



# BLANDFORD FORUM TOWN COUNCIL

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## TOWN ASSEMBLY

The Chairman of Council and Town Mayor, Cllr Esme Butler, will be holding the Annual Town Assembly meeting in the Corn Exchange at 7pm on Wednesday 20 April 2011. Residents, voluntary organisations and the business community are invited to attend the Town Assembly where Cllr Butler will give a report on the Town Council's activities throughout the year. Reports from organisations and the business community will follow and there will be an opportunity to chat to members of other organisations, councillors and officers after the meeting when light refreshments will be available. If you would like to give a presentation on their activities, or for further information, please contact the Town Clerk's Office by 19 April 2011 using the contact details above. We hope to see you there!

## GRANTS

Every year the Town Council makes grants to charitable and voluntary organisations to help them continue with the work that they do in the town. The organisation must benefit the Blandford Forum community, and grants are not normally approved for services that are already the responsibility of other service providers. You have until 31 May 2011 to make an application to the Town Council and forms will be available at the Town Assembly, on the Town Council website or from the Town Clerk's Office.

## TOWN COUNCIL ELECTIONS

Elections for Town Councillors are being held on Thursday 5 May 2011. The Town Council works towards improving community well-being and to providing better services at a local level. This is an opportunity for you to influence the area in which you live, so make sure you exercise your right to vote on 5 May. Elections for North Dorset District Council and the National Referendum (Alternative Vote) will also take place that day.



## MAYOR MAKING & FREEMAN CEREMONY

Members of the public are invited to attend the Mayor Making ceremony when Cllr Esme Butler will be handing over the title of Chairman of Council and Town Mayor. A Freeman ceremony will also take place where this special honour will be awarded and a Freedom Scroll will also be presented to The Rifles following on from them being granted the Freedom in 2007. This event will take place in The Corn Exchange, Market Place at 10.30am on Friday 27 May 2011. Doors open at 10.00am and refreshments will be available after the ceremony, so please do join us for this traditional celebration!

## BLANDFORD IN BLOOM

Do you enjoy gardening? Would you like to see more colour around the town? If so, the Town Council would like to hear from you as it would like to form a group of volunteers who, with support from the Town Council, will plant and tend floral displays around the town. If you would like to take part please register your interest with the Town Clerk using the contact details above and a public meeting will be held in due course. Who knows, this time next year Blandford Forum could be entering the "Britain in Bloom" competition!



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## GRIT BINS

In 2010 the Town Council purchased ten grit bins that, with permission from Dorset County Council, were put in places where residents had said that there was greatest demand. This year the Town Council plans to put a further eleven bins around the town subject to the agreement with Dorset County Council that they will continue to keep them stocked with grit.

## TACKLING CRIME AND ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR

The Town Council has agreed to purchase two fixed cameras and one portable CCTV camera to help the police crackdown on anti-social behaviour in the town. One of the fixed cameras will be mounted opposite The Kings Arms in Salisbury Street and the second camera will be located at the junction of Damory Street, Wimborne Road and East Street. The mobile camera will be deployed by the police as and where they think it is needed. The purchase of these cameras brings the number of CCTV cameras funded by the Town Council to five.

## CONTACT YOUR TOWN COUNCILLORS

COUNCILLOR	WARD	ADDRESS	TELEPHONE
Robert Brannigan	Langton St Leonards	1 Hambledon Gardens DT11 7SE	459452
Esme Butler	Langton St Leonards	7 Staverton Walk, DT11 7TN	480756
Harold F Galpin	Damory Down	Russell House, Durweston DT11 OQA	454294
Tony Harrocks	Hilltop	1 Mortain Close, DT11 7XA	480062
Steve G Hitchings	Hilltop	27 Kings Road, DT11 7LD	455840
Sylvia Hixson Andrews	Old Town	15 Bryanston Street, DT11 7AZ	458911
Rosemary J Holmes	Damory Down	16 Liddington Crescent, DT11 7RP	480451
Hilary Lawson	Damory Down	10 Avebury Court, Medbourne Close DT11 7UA	450935
Lynn Lindsay	Station	31 Barnes Close, DT11 7NG	456209
Sara Loch	Old Town	The Old House, The Close DT11 7HA	450278
Mike Owen	Station	63 Damory Street, DT11 7HD	459170
Andrew Pemberton	Old Town	The Rectory, The Tabernacle DT11 7DW	459672
Isabel C Rose	Langton St Leonards	Endellion, St Leonards Av, DT11 7NY	451557
Jackie Stayt	Hilltop	29 Damory Street, DT11 7EU	456999
Frances West	Old Town	Langham House, 81 Salisbury Street, DT11 7PY	458055
Haydn White	Station	79 Salisbury Road, DT11 7LP	453666

## TOWN COUNCIL MEETINGS

Members of the public are welcome to attend council and committee meetings and can make comment via the public sessions held at 7.00pm at the beginning of meetings, which are held on most Monday evenings in the Community Room at the address above. The public can also contact councillors or officers through correspondence/email, by telephone, or in person at the Town Clerk's Office, which is open Monday to Friday between 9.30am and 12.30pm. The Town Clerk is Tim Woolford and he can be contacted using the details above or at [twoolford@blandfordforum-tc.gov.uk](mailto:twoolford@blandfordforum-tc.gov.uk). The next Planning meeting is scheduled for Monday 18 April 2011, followed by the Annual Town Assembly on Wednesday 20 April 2011 and the Statutory Annual Meeting of the Town Council on Monday 9 May 2011.

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