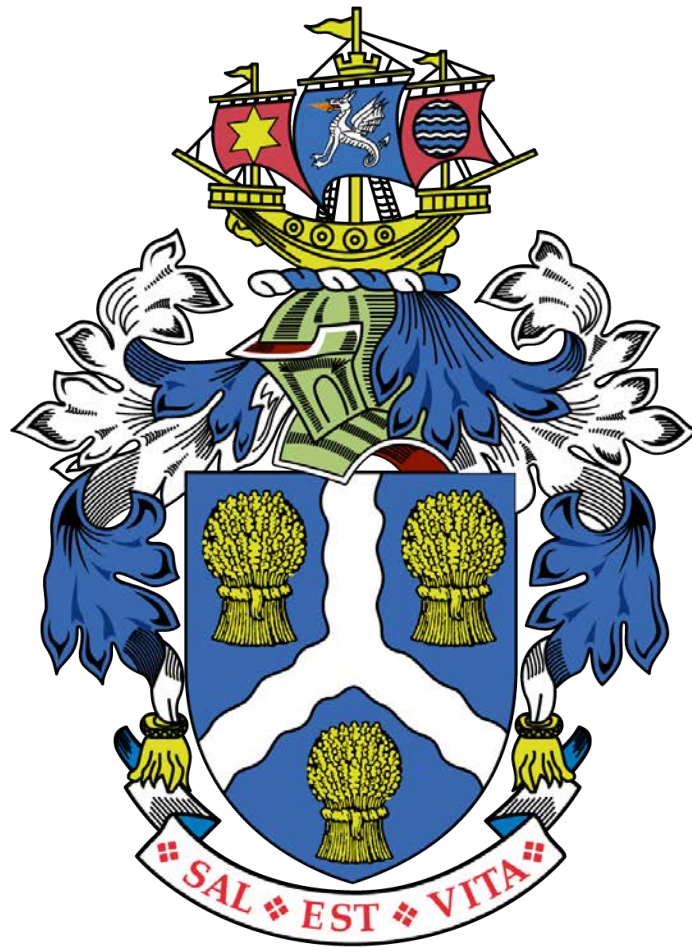




Northwich

town council

Annual Report
2021-2022

Year Overview

Chris Shaw, Town Clerk



As I write this report we seem to finally be coming through the pandemic that has had such an impact on our lives over the last 2 years, with the country returning to a form of normality. We must never forget those that sadly passed away and also ensure we continue with the even greater sense of community we now see.

Northwich Town Council have continued to support local businesses with there re-opening, working closely with Northwich BID to offer an improved experience for shoppers and visitors to the town. In late 2021 we saw the return of events to the town centre, with the Christmas Extravaganza attracting 1000's of visitors for a fun filled day, culminating with our schools parade, light switch on and fireworks finale.

Church Walk Paddling Pool opened in the summer with a new booking system and reduced capacity, this was well received by visitors and we're looking forward to a full season in 2022. Vickersway Park and it's amenities were fully open and our team loved seeing families enjoy a great day out. We refurbished Old Hall Road and Burnside Way play areas with £180,000 invested into these facilities. Additional improvements were made to our cemeteries and open spaces and we will continue to improve all our areas in the coming years with a strong entthesis on pre-emptive refurbishment and sustainable construction.

The relationship we've developed with local partners/stakeholders has continued to get stronger and we have delivered a range of events and projects over the last 12 months. I'd like to recognise the following organisations who have come together with Northwich Town Council to make Northwich a place residents can be proud of:

Cheshire West & Chester Council | Northwich BID | Rotary Clubs | Cheshire Police
Local Schools | Rudheath & Witton Together | Barons Quay | St Helens Church
St Wilfred's Church | Local Businesses | Changing Lives Together

We will continue to support our community and businesses in the coming year and 2022 promises to be a time we can say we got back to being an historic salt town full of culture and communities that support each other. There are so many things to look forward to, from music festivals, to soapbox racing, there's not enough room on this page to list everything.

I would like to end by passing sincere thanks to all our staff who work tirelessly to ensure all the services that we deliver are carried out to the highest standards. Thanks also go to our Northwich Cllrs who are there to ensure we deliver what the community needs and stand up for Northwich, a town I know they all take pride in serving.

Chris Shaw, Town Clerk

Year Overview

Sam Naylor, Town Mayor



It has been an honour and privilege for Viv and I to serve as Mayor and consort for the past year and so special for me personally to follow in the footsteps of my late father Harold who was appointed Mayor in 1977.

I have endeavoured to serve, promote and support this great Town of Northwich and thank my fellow Councillors for electing me and I have attempted to deliver and repay the trust they placed in me.



I have represented the Town on so many occasions, openings, celebrations and events and suffice to say it has been such a pleasure, particularly in the way the town has reopened post Covid and a real highlight was the vigil for Ukraine and the subsequent response from the generous people of Mid Cheshire.

The Remembrance Day Parade, our Christmas Extravaganza and the Tree of Lights were memorable events but it was also sad to bid farewell to past Mayors Ron Woodier and George Mainwaring.

Northwich Town Council is a fantastic, well led and growing organisation and I pay tribute to each and every employee who contribute in so many ways and of course a special thank you to Theresa for holding my hand over the past year.

Thanks for the opportunity to serve; it has been a pleasure.

Chr Sam Naylor

Northwich Town Mayor

Cllr. Sam Naylor

Town Mayor of Northwich 2021/2022



During the Term of Office, the Town Mayor attended 70 events/functions.

The list below provides details.

Within the current Civic Handbook are descriptions of the points scoring system for each event according to its type.

They are as follows:

Events promoting the Town	5 points
Local community groups promoting	5 points
Civic Hosting	3 points
Council/Statutory/Traditional	3 points
Business openings inside the Parish	3 points
Charities	2 points
Social	1.5 points
Business openings outside Parish	1 point
Civic Circuit (The Chain Gang)	1 point

The Town Mayor totalled

191 points

These accounted for all events attended mid May 2021 to present day.



Event Attendance

Cllr. Sam Naylor, Town Mayor



09/06/2021	The Joshua Tree	Visit to new premises
19/06/2021	NTC	Opening of new toilets in Northwich
26/06/2021	Swetenhams Estate Agents	Re-opening following refurbishment
02/07/2021	NTC	Sunflower promotion in town
09/07/2021	St Nicholas High School	Virtual student business presentations
10/07/2021	St Luke's Hospice	Opening of R&B shop
24/07/2021	Mrs Olga Ellis	100th birthday celebrations
19/08/2021	NTC	Ceremonial Ground breaking at Old Hall Road Play Area
20/08/2021	Knutsford T.C.	Summer BBQ
28/08/2021	Vale Royal Crematorium	COVID Memorial launch
05/09/2021	Your Housing Group	Waters Cross opening
10/10/2021	Radio Northwich	VIP Evening
15/10/2021	Church Walk School	Presentation of book token in respect of 2021 sunflower competition
16/10/2021	High Sheriff of Cheshire	Gathering of Cheshire Mayors at Arley Hall
16/10/2021	Kids Planet Winnington	Grand Opening
17/10/2021	Northwich Rotary Club	Beer & Drinks Festival Memorial Court
18/10/2021	Joshua Tree	Re-opening
18/10/2021	Charles Darwin Primary School	Presentation of book token in respect of 2021 sunflower competition
20/10/2021	NTC	Old Hall Play Area Opening
20/10/2021	Leftwich Primary School	Presentation of book token in respect of 2021 sunflower competition

Event Attendance

Cllr. Sam Naylor, Town Mayor



20/10/2021	Rotary Club NVR	Charity Gala
20/10/2021	RWT	Open Evening
22/10/2021	Victoria Road Primary School	Presentation of book token in respect of 2021 sunflower competition
23/10/2021	Puddle Ducks	Opening of new business
23/10/2021	KMTC	Do You Hear the People Sing
24/10/2021	CW&C Northwich Work Zone	Northwich Job Fair
30/10/2021	RBL Poppy Appeal Launch	RBL Riders
05/11/2021	Winnington Primary School	Presentation of book token in respect of 2021 sunflower competition
09/11/2021	Cheshire Autism	10 year anniversary
14/11/2021	NTC	Remembrance service
14/11/2021	Rudheath PC	Remembrance service
18/11/2021	Barons Quay	Time capsule burial
24/11/2021	Salt and Pepper Productions	Calendar Girls at The Grange
25/11/2021	Victoria Rd School	Lighting Christmas Tree
25/11/2021	Church Walk School	Lighting Christmas Tree
25/11/2021	St Luke's Hospice	Light Up A Life Service
27/11/2021	NTC	Christmas Extravaganza Lighting
07/12/2021	Your Housing Group	Light switch on at Waters Cross
21/12/2021	The Grange Theatre	Pantomime Aladdin
27/01/2022	NTC	Photoshoot at 3 sites for defibs.
28/01/2022	Community ReAwards	ReAwards evening

Event Attendance

Cllr. Sam Naylor, Town Mayor



05/02/2022	The Zodiac Theatre Group	Flashdance
04/03/2022	NTC	Town Centre Vigil for Ukraine
11/03/2022	NTC	Tree Planting for Queens Platinum anniversary
11/03/2022	Congleton Town Council	Mayor's Civic Dinner and Ball
21/03/2022	Northwich Rotary Club	99th Charter Dinner
23/03/2022	NTC	Mayors Charity night at The Indian
01/04/2022	Cheshire Best Kept Stations	Awards Evening
01/04/2022	NTC	Wildflower planting with schools
04/04/2022	NTC	Receiving Easter Eggs and donation from Ivy Cottage
09/04/2022	St Helen's church	Photoshoot for the St Helen's Walking Trail
11/04/2022	Transition Northwich	Tree planting at Winnington
16/04/2022	Friends of Anderton and Marbury	Opening of the Marbury Lady Sculpture trail
17/04/2022	NTC	Easter Egg Hunt at Vickersway Park
22/04/2022	Rudheath and Witton Together	Awards Evening
23/04/2022	Mayor of Crewe	End of Year Ball **Deputy Mayor attended
05/05/2022	SJD 6th Form	Year 13 Awards Evening
06/05/2022	Lord Mayor of Chester	Banquet at Chester Town Hall
11/05/2022	Acorn Meadow Care Home	Open Day event
12/05/2022	CW&C	Northwich Jobs Fair Health and Social Care
13/05/2022	CW&C	Northwich Jobs Fair
14/05/2022	Care UK	Loading a container for Ukraine

Event Attendance

Cllr. Sam Naylor, Town Mayor



16/05/2022	Puddle Ducks	Star Teacher Award
24/11/2022	The Grange Senior School	Little House of Horrors – The Musical
26/11/2022	New Era Boxing Club	Guinness World Record attempt
27/11/2022	Rotary Club Northwich	Swimathon

Meet The Team



Chris Shaw
Town Clerk



Liza Clansey
Asst. Clerk/
Registrar



Theresa Cash
Secretary/
Mayor's P.A.



Steph Astbury
Joint-Operations
Manager



Cath Kirwan
Finance Officer/
Town Clerk's P.A.



Pete Stanway
Joint Operations
Manager



Ian Clarke
Joint Operations
Manager



Charlie Swift-
Simpkin
GM Operative



Simon Ashbrook
Cemetery



Kevin Spruce
GM Operative



Mike Cook
GM Operative



Carl Jeffries
GM Operative



Simon Edgerley
GM Operative



Chris Rowe
GM Operative



Jon Houghton
NTC Ranger

Meet The Team

Continued



Anne Price
Leisure Attendant



Carol Collier
Leisure Attendant



Wendy Harrison
Leisure Attendant



Dale Kettle
Town Centre
Attendant



Mike Munnerley
Town Centre
Attendant



Daryl Ashbrook
Leisure Attendant



Sabrina Ashbrook
Leisure Attendant



Harrison Kirwan
Leisure Attendant



Caitlyn Poole
Leisure Attendant

Events

Summer Play Schemes

Working with Rudheath and Witton Together we held successful play schemes during the summer months at Vickerway Park. This was funded by Edsential

Remembrance Sunday

Sunday 14th November, 2021

Due to covid this event took place with a parade, outside service and wreath laying.



Christmas Light Switch On

Saturday 27th November 2021

Activities throughout the town with ice skating, Christmas Markets, Santa's grotto, food stalls, fairground rides, music, and lantern parade. Jackie Weaver and the Town Mayor switched on the lights followed by an amazing firework display.



Improvement Works

Old Hall Play Area

This play area was refurbished for children to enjoy.

Burnside Way Play Area

This play area in Winnington has been refurbished

Northwich Toilets

The new toilets opened in Weaver Square comprising of male, female, and accessible toilet. This was a joint project between CW&C, Northwich BID and NTC. NTC clean and maintain these toilets.

Dane Valley

New cremated remains plots were installed in Dane Valley cemetery.

Town Bridge lighting

NTC, Canal and River Trust plans were passed to enable us to light the town bridge on a permanent basis.

Pavement Art

NTC in partnership with CW&C installed pavement art to the entrance to Verdin Park.

Reflection Area/Community Friendship Benches jointly funded by NTC, working in partnership with RWT there will be a quiet area within Vickersway Park where visitors can sit and reflect. 2 benches will be installed and a small garden in the middle of the area.

Wildflower Area

NTC working in partnership with St Helen's Church and local schools have prepared areas and planted wildflower seeds in Witton Cemetery, St Helen's Churchyard, Verdin Park and Old Hall Road play area.

AEDs (Defibrillators)

We now have 20 AEDs installed around Northwich area which we maintain on a regular

Sunflower Competition

5 Schools from around Northwich planted sunflowers within the town. This was a NTC, BID and Barons Quay initiative. The Town Mayor judged the planters and awarded book tokens to the 5 schools involved.



Initiatives

Litter picking

NTC in partnership with CW&C and volunteers cleaned up various areas in Northwich



Verdin Park

Hot drinks and snacks were provided during the warmer months in Verdin Park which proved to be a success

Church Walk Paddling Pool

This very popular facility was opened with restricted use due to Covid, many children enjoyed the free splash around in the warm weather

Verdin Park

The gates and piers were refurbished and erected to the entrance of Verdin Park



Support For Ukraine

NTC will continue to help in supporting the current conflict in Ukraine in any way possible. Ukrainian flags have been raised in several key locations throughout the town.

A Vigil was held in Barons Quay Square on Friday evening, 4th March with opening speeches from Town Mayor and Mike Amesbury M.P. for Weaver Vale. Together with other community faith leaders a minute silence was observed. There were over 500 people attending showing their solidarity with Ukraine.

A collection drop off point was set up to gather essential items including toiletries, clothes, blankets, food, first aid supplies, plastic cups, metal plates, dog and cat food, taken from a long list of requirements urgently needed. NTC in partnership with Changing Lives Together, Northwich Rotary Clubs provided volunteers and members of the public who worked tirelessly to get as much together for the trucks to bring the much needed items to the Polish border.



Accounts

Summary for 2021/2022

		Opening Balance (Inc. Earmarked Reserves)	<u>£381,236</u>
Income	Precept	£525,776	
	Cemetery	£69,482	
	Parks & Leisure	£2,387	
	Allotments	£1,590	
	Outside Contracts	£444,751	
	Central Establishment	£343	
	Funding/Projects	£123,068	
	Parks & Leisure shops	£35,582	
	Community Events	£22,062	
	Room Hire	£420	
	Income Sub Total	£1,606,697	
Expenditure	Central Establishment Wages	£221,463	
	Parks & Cemetery Wages	£140,440	
	Contract Work Wages	£101,522	
	Events Wages	£5,778	
	Central Establishment	£72,489	
	Parks & Cemetery	£239,332	
	Grants & Donations	£4,200	
	Parks & Leisure shop	£16,142	
	Events	£49,809	
	Contracts Costs	£250,271	
	Expenditure Sub Total	£1,101,446	
		Closing Balance (Inc. Earmarked Reserves)	<u>£505,251</u>

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