

NORTHAM TOWN COUNCIL COUNCILLORS AND STAFF

NORTHAM TOWN COUNCIL SPRING NEWSLETTER 2016

Upcoming Meetings

7th March	Town Projects
9th March	Planning
14th March	Northam Burrows
21st March	Finance
30th March	Planning & Full Council

4th April	Town Projects
6th April	Grants Presentation Evening
11th April	Human Resources
13th April	Planning
18th April	Finance
20th April	Annual Electors Meeting
27th April	Planning & Full Council

Agendas are published 6 days before the meeting and can be found on the website and in notice boards around the area.

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Cllr K Davis	472136
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Westward Ho!

Cllr Tisdale	474703
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The Civic Service procession.
Photo courtesy of Graham Hobbs

A MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

We started the year with the civic service on January 10th which was held for the first time in St Mary's, Appledore. It was well attended by dignitaries from all over North Devon, Appledore Silver Band and a large local congregation. The Mayoress and I thank everyone who helped, took part, attended and donated to the collection for the Mayor's Charity – Devon Air Ambulance. The camaraderie and talent of local children were exemplified to us recently by St Margaret's School in Northam, both at their school play and the civic service. And by Bideford Sea Scouts at their annual awards ceremony.

As a Council we are pressing on with our four-year plan to acquire Lords Meadow in Northam as a community asset, while supporting residents of Westward Ho! to retain their play and amenity areas. The first improvements to Anchor Park will begin soon, enhancing the entrance from Scott Avenue, then extending the paths and upgrading the play equipment.

The railings to the Quay in Appledore are to be renewed around Easter time and we have also been promised new lampposts to replace the current ones. They will be installed at the same time, hopefully meaning that festoon lighting can be reinstated.

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New signs at the Town Hall



Anchor Park

The plan to improve Anchor Park will soon be under way. In recent weeks, the surfaces beneath the play equipment have been cleaned and the benches in the park have been washed down and re-stained. Also, a dispenser for free 'Doggie Bags' has been put up on the wall at the main entrance to the Park. The improvement of the path from Scott Avenue into the park will take place soon and then further works to improve and extend the paths inside the Park are also planned. This work has been sent out to tender and will be agreed at an upcoming meeting. The play equipment will be also inspected soon, and then a plan of action will be made to refurbish the play area.



From the Beat PSCO John McGovern

The purpose of this contact from your North Torridge coastal Policing Team is to bring to the attention of all our communities a matter of concern, involving **DOG RELATED INCIDENTS** including livestock attacks and how to report any incidents and points of contact. Strategy/information patrols and information gatherings will be taking place over the coming weeks and months ready for the busy summer period. It appears that reminders from ourselves regarding animal welfare and dog control incidents are becoming a yearly event.

Your local policing team work closely with Torridge District Council and Animal Welfare Officers with a view to the advisement of dog control orders.

- If you are out and about in the village area and observe any dog related incidents of straying contact the Animal Welfare Officer on 01237 428700.
- If the dogs are in the road and causing a danger to traffic please call the Police on 101.
- Should you see dogs chasing or attacking livestock please phone the incident in as soon as you can on 999.

In all circumstances please note the colour, pattern, breed and description of any dogs involved and if possible obtain pictures or video of the dogs. Please ensure that if you do have dogs that their security is checked so that they cannot roam onto roads or farmland. You can view the full item online.

The Bideford & District Community Archive

welcomes you to discover your family history and update your local knowledge. A personal visit could well be worth your while. Manned by volunteers, the Archive is free but donations are appreciated. We are open Monday-Wednesday 9.30am – 1pm at the Council Offices, Windmill Lane, Northam.

Manor Passes

Residents of the Ancient Manor of Northam will be able to apply for a Manor Pass at the end of March. The forms will be available in the office and on our website from 14th March 2016. Please note you must have received your new 2016/17 Council Tax Demand before applying. All instructions will be detailed on the form, any incorrect applications will be returned using the self addressed envelope we ask you to provide.

Improvements at the Town Hall

The Town Hall now has some new frontage signs and a crest has also been added to the Chairman's dais. Alterations to the Committee Room are also under way, removing a partition wall to make a larger room, which will allow members of the public to attend meetings more easily. You can find a list of the upcoming meetings on the back page.

Town and Parish Fund

A resolution has been made to apply to Torridge District Council for money from the TAP Fund to help install a pedestrian crossing in Churchill Way and resurface the Coast Path between the Shipyard and 'Boat Hyde'. Once the application has been made, these matters will move forward. Look out for further updates!

Two New Bus Shelters

Recently, the Town Projects Committee has been working to install 2 new bus shelters at the Knapp House stop. These have now been ordered and will be installed soon.