

# Stamford TOWN COUNCIL NEWS

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## Parking and Transport

The Town Council will be publishing its Town Plan in the next month. One of the main sections, which proved to be contentious, was that on Transport and because of this and the decriminalisation of parking, the Town Council sent all members of LCC, SKDC and the appropriate officers copies of STC's transport proposals some months ago. Disappointingly neither acknowledgement nor comment has been received. Nor did SKDC canvass the views of your Town or District Councillors before producing its proposals.

STC's proposals were put back on the website and comments are most welcome. Please rest assured that all Town, District and County Councillors do not intend to let this matter rest.

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## Christmas festival and lights

2012 was another successful year for the increasingly popular Christmas Festival.

In the region of 30,000 attended, many of whom visited the market stalls in High Street, Bath Row and the many shops open on the day.

**STAMFORD  
CHRISTMAS  
FESTIVAL**



The Christmas lights also proved extremely popular and the Town Council are grateful to all the school children who took part in the lights switch-on.



Winner of the Mayor's Christmas Card Competition Jessica Gois, shown switching on the Christmas Lights with the Mayor and Father Christmas.





## YOUR COUNCIL NEEDS YOU!

A civic parade is one of the great highlights of the social calendar in any town or city, during the course of each year Stamford holds parades for

- Royal Visits
- Mayoral Installations
- Military Welcomes
- Remembrance Day Parade
- Battle of Britain Parade

The continued support of organisations such as cadets, guides, cubs etc is both acknowledged and appreciated and serves to uphold the traditions of the town.

Are you involved in an organisation or group (no matter how big or small) that would like to be part of such notable civic events?

If so, we would be delighted to hear from you.

Please contact: Mark Murtagh

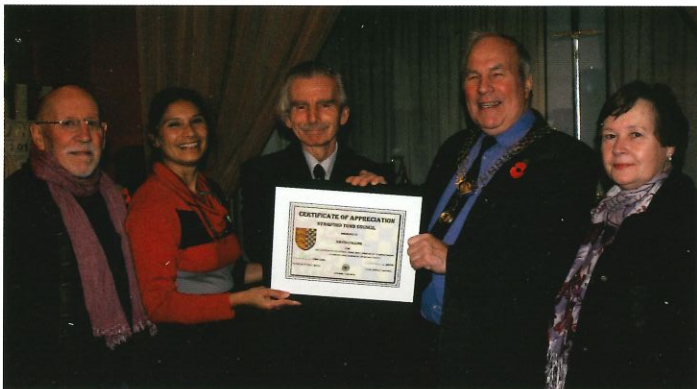
The Mayor's Office, Stamford Town Hall, St Mary's Hill, Stamford, PE9 2DR



## Certificates of Appreciation

Three certificates have been awarded so far - to **Dave Collins** (for his voluntary re-painting of the War Memorial on several occasions, entirely at his own expense), to Professor **Alan Rogers** (in recognition of his most impressive 50 years' work on the history of Stamford) and to **Community Payback** (for their excellent work in clearing ivy from the overgrown graves in Stamford Cemetery).

Nominations for these certificates (which are available to individuals, businesses or organisations) are made by Stamford Town Councillors, who would be very pleased to receive recommendations from members of the Public.



## QR Codes

A project, devised and led by Stamford resident Dave Sones will see the placement of QR (Quick Response) codes on many of the most architecturally and historically significant buildings in the town.



These codes will enable visitors with smart phones or tablets instantly to access extensive information about each particular site. The project will eventually create a single, comprehensive and sustainable archive of the town's history and heritage, one which will be available to visitors, residents, schools and colleges.

The project has the support of the Town Council and the Stamford Civic Society. Its success will depend on the efforts of volunteers who will create and maintain the archive and the information will be edited, managed and stored using the Wikipedia on line resource. Wikipedia has provided training for the first group of volunteers and it will take a close interest in the project as it develops. It is hoped that between 50 and 100 of the codes will be in place by the summer.

*Anyone wishing to know more about the project or to become a volunteer should contact Dave Sones at [dsones@huntsbrewery.co.uk](mailto:dsones@huntsbrewery.co.uk)*

## Museum and Hospital Museum

The guided tours of the Town Hall on Fridays continue to attract visitors, although in smaller numbers as Winter draws on. As a result tour start times are now 1000, 1100, 1300 and 1400. No booking is required - just turn up.

In addition, pre-booked group tours on other days are available at £2 a head (proceeds to the Town Hall Heritage Museum project) - please telephone Cllr. Max Sawyer on 01780 765507 email [audsaw@aol.com](mailto:audsaw@aol.com).

We recently hosted 120 pupils from the Malcolm Sargent School, although slightly smaller groups do make life a little easier!

A recent development is that we are negotiating the loan of some items currently held in the Stamford Hospital Museum store with a view to displaying these in the Town Hall, which will add another facet to our collection. The Hospital Museum itself is well worth a visit - contact Matron Sue Brooks on (01780) 764151 to arrange a time.





# Stamford Town Council Budget 2013/14

<b>2013-2014</b>	£
General and earmarked reserves b/f	347,001
Precept	437,788
Total Forecast Income	78,940
Total Forecast revenue expenditure	516,728
Forecast earmarked reserves expenditure	14,272
Council tax at Band D equivalent	60.71

## 2013-2014 Budget Setting

Overall principles are to :

- Maintain amenities and services and work towards accreditation of Green Flag for Recreation Ground
- Work with voluntary groups on joint projects, e.g. skate park for the Recreation Ground
- Maintain assets and continue programme of Town Hall renovation
- Promote Town Hall as a Heritage core centre
- Continue development of Strategic Plan for town
- Ensure Council balances are maintained at prudent levels

	2011/12 Actual	2012/13 Budget	2012/13 Forecast Outturn	2013/14 Budget
	£	£	£	£
<b>A Total Cash and short term investments b/f</b>	289,418	347,011	347,001	262,068
<b>B Precept</b>	413,118	432,988	432,988	437,788
<b>C Income</b>				
Administration	4,682	730	730	730
Town Hall	1,936	3,500	6,000	7,000
Members Allowances & Civic Ceremonies	157	1,010	1,010	1,010
Allotments	12,221	10,680	10,680	11,350
Cemetery	43,385	40,507	43,400	45,100
Meadows & Millstream	10,994	10,450	7,450	7,700
Recreation Ground	3,096	1,250	1,250	1,250
Christmas Festivities		500	500	500
Other Income	2,894	2,800	4,300	4,300
<b>Total</b>	<b>79,365</b>	<b>71,427</b>	<b>75,320</b>	<b>78,940</b>
<b>A+B+C Total Cash Reserves, Precept and Income</b>	<b>781,901</b>	<b>851,426</b>	<b>855,309</b>	<b>778,796</b>
<b>D Expenditure</b>				
Administration	129,830	138,600	150,574	162,150
Town Hall	56,147	74,100	71,682	77,800
Members Allowances & Civic Ceremonies	7,293	11,990	12,970	14,590
Strategic Development		8,000	9,000	11,000
Allotments	8,842	8,686	7,886	11,536
Cemetery	99,116	126,050	70,652	67,489
Meadows & Millstream	3,889	4,075	24,207	29,230
Recreation Ground	83,026	78,395	98,848	99,423
Grants	11,976	5,000	6,000	7,550
Special Projects	25,828	20,819	19,357	2,800
Other Expenditure	13,900	28,200	31,453	33,160
VAT	35,826			
VAT refund	-40,773			
<b>Total</b>	<b>434,900</b>	<b>503,915</b>	<b>502,628</b>	<b>516,728</b>
<b>E Balance</b>	<b>347,001</b>	<b>347,511</b>	<b>352,681</b>	<b>262,068</b>

# Stamford Town Council Budget 2013/14 continued.....

	2011/12 Actual	2012/13 Budget	2012/13 Forecast Outturn	2013/14 Budget
<b>F Expenditure from Earmarked Reserves</b>				
Administration	2,926	6,154		
Town Hall	34,117	37,240	41,664	1,730
Members Allowances & Civic Ceremonies	500	100		100
Allotments	4,750	8,150	3,390	4,760
Cemetery	3,720	35,805	33,273	2,532
Meadows & Millstream	3,190	5,843	5,843	0
Recreation Ground	26,100	6,360	6,443	-83
Grants	11,446	2,287		2,287
Special Projects		1,838		1,838
Other Expenditure	12,775	1,108		1,108
Strategic Development		6,500		6,500
<b>Total</b>	<b>99,524</b>	<b>111,385</b>	<b>90,613</b>	<b>14,272</b>
<b>E-F Balance carried forward</b>		236,126	262,068	247,796
<b>Precept based on band d equivalent dwellings</b>				
Number of band d dwellings			7,211	
Precept per d band equivalent dwelling			60.71	
Previous year precept			60.71	
Increase in precept			0.00	

## Notes

Additional items included in precept:

Community Cleaner	
Additional Admin hours	Traffic Management
Skatepark Management	Cluster Group

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## Your Town Council

Stamford Town Council is made up of 21 councillors, including the Mayor, who represent the four wards of Stamford. The Council is elected for four years and the Mayor appointed for a period of one year, based on seniority. The Town Council is responsible for the following areas and remits through its various standing committees:

**Amenities Committee:** Allotments, the meadows, the cemetery and the recreation ground

**Finance, Personnel and Assets Committee:** The Town Hall, Finance and Precept

**Planning Committee:** Planning applications (Town Council is statutory consultee but has no powers to accept or reject applications)

**Strategic Development Committee:** Examines the short, medium and long-term development of the Town including tourism, emergency planning, town plan etc.

**Scrutiny and Audit Committee:** Scrutinises and audits the working of the Town Council in addition to examining matters affecting the town eg health, education etc.

There are also several working groups and advisory forums which deal with the Town Newsletter, Christmas activities etc. In previous years, sub-committees have also dealt with a Heritage Lottery Fund application and the preparation of a business plan for the potential takeover of Stamford Museum. It has also recently started work with outside partners (Rutland County Council, Burghley House, Stamford Town Partnership, Stamford College etc) to form a Tourism Advisory Forum.

Full Council and committee meetings are open to members of the public; there is a public open forum at the start of each full council meeting and members of the public may also speak at committee meetings by prior arrangement. Agendas and Minutes of all committee meetings can be viewed on the Council's website, [www.stamfordtowncouncil.co.uk](http://www.stamfordtowncouncil.co.uk) and on Twitter at, follow @stamfordtc.

The remaining areas of responsibility are covered by the two principal authorities; South Kesteven District Council (SKDC) and Lincolnshire County Council (LCC) as laid out below:-

### South Kesteven District Council – Responsibilities and Remits:

Rubbish collection and recycling;  
Development control (planning);  
Antisocial behaviour;  
Housing;  
Transport and car parks;  
Environmental Health.

### Lincolnshire County Council – Responsibilities and Remits:

Highways and street lighting  
Libraries and museums (Cultural Services)  
Social Services  
Education  
Trading standards  
Police  
Public car parks  
(included car park located on the western end of Bath Row)

Lincolnshire Primary Care Trust is currently responsible for Health but this is currently in the process of being abolished under the recent Health Reform Bill and the work will be taken over by commissioning bodies.