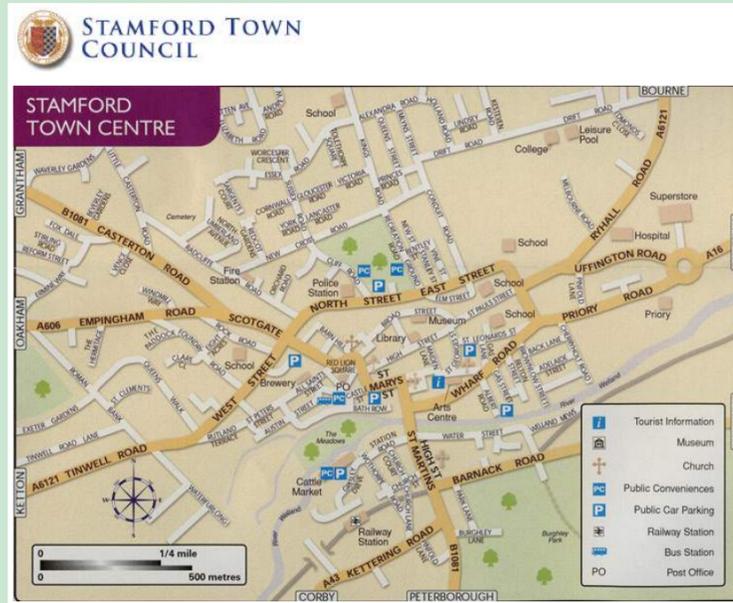


Stamford Accessibility

As part of SKDC's successful Big Lottery – Awards for All grant the District Council is creating a new easy access town centre map for Stamford. The map will be designed to help local people and visitors who find getting around the town difficult. To help the District Council understand the problems currently faced, whether through visual impairment, limited mobility or understanding the best routes around the Town Centre they are looking for volunteers to help complete a short questionnaire, sample below. Copies are available via Patricia Stuart-Mogg at the Town Hall or by e-mailing townhall@stamfordtowncouncil.gov.uk.



Stamford Town Accessibility Map

Do you have a learning disability, a visual impairment, difficulties with mobility or are you a wheelchair user? Can you help us? Stamford Town Council is producing an accessibility map of the town centre. Stamford is an historic Georgian town and accessibility can be difficult for local people as well as visitors. The aim is to show the best routes and the difficult areas to get around.

Please complete the short questionnaire below.

Name..... Contact, tel or email

To help us understand the needs of people with different disabilities, please describe your disability.

Parking – Where are the best places for you to park and why?	
Roads and pavements –	Which routes do take? Which routes do you find most accessible? Which routes are not suitable for you and why?
Amenities and community places – Accessibility of the toilets, leisure areas, churches etc?	
Places of Interest – Accessibility of historical buildings, theatre and arts etc.	
Shopping and Eating – Accessibility of the places you use.	
Any other comments you have about accessibility	

Thank you

Return your questionnaire to:-

Patricia Stuart-Mogg, Stamford Town Council, Town Hall, St Mary's Hill, Stamford, Lincolnshire, PE9 2DR

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Renovation Works to your Town Hall

Stamford Town Council commenced the restoration works on the Town Hall in 2010. Phase 1 completed the strengthening of the core supporting structure of the Town Hall, the installation of a passenger lift system and disabled access facility. Phases 2 and 3 renovated the Mayor's Parlour, Entrance Hall, Malcolm Sargent Room, Council Chamber, Phillips Room and the Administration offices, all having been redecorated to a high standard in keeping with the Georgian period. Completion of Phase 4 has introduced a kitchen in the Town Hall and a fire escape from the Court Room. With the completion of all these works the Town Hall will be available for hire for functions and meetings. Lettings have already started to increase. It is anticipated that the Court Room will be a popular venue for private and civic events.



Remembrance Sunday Service and Parade

The Annual Service of Remembrance and Laying of Wreaths took place at the War Memorial, Broad Street, Stamford, on Sunday, 8 November 2015.



The Service began with a prayer by the Very Rev Mark Warrick, followed by the Exhortation, Last Post at 11.00am, the Two Minute Silence, Reveille, and Kohima. The Stamford Brass Band accompanied the Service and the piper played during the wreath laying.

The Officer in Charge of the Royal Air Force Detachment assumed overall command of the Parade at the War Memorial and marching units including RAF Wittering, The Royal British Legion, The Stamford Endowed School Combined Cadet Force, 2071 (Stamford) Sqn ATC, Stamford Army Cadet Force, St John Ambulance, Stamford Girls Brigade & JC Boys Club.

The Mayor of Stamford, Councillor Mrs Susan Sandall presided and her guests included. Air Vice-Marshal Peter Dodworth CB OBE AFC DL, Nick Boles MP, The President of The Royal British Legion and Miranda Rock, Director of Burghley House.



For further information on any items please contact the Town Clerk

T:- 01780 753808 E:- townhall@stamfordtowncouncil.gov.uk

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Cummins Engaging in Community Work

A key Company value of Cummins is Corporate Responsibility, which is reflected in their Community Involvement Teams. Stamford is most indebted to these employees for their involvement in community activities which supports and strengthens our relationship.

Skatepark News

There is a photo of Cummins staff on the Skatepark, Rec and Meadows Notice Boards.

The Town Council was delighted that its application to lift some very onerous conditions related to the Skatepark was unanimously approved by SKDC Development Control. The users can now enjoy the Skatepark being open every day from 9am to 9pm. This approval is for a temporary 12 month period, but Stamford Town Council will resubmit a further application next year for permanent approval.



Introduction of Parking Charges – Stamford Hospital –

Peterborough and Stamford Hospital NHS Foundation Trust is seeking views on the impact of car parking charges planned for Stamford hospital. The introduction of parking charges at the Hospital is in response to complaints raised by patients, staff and tenants who struggle to find a parking space and to bring it in line with Peterborough City Hospital.

The Trust would like to hear people's views on the impact the charges may have on those attending the Hospital

To give your views please e-mail:
StamfordHospitalproject@pbh-tr.nhs.uk

STOP PRESS

Update on proposed improvements on seating in Red Lion Square.

So far 77% of the responses to the survey have been in favour however Stamford Town Council would welcome further comments so do please forward your thoughts either by:
Email: townhall@stamfordtowncouncil.gov.uk
Or post to: Town Hall, St Mary's Hill, Stamford. PE9 2DR.

Grant Availabilities

Skells' Charity Trust

Mr Harry Skells, a former Stamford Town Councillor, bequeathed a capital sum to Stamford in his will. He stipulated that the income generated should be spent on the 'appearance, utility and amenity' of public places, noting, in particular, parks, recreation grounds and what would today be termed 'street scene' improvements.

If you have a project in mind that is likely to comply with the above stipulations please apply to Stamford Town Council Tel: 01780 753808 or visit the Town Council website www.stamfordtowncouncil.gov.uk for details about the Skells Trust and an application form.

Stamford Town Council

Stamford Town Council also has a small amount allocated to its budget each year. Applications for grants are invited from local community groups, local theatre productions, local scouts and guides organisations etc. The criteria being that the project must make the local community a better place to live, work or visit and should benefit people who live in the Parish.

For further information please visit our website
www.stamfordtowncouncil.gov.uk

Borough Leaflets

As refurbishment of the Town Hall has proceeded over the last couple of years or so and light has been shone into some of the darker corners of the cellars for the first time in many years, a number of unexpected finds have turned up. Included amongst these finds are stocks of various publications and leaflets issued by the old Stamford Borough Council, mostly from the early and middle years of the twentieth century. There are, for example: Byelaws for good government of the Borough from 1909; Regulations with respect to dairies, cowsheds, and milkshops from 1906, Bye-laws with respect to slaughter-houses from 1913, and the Quincentenary Civic Service from 1961.

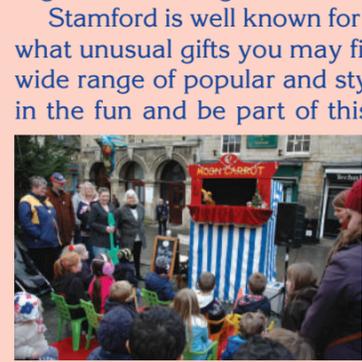
There are, of course, copies of all these publications in the Town Hall archives, properly preserved and catalogued, but rather than simply sending these spare copies for recycling, it is possible that some local historians and residents may be interested in owning one or more of these historic reminders of our past. So for the next three months they will be available for purchase at the Town Hall on a first come first served basis – 50p each – with all proceeds going to the Mayor's charities for 2015/16: Friends of Stamford Hospital; Stamford Macmillan Nurses; The Shack (run by the Salvation Army), and; Christ Church Day Centre.



Stamford Christmas Festival Sunday 29 November from 10am to 6pm

Get into the Festive Spirit early and enjoy a great day out for all the family in historic Stamford.

The popular traditional Stamford Christmas Festival will be returning to the heart of the town. The event will be held in the centre of Stamford - Stamford High St, Ironmonger St, Broad Street, Red Lion Square, and Sheep Market.



Stamford is well known for its exclusive and independent traders so do see what unusual gifts you may find for those very special to you! There will be traditional craft stalls offering a wide range of popular and stylish gifts with treats and delights to excite and tantalize. So come along. Join in the fun and be part of this ever-popular annual, community event which attracts many thousands of visitors from near and far. The town has good FREE car parking facilities on Sundays with the town centre easily accessible.

To add to the festive spirit there will be entertainment galore throughout the day including festive Punch and Judy shows, School Choirs, Santa's Grotto, real reindeers, a children's Fun Fair and, of course, culminating in the Christmas lights switch-on around 4.30pm!

We look forward to seeing you there!



Vandalism Stamford Town Council Amenity Areas

Vandalism in the Town's Amenity areas appears to be on the increase, with incidences reported in the Cemetery, on the Recreation Ground and in the Skatepark. The Recreation Ground and Skatepark have been particularly hit hard; expensive resurfacing of the children's play area will cost in the region of £7,000 and continued instances at the Skatepark are also proving to be a drain on public money.

Fly tipping at the Recreation Ground is also on the increase; classed as a business the Town Council have to pay a private contractor to collect items that may have been left in their amenity areas.

The Town Council would urge members of the public who witness blatant misuse of any amenity or illegal fly tipping please call 101 immediately to report the matter to the local police.

Stamford During WWI

Research and documents regarding WWI in Stamford and the centenary commemoration are being uploaded to the Town Council website by the volunteer project team to provide an enduring record.

The information will be under the 'About Stamford' tab at www.stamfordtowncouncil.gov.uk.

Stamford Cemetery Fencing

Stamford Town Council erected metal fencing on its boundary which abutted some residential properties. The reason for installing this fencing was solely as a direct result of occurrences of anti-social behaviour in the Cemetery resulting in complaints being received from both visitors and residents alike.

This anti-social behaviour took the form of drug abuse, sexual activity, unauthorised access to residents' gardens and the wanton desecration of burial plots. The Town Council recognizes that in its zeal to put an end to the escalating instances of anti-social behaviour at the earliest possible opportunity, the metal fencing was installed prior to planning permission being in place. Consequently, a retrospective planning application was submitted which, regrettably, was refused on the basis of objections from some residents. The Town Council intends taking this decision to Appeal.

The provision and installation of this new fencing was at substantial cost, over £10,000. Police have confirmed that since installing the new fencing the level of anti-social behaviour in the cemetery has been reduced, it would be a tragedy if the fencing had to be removed with a consequential return to even greater levels of antisocial behaviour. The Town Council undertakes its duty of care responsibilities, especially in respect of the cemetery, with utmost gravity. It is hoped that dialogue with residents will resolve this matter in an amicable manner reflecting the best outcome for both those individual residents and the wider Stamford community as a whole.

