



WESTHOUGHTON TOWN COUNCIL NEWSLETTER



WINTER 2016/17

TOWN COUNCIL PRECEPT

The Town Council has approved a Precept of £140,157 for 2017-2018, which is an increase of 7.2%. This equates to an increase of £1.07 for the year for a Band D Council Tax payer. The increase is mainly necessary because Westhoughton Town Hall is being renovated in 2017-18 and temporary accommodation will be required for the Town Clerk. The funds will be kept in the balances if they are not required.

WESTHOUGHTON TOWN COUNCIL CIVIC EVENTS

The Remembrance Day Parade, the Community Carol Service and the lighting of the Christmas Displays, and the Pretoria Pit Disaster Memorial Services were Civic Events, organised and funded by the Town Council. All the events were extremely successful and well attended by members of the public.

TOWN COUNCIL AWARDS

The Town Council has awarded a Civic Medal, and the Harold Daniels Memorial Trophy which will be kept for one year, to Mrs Dora Mills in recognition of her charitable fundraising for almost 30 years for the Parish Church of St Bartholomew, and for Bolton Hospice.

Environment Award Certificates have been awarded to Mr M Dutton and Mr E Swarbrick in recognition of their outstanding environmental work in Hall Lee Bank Park.

2016 POPPY APPEAL

The Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal Collection 2016 in Westhoughton raised £10,729. This marvellous total will benefit servicemen and women and ex-servicemen and women and their families.

CCTV AND HOMEWATCH

The Town Council is committed to crime prevention and it funds the Town Centre CCTV Scheme. It also employs a Homewatch Liaison Officer who organises Homewatch Meetings, assists with the formation of new Homewatch Schemes and supports existing Homewatch Schemes. Homewatch Signs are funded and sited by Bolton Council.

If you are interested in forming a Homewatch Scheme or have any queries regarding Homewatch, please contact the Homewatch Liaison Officer, Mr Keith Jackson Tel: 0790 403 8176.

WESTHOUGHTON HIGH SCHOOL

Thanks are due to Westhoughton High School pupils for building the new crib, which was sited in Ditchfield Garden during the Christmas period and for replacing wooden slats on benches around the Town Centre.

GREATER MANCHESTER SPATIAL PLAN

The Town Council has vehemently objected to the Greater Manchester Spatial Plan, which proposes that 4,500 houses are built in Westhoughton, which will result in the loss of green space and a massive strain on health provision, schools and roads. The Town Council is firmly opposed to this proposed development being imposed on Westhoughton.

TOWN COUNCIL

Below are listed some of the Town Council's projects and achievements:

1. A 7.2 % increase in the 2017-18 Precept
2. Funding and organising a Centenary of the Start of World War 1 Commemorative Event
3. Funding improvements to Local Nature Reserves and Public Rights of Way
4. The Get Active Westhoughton Youth Project
5. Town Centre CCTV scheme
6. Town Centre Christmas Lights
7. Organising the Remembrance Day Parade, the Community Carol Service and two Pretoria Pit Disaster Memorial Services
8. Civic Medals Awards, Young Citizen of the Year Awards and Environmental Award for outstanding service to the community
9. Siting of Solar Powered Driver Feedback Signs
10. Employ a Homewatch Liaison Officer
11. Independent audit of the Town Council Accounts with no matters requiring attention
12. Financial support for Daisy Hill in Bloom
13. Funding 50% of the cost of re-lettering the names on the World War 1 War Memorial
14. Funding the cost of enhancing the names on the World War 2 War Memorial
15. Free dog waste bags
16. Funding a hire car for a Policing Team Vehicle
17. Free Westhoughton Town Guide
18. Funding plants and the ongoing maintenance of planters on Market Street
19. Organising an Anti-Litter artwork competition for school children
20. Bolton Lads & Girls Club Westhoughton Outreach and Detached Programme

WESTHOUGHTON TOWN COUNCILLORS MAY BE CONTACTED DIRECTLY

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ATTENDANCE: AM-Annual Meeting /ATM-Annual Town Meeting /P-Planning /TC-Town Council

COUNCILLOR	MAY				JUNE		JULY		AUG		SEP		OCT		NOV		DEC		JAN		FEB		MAR		APR				
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CONSERVATIVE																													
P J Ashcroft	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	1	1	0			0	0	1								
Mrs L J Winrow-Baker	1	1	0	0	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1			1	1	1								
INDEPENDENT																													
J Speight	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	1	1	1			1	1	1								
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R A Battersby	1	1	1	1	1	0	1	1	0	1	1	0	1	1	1	1			0	1	1								
T P Brennen	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			vacancy										
D A Chadwick	1	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	1	1	1			0	0	0								
Mrs B J Dodds	0	1	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			vacancy										
Ms A Graham	1	1	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0			1	1	1								
Mrs C J Harkin	1	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1			0	1	1								
K S Jones	1	1	0	0	0	1	1	0	1	0	1	1	1	0	1	0			1	0	1								
Mrs J A Peplow	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	1	1			1	0	0								
A Price	1	1	0	0	0	1	1	0	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	0			1	1	0								
T D Robinson	1	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	0			0	1	1								
Miss S Watkin	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0			0	1	1								
Mrs G F Williams	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	1	0	1	0	1			0	0	1								
LIBERAL DEMOCRAT																													
J R Ainscough	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1			0	0	0								
D J Gradwell	1	1	0	0	1	1	0	1	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	1			0	0	1								
Cllr D A Wilkinson	1	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	1	1	0			0	0	1								