

Malton Town Council

Annual Report

2022/23

Your Town, Your Council



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1. Mayors Introduction



Pictured above from left to right, Deputy Mayor, Cllr Lindsay Burr, Mayor, Cllr Ian Conlan. Below Mayor, Cllr Conlan & Town Crier, David Jackson



I could not have got through this year without the tremendous support of the Town Clerk Gail Cook, the Deputy Mayor and County Councillor Lindsay Burr, and the other ten Town Councillors working closely together and supporting me, having been a councillor only a year, to help navigate Charing meetings and many other duties.

The high point for me this year has to be the Council receiving the Gold Award, the highest quality award bestowed by the National Association of Local Councils, representing Town and parish councils, with our council being the first in the whole of Yorkshire to receive it. It is to the huge credit of our Clerk, Gail Cook, that we received this, as she has put in a huge amount of her own time as well as her normal duties, and she has been proactive: it is not just an award on paper: it is also to the credit of former Councillors and Mayors as well as current councillors who have supported the process and been active in so many other ways too numerous to mention here.

For my own contribution, I wanted to improve community engagement, continue to improve the public space and public health, encourage active travel (walking and cycling) around our community, whilst continuing to work to protect our town from overdevelopment, so that Malton remains an attractive place to live, work, shop and visit. I also wanted to highlight the urgency of the climate crisis by following up on our climate policy with action.

In July 2022, I supported our first Climate café, with four speakers and free food and drink to bring people in, at the Friends Meeting House. Ongoing, it was felt we would reach a wider range of people on an ongoing basis by integrating this awareness raising with generally promoting engagement with the council through purchasing a gazebo and holding public engagement sessions at the monthly food markets, which we did in November and March, and we plan to hold further sessions from May to October, promoting make the “Jump” of six simple climate actions everyone can consider making, and the 20s Plenty campaign to make 20mph normal in our town with free wheelie bin stickers. The November session we also promoted the Mayor’s concert in aid of Racing Welfare and Community Food Bank which was well supported.

I have been honoured to have been invited to numerous community and ceremonial events, including street parties, the Lions Dinner, Castle Howard “Into the Woods” Christmas Decorations, Unveiling of Orchard Fields Interpretation Boards, Iron Age Shield at Malton Museum, Ryedale Youth Theatre’s “Addams Family”, and NOMADS “A bunch of amateurs”.

Our community has been saddened this last year over the death of our long serving Queen Elizabeth II. Our Council has voted to support the renaming of County Bridge the Queen Elizabeth II Bridge. We are also glad to welcome the accession of King Charles, and the Queen Consort. Watched by local nursery children and supported our Town Crier, I made the Royal Proclamation of Charles as King on the Old Town Hall Steps alongside communities up and down the country. We look forward with the rest of the community to celebrate the King’s Coronation in May.

Ian Conlan, Malton Mayor

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2. Managing Streets and Public Spaces

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 Scarborough Borough 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. The Town Council employs a Town Maintenance Contractor who works with Town Council staff to deliver a high quality maintenance service in Malton. Work includes street cleaning, sign post painting, Malton In Bloom and street furniture maintenance.



3. The Neighbourhood Plan

Malton Town Council and Norton on Derwent Town Council have produced a Neighbourhood Development Plan. The plan contains a vision for the parishes along with a set of objectives, planning policies and proposals and non-planning community actions to achieve the vision. The planning policies within the plan seek to protect the character and meet the needs of the parishes, with policies guiding new development, notably for traffic, transport and travel, community facilities and services, housing and economic development, as well as protection and enhancement policies relating to the green environment (including Local Green Spaces) and the built environment (including the towns' 3 conservation areas).

In accordance with Neighbourhood Planning Regulation 14, Malton Town Council and Norton on Derwent Town Council have just concluded a public consultation. This ran from Friday 27th January until Friday 10th March 2023.

Following this consultation, the plan will now be amended as necessary and then submitted to North Yorkshire Council (NYC), as required, for a further Regulation 16 consultation and independent examination. The plan, if successful at examination, will then proceed to a local referendum. If the plan receives a majority vote NYC will adopt the plan which will then become part of the statutory development plan – the Local Plan – for the area. Any planning applications submitted within the boundary will be determined in accordance with this plan.

4. Malton In Bloom

Though covid hangs on by a thread, it seems, for the most part, and thankfully, that normal life has resumed. Our country is still dogged by economic uncertainty and our town has seen a few larger retailers retract, as well as banks close, both due to the shift in retail and the way we transact money. It is still good to see though that the majority of the independent and local retailers are continuing to buck the trend in Malton and, to that end, we wish you all continued success in your ventures. We love the current diverse offering all the shops bring to the town.

The planting we provide, we are told on many occasions, helps boost the local economy and visitor numbers. We were told last year by one couple they moved to Malton on the strength of innovation in the town, and the floral displays. A news article from December 2022 in Yorkshire Live suggested Malton was *'the most lush town in the UK'*, for those looking to buy property.

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As spring approaches fast, we are looking forward to rolling out our floral stock for this year. Our purpose built timber baskets, which fit better to the railings around the Market Place, have been installed two years now and are a great success. These have now been installed around the Market Place, Horsemarket Road and Castle Howard Road. Additional planters have been placed Old Malton, the Mount Corner and extra ones on Castlegate.

The exciting new sensory garden project at Broughton Rise enters its second phase this year. Phase one was to create the lavender maze, install the sheep sculpture and decorate the trees. Phase two now moves on to the installation of the pathway and providing some vibrant mushroom children's seats.

Could we kindly ask you again to consider supporting this fantastic community project by offering to donate whatever you consider appropriate. Once you confirm the amount you wish to donate, an invoice will be raised in due course. Please contact myself on the email / telephone number above.

I would like to thank the many local businesses for their continued support and hope you will kindly consider a donation to Malton in Bloom this year. The flowers give so much pleasure to so many, and provide another reason to be proud of this town.

If you would like to volunteer with us contact Tim at deputy.clerk@malton-tc.gov.uk

5. Local Council Award Scheme

The Town Council was awarded the Local Council Quality Gold in January 2023.



The Local Council Award Scheme has been designed to celebrate the successes of the very best local councils and to provide a framework to support all local councils to improve and develop to meet their full potential. Malton Town Council is the first Council in Yorkshire to achieve the Quality Gold Award which puts Malton Town Council at the forefront of best practice by achieving an excellent standard in community governance, community leadership and performance management.

6. Best use of our resources

The Council continues to balance its budget, with Members supporting a 0% precept rise this year. Careful use of its resources has helped to build much needed reserves to invest in important projects. The Council's policy over the last couple of years has been one of continual improvement with additional external funding being obtained from grant sources to invest in other Council assets and services.



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7. 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 four year. Councillors contact details are available on the town council website www.malton-tc.gov.uk



Paul Andrews



Jason Aldrich



Gill Boler



Martin Brampton



Lindsay Burr
Deputy Mayor



Mandy Carpenter



Ian Conlan
Mayor



Kerry Ennis



Sue Hawes



Stephen Pritchard



Simon Thackray



Will Oxley

The Town Mayor for the year 2022/23 has been Councillor Ian Conlan and the Deputy Mayor, Councillor Lindsay Burr.

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.

Support for Community Groups

The Council continue to support community groups and charities through its small grants programme. The groups/organisations below received £225 each in the last financial year

Circular Malton
Encephalitis Society
Malton Museum
Next Door But One CIC
Visit Malton CIC
Milton Rooms
Impact Living

Community Counselling
Malton & Norton Lions
Moors Bus CIC
Ryedale Special Families
NYP Malton Cadets
Sight Support Ryedale
Malton & Norton Rugby
Club

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Council Staff

Town Clerk & Responsible Finance Officer

Gail Cook



Deputy Town Clerk

Tim Hicks



Cemetery Manager

Mike Todd



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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Monthly Drop In Sessions

The Town Council holds a monthly drop in session on a Wednesday between 10.30am-11.30am, dates are advertised for the year ahead on the Town Council website and Facebook page. This multi-agency session is also attended

by North Yorkshire Police, Ryedale District Council and North Yorkshire Fire & Rescue. The Clerk also attends monthly drop in sessions at Malton Secondary School.

