016 covering biodiversity. Land areas having significant tree cover are the Old Railway and Bailey Walk footpaths.

Having monitored the footpath trees over a number of years, ash dieback was observed. Late summer of 2022, it was decided to commission a survey which identified many diseased trees. Having this information, provided by a qualified professional, allowed HTC to apply to Brecon Beacons National Park Authority for planning permission to fell trees. This was necessary as the majority of trees fall within Hay on Wye Conservation Area, plus consent to work from Natural Resources Wales as some trees were in the River Wye SSSI/SAC. With these applications passed, tenders were sent out to contractors qualified to do the work, with this being completed by the end of March 2023.

Cllr Jeff Morgan



CLLR JEFF MORGAN



CLLR JADE HALL



CLLR PHOEBE JENKINS



CLLR ALAN POWELL



CLLR JAMES PROTHERO



CLLR GETHIN WILLIAMS



CLLR ALEX BIELSKI



CLLR WENDY BIELSKA

AND OUR CLERK
CLAIRE BUNTON



CLLR HOWARD OPENS DORSTONE CROWN BOWLS

Cllr Fiona Howard was thrilled to be invited to Dorstone Crown Bowls and managed to dodge the showers to officially open the 2023 season for them.

In a unique family connection Cllr Howard’s grandparents used to play crown bowls.



NOTICE OF CONCLUSION OF AUDIT AND RIGHT TO INSPECT THE ANNUAL RETURN FOR THE YEARS ENDED 31 March 2022.

Public Audit (Wales) Act 2004 Section 29

Accounts and Audit (Wales) Regulations 2014

1. The audit of accounts for the [Hay Town Council](#) for the years end-
The annual return is available for inspection by any local government
Claire Bunton, Clerk, Hay Town Council, The Council Offices, Brecon
between 9 am and 3pm on Wednesdays to Fridays
(excluding public holidays), when any local government elector
3. Copies will be provided to any local government elector on pay-
ment of

Claire Bunton, Clerk

10/06/2023

20 MPH SPEED LIMITS COMING TO HAY

Hay Town Council have been working with Powys CC and Herefordshire County Council as part of the Welsh Government initiative to reduce speeds in towns to 20 miles per hour for safety.

Consultation is about to start on making Hay a 20mph zone, the idea being that it will start at the Fire station and go through the whole of Hay down to the Co-op and also out to Natyglasdwr lane to include Hay Bridge. All access egress roads into Hay will become 20 MPH.

There will also be speed restrictions from Llanthomas lane, into Hay. The intention is for this to be introduced on 17th September.

Cllr Simon Morris



HTC SUPPORTS YOUTH CLUB

Hay Town Council were thrilled to be able support Hay Youth Club who recently had their first birthday and provide them with Easter treats for their treasure hunt.

The Volunteers that run Hay Youth club are doing absolutely fantastic work providing a safe and friendly environment for the young people of Hay term time on a Tuesday

evening 6.30pm—8.30pm

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Cllrs Hall and Jenkins presenting Easter treats to Cllr Ratcliffe for Hay Youth Club.

HAY TOWN COUNCIL

The full council meets monthly, usually on the first Monday of the month, unless this falls on a Bank Holiday. The council also has five sub committees who meet every 1-2 months depending on requirements. Where possible we allocate councillors to sub committees that make the best use of their knowledge and experience.

The Council employs one member of part time staff, our Town Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer. You can contact our clerk on town-clerk@haytowncouncil.gov.uk or 01497 808109

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INTRODUCTION TO THE CLERK

The Council Office is such a beautiful, peaceful place to work. I do feel very lucky.

I am loving the challenge of becoming CiLCA qualified, which is no small task along with learning lots of new things with Hay Town Council.

Previously I was a clerk at Ewyas Harold Group Parish Council before taking a career break to have my fourth child, who terrifyingly starts School in September.

Most people will know me through my volunteering work with Hay Scouts and Radnor District Scouts.

ABOUT US

The Council Office can be found at the Recreation Facilities on Brecon Road. Office Open Hours are Wednesday, Thursday, Friday 9.30am - 3pm.

