



Northwich
town council

2022 Annual Report



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Town Clerk Chris Shaw Year Overview

Northwich: A Year of Achievements and Community Spirit

As I reflect on the last year, it's hard to believe all that we've accomplished as a town. Northwich has truly proven that size doesn't matter when it comes to creating a vibrant and thriving community.

One of the keys to our success has been the partnerships we've formed over the years. Our close working relationships with Northwich Business Improvement District, Cheshire West & Chester Council, Barons Quay, Rotary Clubs, Northwich Police, and many others have allowed us to stage an impressive array of events throughout the town. From the Krazy, Races to the Xmas Extravaganza, these events attract thousands of visitors and put Northwich on the map as a destination worth visiting.

But it's not just about the big events. Northwich Town Council has also been busy delivering a range of services to our community. Church Walk Paddling, for example, is a free facility that has become a firm favourite with locals and visitors alike. And our commitment to improving our parks and open spaces is evident in the upgrades made to Vickersway Park, Verdin Park, and Witton Cemetery.

Perhaps most excitingly, we've been working with local skaters and the community to raise funds for a new skate park at Vickersway Park. I'm thrilled to report that all the hard work has paid off, and construction is set to begin in June 2023. This state-of-the-art facility will be another great addition to our town and will provide residents with a fun and safe place to skate.

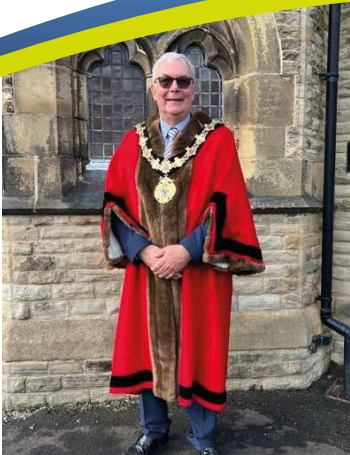
Of course, none of this would be possible without the hard work and commitment of all our staff, Cllrs, partners, and volunteers. I want to take this opportunity to thank each and every one of them for their dedication to making Northwich the fantastic place that it is.

And finally, I want to thank you - our community - for coming out and supporting our town. Whether it's attending events, using our facilities, or simply being a part of the Northwich community, your enthusiasm and spirit are what make Northwich such a special place to call home.

Here's to another year of achievements and community spirit!

Chris Shaw
Town Clerk

Thank you everyone



A few words from the Town Mayor Cllr. Graham Emmett

I was accorded the privilege of being elected by the Town councillors to be the Town Mayor and represent them and our town for what turned out to be one of the most momentous years for our nation this century. It's certainly been a busy year, starting with the proclamation of the late Queen's Diamond Jubilee, the ascension of King Charles and the Coronation.

In between I have enjoyed taking part in the many events and celebrations organised by our Town Council – The River Festival, Krazy Races, Christmas Extravaganza, Baton Relay with the amazing Balta Drum Band – in fact every event was amazing and all credit due to the small team at the council working with the Rotary Northwich and the Business Improvement District in the Town Centre.

For me, though the most important days have been meeting many people throughout the town and especially the residents in care homes all of whom have such wonderful stories, don't lose those stories!

I've visited all primary schools, assemblies, sports days, tree planting and debating democracy – and have seen the incredible work teachers do to make sure our next generation of young people are properly equipped for their futures. Our children are simply – impressive!

I now hand over the baton to the next Mayor, I am certain they will enjoy their twelve months as much as I have.

Town Mayor
Cllr. Graham Emmett

"It's been a great year!"

Town Mayor Cllr. Graham Emmett – A few special moments captured



Cllr. Graham Emmett Town Mayor of Northwich 2022/2023

During the Term of Office, the Town Mayor attended **89** events/functions.

The list that follows provides details of the events attended.

Events marked in red denotes those that were carried out by the Deputy Mayor, Cllr. Jane Thomas. (DM in list).

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	11 points
Civic Hosting	3 points
Council/Statutory/Traditional	3 points
Business openings inside the Parish	4 points
Charities	4 points
Social	3 points
Business openings outside Parish	1 point
Civic Circuit (The Chain Gang)	1 point
The Town Mayor's points totalled	35 points

These accounted for all events attended mid May 2022 to present day.

EVENT ATTENDANCE

Outgoing Mayor 21/22, Cllr. Sam Naylor

2022

Thursday 5th May	SJD 6th Form Year 13 Awards Evening
Friday 6th May	Lord Mayor of Chester Banquet at Chester Town Hall
Wednesday 11th May	Acorn Meadow Care Home Open Day event
Thursday 12th May	CW&C Northwich Jobs Fair Health and Social Care
Friday 13th CW&C	Northwich Jobs Fair
Saturday 14th May	Care UK Loading a container for Ukraine
Monday 16th May	Puddle Ducks Star Teacher Award Nominations

EVENT ATTENDANCE

Cllr. Graham Emmett, Town Mayor 22/23

2022

Saturday 21st May	St Helen's Church St Helen's Day Celebration
Saturday 21st May	KMTC Shrek The Musical
Wednesday 25th May	Church Walk School Community picnic lunch
Thursday 26th May	NTC Jubilee tree planting at 6 schools
Friday 27th May	Charles Darwin School Sports Day opening
Saturday 28th May	NTC Opening of Church Walk Paddling Pool
Thursday 2nd June	HM Lord Lieutenant of Chester Thanksgiving service for HM The Queen's Jubilee

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2022

Thursday 2nd June	NTC Queen's Jubilee beacon lighting at Verdin Park
Friday 3rd June	Lostock Lodge Care Home Jubilee Garden Party
Tuesday 14th June	NTC Scrutiny for Krazy Races
Tuesday 14th June	High Sheriff of Cheshire Garden Party
Friday 17th June	146 Sqdn. ATC Awards Presentation evening (DM)
Sunday 26th June	NTC Krazy Races event
Friday 1st July	Brio Leisure Dinner and show informal event
Friday 1st July	Daneside Mews Care Home Open Day
Friday 1st July	Daneside Court Care Home Open Day
Saturday 2nd July	Northwich Carnival Committee Official opening of the Carnival
Saturday 9th July	Northwich Rotary Club River Festival
13th July	Winnington Primary School Sports Day
Sunday 17th July	NTC Queen's Baton Relay
Friday 29th July	Knutsford T/C Mayor's Charity BBQ
Sunday 31st July	146 Sqdn. ATC Graduation at Memorial Court (DM)
Wednesday 10th August	NTC Launch Krazy Races 2023
Wednesday 10th August	Canal & River Trust Performance by the Delta Music Makers Concert Band Canada
Saturday 20th August	NTC Pina Colada Festival

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2022

Thursday 8th September	Home Instead Northwich and Knutsford 15th Anniversary
Friday 9th September	NTC Signing of the Condolence Book
Sunday 11th September	High Sheriff of Cheshire & Lord Mayor of Chester County Proclamation of H.M. King Charles 3rd
Sunday 11th September	NTC Proclamation to people of Northwich
16th September	Rotary Club Northwich Northwich Beer and Drinks Festival
Sunday 18th September	Lord Lieutenant of Cheshire Chester Cathedral Service of Thanksgiving for the life of the Queen (DM)
Sunday 18th September	NTC Vigil for the late H.M. Queen Elizabeth (DM)
Tuesday 20th September	Cheshire West Voluntary Arts Network Community and Voluntary Arts Awards 2022 (DM)
Wednesday 21st September	Weaver Valley Rotary Club Dementia Awareness Session (DM)
Sunday 2nd October	High Sheriff of Cheshire Legal Service at Chester Town Hall (DM)
Saturday 8th October	CWAC Ukrainian welcome event (DM)
Monday 10th October	For Housing Futures World Homeless Day (DM)
Wednesday 12th October	Danebridge Care Home Harvest event
Saturday 15th October	The Vinyl Café Opening launch
Tuesday 18th October	NW Ambulance Community event
Wednesday 26th October	KMTC Legally Blonde production

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2022

Thursday 27th October	The Grange Press launch for Panto
Saturday 29th October	RBL Riders Poppy launch
Saturday 29th October	Middlewich T/C Afternoon tea with the Mayor (DM)
Saturday 29th October	KMTC Legally Blonde production (DM)
Friday 4th November	REM Hairdressing Friday Club
Saturday 5th November	Northwich Rotary and Round Table Firefest Bonfire
Friday 11th November	NTC/RBL Minute silence at Cenotaph
Sunday 13th November	NTC Service of Remembrance
Sunday 13th November	Rudheath Parish Council Remembrance
Wednesday 23rd November	Vale Royal School Sport Partnership Awards Presentation
Thursday 24th November	Lord Mayor of Chester Charity Evening (DM)
Saturday 26th November	NTC Christmas Extravaganza
Sunday 27th	Vale Royal Lions 47th Charter lunch (DM)
Monday 28th November	Changing Lives Together Christmas Box Project
Friday 2nd December	NTC Tree of Lights
Sunday 4th December	St Luke's Hospice Light Up A Life
Sunday 11th December	The Grange Theatre Sleeping Beauty Panto (DM)
Tuesday 13th December	Sarah Belcher Events Ltd Northwich Krazy Races Charity Press Launch
14th December	Sir John Deane's Spirit of Christmas

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2022

Friday 16th December	Changing Lives Cheshire Awards Afternoon
Tuesday 20th December	Covid19 Families UK Candlelight 4 Christmas
Wednesday 21st December	Cheshire Police Northwich Young People Awards ceremony (DM accompanied)
Thursday 22nd December	St Helen's Church Christmas Drop In
Friday 23rd December	Bethel Church Christmas Drop In (DM)

2023

Monday 16th January	Charles Darwin Primary School Greatest Show on Earth Exhibition
Wednesday 18th January	Rotary Club NVR Charter Dinner
Thursday 19th January	FI Real Estate Management Grand Opening Tour of Winnington Business Park
Friday 27th January	Community ReAwards Annual Awards evening (DM accompanied)
Thursday 2nd February	Knutsford T.C. Charity Pub Quiz
Friday 3rd February	NTC Defibrillator install at Castle Private Club Photocall
Sunday 5th February	Mayor of Neston Civic Service
Tuesday 7th February	Christ Church Barnton Induction of new Vicar in Charge
Thursday 9th February	CWAC Tree planting with volunteers
Wednesday 15th February	Sir John Deane's 6th Form College Little Shop of Horrors production

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2023

Thursday 16th February	North West Ambulance Service 'Talk to Us' event at Memorial Court
21st February	Co-op Northwich event Fairtrade/Ethical/ Sustainable Products (DM)
Friday 24th February	Storengy Sustainability launch and tour of the site.
Sunday 26th February	Congleton Town Mayor Strictly High Tea (DM accompanied)
Monday 6th March	Victoria Road School Children's assembly
Tuesday 14th March	Cheshire Police Mini Police Assentation Evening
Thursday 16th March	Cheshire Best Kept Station Awards Presentation
Tuesday 21st March	Cheshire Police Mini Police Assentation Awards
Sunday 26th March	Northwich Rotary Club Charity Swimathon (DM)



Meet The Team

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Town Clerk



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Public Realm
Operative



Jason Bacegalupo
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Operative

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Joint Operations
Manager



Ian Clarke
Joint Operations
Manager



Simon Ashbrook
Cemetery



Kevin Spruce
GM Operative



Carl Jeffries
GM Operative



Simon Edgerley
GM Operative



Chris Rowe
GM Operative

Events and Initiatives



Northwich Artisan Market

The Northwich Artisan market has been running each second Saturday of the month 10am to 4pm. Stalls range from homemade cakes and pasties, crafts, clothes, gifts, and food vendors. This is always a very busy and popular event in Northwich.



Easter Holidays Sport Activities



Multiflex ran another successful Easter Holiday sporting activities in Northwich local schools. These were all free of charge to children.

230 places over 4 days, Ross for Multiflex said a big thank you for Northwich Town Council for our continued support.

Greenbank Station Shelter



The long-awaited shelter at Greenbank Rail Station is now open for passengers to use. Northwich Town Council contributed towards this initiative along with other partners.

Youth Provision

The youth provision initiative in Northwich was a great success and the following events took place:

- **Police discos at the Plaza**
- **Party in The Park (Verdin Park)**
- **Vickersway Park activity days throughout the summer holidays**
- **Brio Leisure activities**
- **Odeon cinema nights**

All activities were funded and organised by Northwich Town Council, Rudheath & Witton Together, Northwich Police, Northwich BID, EdSential, Barons Quay and Youth Fed.

Northwich Beacon Lighting



On Thursday 2nd June we celebrated the Queen's Jubilee by lighting a beacon at Verdin Park, this event was very well attended. The Town Mayor Cllr. Graham Emmett lit the beacon along with the head boy and head girl of Church Walk School.

Verdin Park Music Festival

Saturday 4th June saw the return of the Verdin Park Music Festival which was again very well attended. The event started at 1.00 pm and saw a number of bands play throughout the day and into the evening. The event finished with a firework display at 10.00 pm to once again celebrate the Queen's Jubilee.



Northwich River Festival

The Northwich River Festival took place in July and once again proved an extremely popular event. Many thanks to Rotary Northwich for all their hard work in organising this fantastic weekend.



Church Walk Paddling Pool

Another successful year was had for families enjoying the free facility at Church Walk Paddling pool.



Vickersway Park

Many children and adults enjoyed another summer at Vickersway Park and visiting the shop for an ice cream and fresh coffee and maybe a game of crazy golf, tennis, or trying their hand on the outside gym equipment.



The Passing of Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth the II

On Thursday 8th September Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II sadly passed away while in Scotland. Following her death Operation London Bridge was implemented across the country, local authorities have been planning for this for some time and Northwich Town Council played an important role ensuring that the community of Northwich had the opportunity to mourn the Queens passing.



We worked alongside many partners throughout this sad time including CW&C Council, BRIO and Northwich BID who all worked exceptionally hard under difficult circumstances.

Automated External Defibrillator (AED)

We installed another AED at Castle Private Club; this is 24 hours accessible for the community. Funds were raised by Castle Private, Northwich Town Council, Northwich Rotary and Cllr Kate & Bob Cernik. This will be the 22nd AED that we have installed within Northwich which is managed and maintained by ourselves.



Northwest In Bloom

On Thursday 20th October we attended the In Bloom Awards Ceremony in Bolton with the BID and Changing Lives Together.

We are pleased to say that we came away with 5 golds which was a fantastic achievement for the town, CLT won gold for their work with volunteers at the food hub garden on Manchester Road, Grozone was another winner for its work in the community and we also won gold for Northwich and best large town.



There are too many people and organisations to thank as this is a joint partnership effort throughout the year so a big thanks to all involved with the continued hard work and commitment.

Northwich Town Council Community Orchard

Northwich Town Council along with Cheshire West and Chester, Grozone, the Community and Local Schools worked together to plant a community orchard across from Greenall Road. We have planted around 80 apple, plum and pear trees in this area. Workshops will be held on site along with open days once the trees are established where you will be able to learn to prune fruit trees.



Events and Initiatives

Remembrance Sunday

This year's Remembrance Parade in partnership with the Royal British Legion and St Helens Church was very well attended with St Helens church standing room only for the service.

This year we worked with local veterans to ensure they took their rightful place in the parade and in a prominent position at the cenotaph. We also for the first time had our own Union Flag which led the parade to and from the cenotaph and past the Mayor who took the salute.



Christmas Extravaganza

On Saturday 26th November we once again staged the Northwich Christmas Extravaganza which gets bigger and better year after year. This year was the biggest ever and we witnessed thousands of visitors converge on the town.

There was activity throughout the day to keep everybody entertained which included, games, crazy golf, Santa's Sleigh, Santa's grotto, fairground, various props, hot food and of course our very own Northwich Ice Rink.

The grand finale was the lantern parade in which 6 schools took part marching behind Batala Mersey and then the light switch on accompanied by snow in Barons Square and the day was topped off with a fantastic firework display from Riverside Park.



Wildflower Areas

Wildflower planting took place in April in these locations:

- Witton Cemetery
- St Helens Church Yard
- Verdin Park



Local schools took part in the planting and were able to watch the wild flower germinate into full colour in the coming months which looked amazing.

St Helens Churchyard Improvements

Northwich Town Council have been working with St Helens Church to make improvements to the church grounds, volunteers have been busy cutting back overgrown areas during the weekends and NTC staff have been removing the brash. Following on from this we have cultivated the banked area and this will be put to seed and maintained by NTC staff.

We are also supporting the St Helens Heritage Trail which the church volunteers have been working on for some time which will see a walk starting at the Church going to Carey/Marbury Park and returning to the Church.

Monthly Grub Club

The first Grub Club took place on Thursday 6th April in Barons Quay from 5.00 pm - 10.00 pm. This was really well attended and we look forward to the next Grub Club dates.



Easter Egg Hunt

The annual Easter Egg Hunt took place at Vickersway Park in April.



Northwich Skatepark

The final consultation has now taken place for the new Vickersway Skatepark. The contractors will start work on this project as soon as possible. This has been awarded to Wheelscape.

Verdin Park



EILEEN'S, a small independent coffee trailer serving Allpress speciality coffee, teas, hot chocolate, and delicious cakes is within Verdin Park and will be trading there most days.

Inclusive Roundabout Church Walk Play Area

We have been successful in securing funding to install an inclusive roundabout in Church Walk play area to replace the existing kit.

Bridge Lighting

Town Bridge was illuminated on Friday 31st March to mark the end of Brain Tumour Awareness month.



Friendly Bench

Vickersway Friendly bench has now been installed. It is hoped that local groups will use the bench.



Summary of Accounts 2022/2023

Opening Balance (Inc E-Mark Res)	505,251
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Income

Precept	541,778
Cemetery	86,669
Parks & Leisure	6,126
Allotments	1,470
Outside Contracts	472,759
Central Establishment	14,965
Funding/Projects	34,793
Parks & Leisure shops	30,850
Community Events	24,142
Room Hire	18,882

Income Sub Total	1,737,685
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Expenditure

Central Establishment Wages	308,078
Parks & Cemetery Wages	136,327
Contract Work Wages	96,927
Events Wages	11,708
Central Establishment	126,608
Parks & Cemetery	122,941
Grants & Donations	28,042
Parks & Leisure shop	30,007
Events	93,456
Contracts Costs	246,646
Expenditure Sub Total	1,200,736

Closing Balance (Inc E-Mark Res)	536,949
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