



# BRIDPORT AND WEST BAY BULLETIN

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## **New Town Council**

18 Town Councillors were elected at the Local Elections in May this year. The contact details for the councillors are set out overleaf.

Town Councillors are elected for 4 years. The first meeting of the new Council was the Annual Meeting which made the appointments to the positions of Town Mayor, Deputy Mayor and Leader of the Council, as well as appointing councillors to serve on committees.

The appointments made by the Annual Council for the Council year 2011/12 were:

Town Mayor:  
Cllr Dave Rickard

Deputy Town Mayor:  
Cllr Maggie Ray

Leader of the Council:  
Cllr Martin Ray

## **New Town Plan**

One of the first tasks of the new Council will be to review its Town Plan. The Town Plan is the strategic plan of the Council and sets out its aims and objectives and the specific projects that it intends to deliver or support. It includes projects that the Council will lead on, but also projects where it will work in partnership with others, or seek to influence other agencies in the interests of the town.

If you have any projects that you would particularly like to see included within the Plan, please contact the Town Council.



New allotments at West Allington

## **New Allotments**

Over 40 allotments have been provided at a new allotment site at the rear of the Medical Centre in West Allington. The land has been very kindly leased to the Town Council by Amanda Streatfeild.

The Town Council continues to look for new sites and is hoping to provide further allotments later this year, following the transfer by CG Fry & Son of land next to the new Priory Lane development.

## **Land Transfers**

In response to an invitation received from West Dorset District Council in respect of asset transfers, the Town Council has expressed an interest in taking on a number of pieces of land and property for the benefit of the community. These include the freehold transfer of the Salt House West Bay, including Fisherman's Green and the recently closed public convenience block at that location (to be used for water sport storage), additional land at Asker Meadows and football club land at St Mary's. The Town Council will now be looking to progress these transfers and looking at future management arrangements for each site.

Amongst the sites being looked at is land at Park Road. A proposal has been received from the Bridport Community Orchard Group, who successfully manage the Community Orchard at St Mary's, to plant some more apple trees and possibly nut trees and for the site to act as a nursery for the Orchard. This proposal will now be progressed.

## **Park and Ride 2011**

One again this summer, the Town Council, in partnership with West Dorset District Council, will be running the popular Park and Ride service. The service will run on market days from 16 July to 17 September. The buses run from the main car park in West Bay to SPAR in East Street, approximately every fifteen minutes, from 9.30 am to 2.45 pm, with the last journey back from town at 3pm. This service has been extended this year, to include the second hat festival. The cost for car parking and a return journey will be only £2.00 per vehicle, which covers the cost of four hours car parking. There will also be a walk on fare of £1.00 return and bus passes will be accepted.

## The New Town Mayor

I was very pleased to be elected as Town Mayor for the year and it will be a great honour to represent Bridport across the county and beyond.

My charity for the year will be the Bridport Young Persons' Action Trust and during the year, I would particularly like to help support the UNICEF Rights Respecting Programme.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank my predecessor, Councillor Geoffrey Ackerman, for his past year as Town Mayor, which ended so spectacularly with the award of the freedom of the town to the Rifles.

Councillor Dave Rickard  
Town Mayor 2011/12

## Town Hall

Building work on the Town Hall continues and whilst there have been a number of unforeseen structural issues uncovered, the works remain on course to be completed by the end of the year. As well as opening up the Town Hall and making the building fully accessible, the project has enabled essential maintenance and structural work to be undertaken, to secure the future of this important building.

Whilst there will be public toilet provision in the Town Hall for users and visitors to the building (which will be open six days a week), the project offers the opportunity to provide new purpose built facilities elsewhere in the town centre, on land owned by West Dorset District Council.

From the options available, the Town Council's preferred location has always been at the entrance to South Street Car Park. A planning application for that location has now been submitted and is under consideration.

The provision of the new toilets will be funded by West Dorset District Council. In the meantime, the Town Council is providing temporary facilities next to the Town Hall.

More information on the Town Hall project and pictures of the work can be viewed at <http://www.bridporttownhall.org/>

## Forthcoming Meetings

All Town Council meetings are open to the public. Meetings are held in Mountfield and there is a Public Forum at the start of each meeting.

Full Council  
21 June 2011 at 7.00pm

Highways and Transportation  
Sub Committee  
30 June 2011 at 2.30pm

Plans Committee  
4 July 2011 at 7.00pm

Plans Committee  
1 August 2011 at 7.00pm

## Your Town Councillors

### South Ward

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Miss S.A. Brown	67, North Allington	423078
E.T. Colfox	North End Farm, North Chideock	07768 646434
D.G. Rickard	Rydens, Westown, Bothenhampton	420908
Ms G.E. Summers	31, Victoria Grove	421966
D.R. Tett	1, De Legh Grove, West Allington	425070
Ms A-M Vincent	96, South Street	459308
K.G. Wallace	The George, 43 Main St, Bothenhampton	456454
Ms S.J. Williams	88A, South Street.	459433

### North Ward

P.J. Colfox	1, Mill Lane, Symondsburry	07918 188497
Ms L.L. Glover	8, St. Swithins Avenue	427091
Ms R.C. Kayes	4 Gore Terrace, Bradpole	427902
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Ms G.E. Massey	The Retreat, 15 Rax Lane	423817
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