

Malton Town Council

Annual Report

2025/26

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1. Mayors Introduction

The last year has seen the installation of a new wooden bus shelter in Old Malton which looks fantastic and renovation of the red BT phone box in the Market Place into a Tourist Information Centre. The Milton Rooms now has a lighting projection which projects stunning images onto the front of the Milton Rooms building. Malton Town Council in conjunction with Circular Malton & Norton CIC have rolled out planters and benches along Wheelgate as part of the Wow Wheelgate project which has helped to enhance the street scene in Wheelgate.

Following on from the successful pump track project at Rainbow Lane play area, the Council are continuing to modernise and enhance the play provision for residents. The next project will be centred around replacing the large slide with a fantasy castle that includes climbing features as well as an updated large slide.

The Mayor of Malton, Councillor Lindsay Burr MBE held the first Christmas Civic Concert at St Michael's Church in December. Community engagement has continued with our Clerks and Councillors meeting residents most months at the monthly Saturday food markets in our Town Council gazebo.

I have been invited as Mayor to represent the Council at a number of events including celebrating Remembrance Sunday, Lions OAP Annual Dinner, opening of the new Manor Park Care Home in Old Malton, Malton & Norton Involve Rotary event, Malton White Star Band 125 Year anniversary celebration and The Better Days Appeal for the Fitzwilliam Ward at Malton Hospital, British Citizenship Ceremony, shows in the Milton Rooms and many more.

I would like to thank my Deputy Mayor, Cllr Mandy Carpenter, for deputising for me as needed and contributing to regular meetings with the Clerk and I.

Finally, I would like to thank all our hard working staff over the last year, Gail Cook, Clerk, Tim Hicks, Deputy Clerk, Mike Todd, Cemetery Manager and Richard Daffern, Town Ranger, without whom our Council could not carry out all its amazing work, and our 12 Councillors, who give up their time for free every month and often in between, to come to monthly Full council meetings lasting up to several hours, other meetings, and who represent the Council on a number of outside bodies, and field queries from residents.

Their robust debate and honest opinions help keep our local democracy alive, and contribute to improving our decisions and to the success of the council, representing the residents to the best of their ability.



2. Managing Streets, Public Spaces and Council Assets

The Town Council has only limited powers to manage and protect public spaces, however, it continues to fund the town CCTV cameras which are monitored 24 hours a day by North Yorkshire Council. Malton has a number of Tidy Group volunteers who meet once a month to litter pick and keep our town looking clean. The town greatly appreciates the efforts of the Tidy Group.

3. Malton In Bloom

Whilst economically, the waters are still somewhat tricky to navigate, it has been good to see new retailers open up in town this year, including food and drink establishments such as the Cross Keys Chinese Restaurant on Wheelgate and the refurbishment of the Filly and Flagon public house. We love the diversity of the commercial businesses that make up our trading environment. We are told on many occasions, the planting around the town helps boost the local economy, visitor numbers and creates a feeling of health and well being.

We are looking forward to rolling out our floral stock once again for this year. Our purpose-built timber baskets, which fit to the railings around the Market Place, have been installed five years now and are a great success. We are constantly looking at improving the perennial planting in the Market Place triangular shaped beds. Our three Silver Birch tree planters, with seating, to the front of the car parking outside St Michaels Church, enters its second year.

As part of the Wow Wheelgate initiative, we have assisted by providing further planting and seats along Wheelgate. We have had very many lovely comments about the planters, as well as those enjoying the benches providing a good rest place whilst out shopping. There are further benches to be rolled out to Wheelgate and Castlegate.

We have overhauled the four Station beds at the entrance to the station last year, and already they are looking better. We continue to partner with TransPennine Express with planting and biodiversity at the Station and we are also grateful to their substantial funded support. Did you

know we have installed blue tit, robin and sparrow boxes at the station as part of this initiative. We have also provided fresh herbs for commuters to take.

Biodiversity and wilding are at the forefront of many conversations we have. We already have a wonderful large swathe of grass in the cemetery which we leave wild all year long. We have introduced two pockets of wilding on Middlecave near the School. We also wild four sections of our grass verges. This was largely unsuccessful last year given the extreme hot conditions which just scorched the verges. We are hoping to see better results and a healthier burst of colour this year. Other pipelined improvements include the Eden Camp Roundabout, Castlegate and Broughton Manor.

Anyone wishing to volunteer to help with Malton in Bloom can be added to our ever growing list of volunteers by emailing the Deputy Clerk, Tim, on deputy.clerk@malton.tc.gov.uk



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4. Newgate Office and Community Hub

Our Mayor was proud to ensure Malton Town Council owned its own civic building in central Malton to ensure we had permanent access to facilities to provide vital services for residents.



Malton Town Council's Civic Office and Community Hub is located at 1 Newgate in Malton. Malton's Civic Office enables more residents to access Town Council services face-to-face in an accessible building in the centre of Malton.

Malton's Civic Office acts as a hub for reporting of all

kinds of issues and concerns as well as enabling residents and visitors to visit and make full use of council services and tourist information services. Malton's Civic Office is located in Newgate just off the Market Place, Malton with a bus stop directly outside the building.

The building in the centre of Malton aims to enhance and benefit and welcome our growing diverse community who require advice and signposting to the many different agencies.

The Malton Town Council building provides increased employment and offers a unique role in the community. We aim to address the concerns of our residents, providing direct support to approximately 7,000 residents of Malton, we also will endeavour to offer support to residents of Norton-on-Derwent and the surrounding villages.

The provision of an accessible civic office in the centre of a market town provides access to essential services and improve the diversity and vitality of the town's economy.

The civic building provides an opportunity for a multi-agency drop in venue, increased joint working with other agencies and the availability of a shared office space for key stake holders in the town.

5. Pride In Our Community



Cllr Burr kindly gave some of her North Yorkshire Council locality funds for this bus shelter project on Highfield Road.



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6. Meet Your Councillors

Malton Town Council is made up of 12 Councillors who represent the parishes of Malton and Old Malton. It is usual for Councillors to be elected for a term of four years. Councillors contact details are available on the town council website www.malton-tc.gov.uk



Mayor,
Lindsay Burr



Deputy Mayor,
Mandy Carpenter



Paul Andrews



Lloyd Paley



Martin Brampton



Kerry Ennis



Sue Hawes



Jason Aldrich



Ian Conlan



Simon Thackray



Will Oxley

The Town Mayor for the year 2025/26 has been Councillor Lindsay Burr (MBE) and the Deputy Mayor, Councillor Mandy Carpenter.

Meetings of the Council are open to the public to attend (apart from confidential report items) and the public can speak at the start of each meeting. Details of meetings, including dates, agendas and minutes can be found on the Town Council's noticeboard and agenda page of the website.

The Town Council represents the people of the Town and assists residents and businesses to deal with local issues that affect its residents. The Town Council works in partnership with principal authorities and other local councils, the Police and other bodies to address local problems and to assist in making Malton a viable and sustainable Town and to encourage tourism to the area.

7. Support for Community Groups

The Council continue to support community groups and charities through its small grants programme. The groups/organisations below received funding in the last financial year. If you would like your organisation to be added to the funding distribution list, please contact the Clerk. Email: clerk@malton-tc.gov.uk

Citizens Advice
Library of Things
Malton & Norton Lions
Malton Museum
Malton White Star Band
Next Door But One
Malton & Norton Musical Theatre
Ryedale Pubwatch
Health Stars
Acorn Community Care
Encephalitis International
Ryedale Youth Theatre
YMCA

Council Staff

Our staff team works hard to ensure the delivery of council decisions, looking after administration, Council assets and Malton In Bloom

Town Clerk & Responsible Finance Officer
Gail Cook



Town Clerk
Gail Cook



Deputy Clerk
Tim Hicks



**Cemetery
Manager**
Mike Todd



Town Ranger
Richard Daffern

Contact Us

Members of town council would love to hear from you – about what has been done and what could and should be done in the future. The town council cannot do everything that you would like, but Members do want to know what people think about what we can improve on in the future.

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