



Northam Town Council Councillors and Staff



Northam Town Council Winter Newsletter 2015

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Westward Ho!

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Town Clerk	Mrs M J Mills MILCM
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The annual Carol Service will be held on December 12th in St Margaret's Church, Northam at 3.30pm. The Appledore band will be joined by children from local schools. Father Christmas will also be in attendance!

Upcoming Meetings

7 th December	Town Projects
14 th December	Finance
16 th December	Planning & Full Council

4 th January	Town Projects
11 th January	Northam Burrows
13 th January	Planning
18 th January	Finance
25 th January	Human Resources
27 th January	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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Photo courtesy of Graham Hobbs

A message from the Mayor

We are now halfway through my term in office and much has happened, although not all of it good. I refer to the announcement concerning the appalling decision made by the NHS Trust to close the beds at Bideford Hospital. This is not acceptable.

Better news though; the Springfield Centre which Devon County Council (DCC) was to close, and which Northam and Bideford Town Councils were jointly working to take over, has been reprieved by DCC, but not as a day centre as hoped.

Within Northam, Lords Meadow has been offered to the Council and discussions are ongoing to obtain this area.

Similarly at Westward Ho!, negotiations are proceeding to maintain its play area for continuing community use. The Council now have the results of a public consultation concerning Anchor Park in Appledore.

Within Council we will soon be considering the Grant applications and setting the annual budget which becomes increasingly difficult each year.

Some of the Councillors and I attended the Remembrance services and parades in Northam and Appledore on Sunday 8th November. After each service we paraded to the War Memorials to lay poppy wreaths. Over Christmas, the Carol Service in St Margaret's Church, Northam is on December 12th at 3.30pm and the AVA's Festivities in Appledore will take place on December 4th. Events include the Village Nativity Play and the annual switching on of the DIY Christmas Lights.



Community Generator

The Community Generator agreement with Devon County Council is now up and running. Organisations will be able to hire the Generator for their community event by applying to the Town Hall. Charges will be confirmed at the November meeting of the Full Council. Terms and Conditions and an application form will then be published on our website.

Christmas Trees

The Maintenance Men have been busy taking down the hanging baskets and will soon be out and about putting up the Christmas Trees ready for the festive season.



New white lines in Bone Hill Car Park

Bone Hill Car Park

Northam Town Council have recently reinstated the white lines in Bone Hill Car Park. The Car Park remains free to use but we ask that you purchase a yearly permit costing £10 if you use the car park for longer periods on a regular basis. These can be obtained from the Town Hall.

Dog Waste Bins

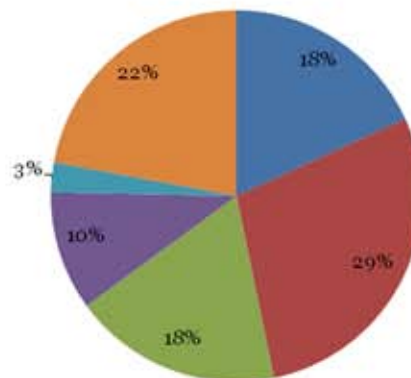
We have recently submitted a request to Torridge District Council, for a dog bin to be installed in Edwards Drive. We are waiting for final confirmation that this will proceed.

An additional 4 dispensers with free 'doggie bags' will soon be put up around Northam Burrows and 2 new dispensers have been installed in Burrough Farm.

Don't forget you can also pick up 'Doggie Bags' at the Town Hall.

How often do you use the Park?

- Daily
- Once or twice a week
- Once or twice a month
- 2 or 3 times a year
- Once a year
- Never



The Results Are In!

The results of the Anchor Park Survey that was circulated with our summer newsletter have now been collated. 77 replies were received in total and the summary can be found on the Anchor Park page of our website. These results, together with results of a survey carried out some time ago will be used to make a plan of improvement for the park. Look out for further updates as it progresses.



LOTTERY FUNDED

The Council have received £10,000 from the Big Lottery Fund to purchase some outdoor gym equipment to be placed in Burrough Farm. This money together with £1,750 from our budget reserves means we are able to install 8 pieces of equipment, including 2 pieces that are wheelchair friendly. The exact site for their installation is yet to be confirmed but look out for further updates as the matter progresses.

Merry Christmas
From all at
Northam Town Council

