

# Stamford

## TOWN COUNCIL NEWS

News and views from Stamford Town Council

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### Special Town Council Meeting

Stamford Town Hall  
Tuesday 22nd  
November,  
2011 at 7pm  
Come and have  
your voice heard!

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# Mayor's Comment



Councillor John Binder, Mayor of Stamford, is a life-long resident of the town.

After completing his education in Stamford, he joined the Royal Signals, where he served both home and abroad. On leaving the army, he joined the ambulance service for some 30 years. His extensive experience as a shop steward for the GMB Union has given him valuable knowledge in problem solving.

Having served on the council for 8 years, Cllr. John Binder of St. George's Ward has been actively involved in a wide range of Council activities. As well as this, he was successful in establishing the first community paramedic for Stamford. Cllr. Binder looks forward to working with the newly elected Council and continues to build on the achievements and projects initiated by the previous administration. These projects include the provision of public facilities on the Recreation Ground, and the continued renovation of the Town Hall, both of which are major assets of the community.

During this Mayoral year, Cllr. John Binder has named Teenzone and the Evergreen Trust as his two chosen Mayor's charities. Both organisations offer excellent, inclusive provisions for the local community and are very worthy charities. Cllr. Binder attested: 'As Mayor I shall endeavour to continue forging greater partnerships and better working relations with local organisations for the future, continuing the promotion, development and enhancement of Stamford.'

Cllr. John Binder, Mayor of Stamford



Mary Davies (T.I.C Supervisor) – left  
Graham Burley (Team Leader, Cultural Services, SKDC) – centre  
Justine Want (T.I.C assistant) – right

## Tourism Working Group

The Strategic Development Committee at Stamford Town Council is currently examining ways in which the town can promote tourism in Stamford and the surrounding communities.

The SDC is working with a variety of local organisations including Burghley House, Rutland Tourism, Stamford Arts Centre and Lincolnshire festivals, amongst others.

Stamford was recently a finalist in the Coach Tourism Award 2011 for Coach Friendly Town or City of The Year, supported by VisitEngland.

Burghley House was also a finalist for the Coach Tourism Award 2011, placing in the UK Coach Friendly Attraction of the Year category.

Ruth Hudson, Operations Manager at Burghley House says: '[The award] recognises the wonderful sights and facilities we have both at Burghley and in the beautiful town of Stamford.'

The editor of Coach Monthly, Stuart Render adds, 'Coach tourism is worth about £2.35bn to Britain's economy and these awards are playing a key role in helping to raise quality across all sectors of the industry.' The Strategic Development Committee will be hosting an event on 3 October 2011 for local businesses, organisations and individuals with an interest in tourism to progress this work further.

## Strategic Development

### Town Plan

The Strategic Development Committee of the Town Council is progressing with the preparation of the Town Plan which is now in the correction process.

If you wish to view the full statistics obtained from the Questionnaire, you can do this online at [www.stamfordtowncouncil.co.uk](http://www.stamfordtowncouncil.co.uk)

## Free Charitable use of Town Hall

During the course of the year, the Town Hall is made available, free of charge, for six charitable events or worthy causes.

Selection is entirely at the Mayor's personal discretion and is strictly subject to availability. Applications giving fullest details of the charity or cause supported and the event proposed should be admitted to the **Town Clerk, Town Hall, St. Mary's Hill, Stamford PE9 2DR.**

## Use Water Wisely

Collecting Rainwater – The best way of dealing with restrictions upon water use is to collect rainwater. For guide on how to install a water butt visit: [www.waterwise.org.uk](http://www.waterwise.org.uk)



# Successful Year for Stamford Hospital

The last year has been highly successful for Stamford Hospital. More patients locally are able to use the wide range of services including minor injury treatment, day surgery, physiotherapy and blood tests, to name a few. Outpatients is particularly busy with over 35,000 appointments per year in a wide range of specialities.

In the last year we have introduced a new coffee shop, a children's play area, an exciting new hospital museum and a ticketing system to lessen queues in the blood test department.

Stamford Hospital remains central to the future plans for the Trust, and work continues on how we can develop both the site and the services we offer including welcoming colleagues from St. Barnabas Hospice at Home and Age UK Kesteven onto the site which we hope will develop as a healthcare campus.

We are extremely grateful to local organisations for their help including the Stamford Round Table, RAF Cranwell and the Friends of Stamford Hospital.

The future will present us with challenges, particularly in view of the Trust's financial position, but Stamford staff will respond by finding ways to continue to provide high quality care within the inevitable restraints.

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## A few thoughts from a Stamford Town Councillor

I enjoyed delivering election leaflets (really!) and had some interesting conversations with residents, and meetings with assorted cats and dogs. The downside was the variety in positioning of letterboxes (ground level to shoulder height) and type (single flap, weak spring to double-flap like finger crushers!). My respect for our postmen and women has increased enormously.

**Fellow Town Councillors** – I have had to put my natural cynicism on hold. Those I have spoken to so far seem genuinely committed to doing their best for Stamford and its people, irrespective of their nominal political allegiance. Thankfully, party politics have been notable by their absence. This doesn't mean we all agree, but that is only to be expected and is a welcome result of the democratic process.

Information received to date confirms that articles in the press seldom give the whole story, especially when contentious issues are involved.

**Learning curve** – steep, but aided by a first-rate training session run by Tricia Carter from the Lincolnshire Association of Local Councils. A model of how such sessions should be conducted.

**Support from Town Hall staff** – uniformly excellent. We have a very good and knowledgeable team there.

**Stamford Town Council meetings** – a little procedurally hidebound, with too much time spent on purely routine matters (eg approving minutes from the various committee meetings paragraph by paragraph). Although this does not curtail discussions unduly, it does lead to late finishes. Long meetings are not necessarily productive meetings. Perhaps we should take note of recent research and carry out our meetings while standing up!

**Committee meetings** – with only seven members, these do proceed rather faster. Personally, I would like to see committee meetings empowered to implement their decisions directly rather than having to refer back to the full Council. However, not all agree.

**Allotments** – I did not realise the extent of these, nor the excellent state in which most are kept. In a competition, most TV gardeners would be lucky to come third. I was especially impressed by the work done on the MENCAP allotments on the Uffington Road site and by the palpable and selfless dedication of the organiser.

**Public attendance** – meetings are open to the public, although few attend, which seems a pity. Electors should see their representatives in action and take advantage of their right to speak.

**Miscellaneous** – relations with SKDC could be better: there is an unfortunate and counterproductive atmosphere of distrust. Bourne, Grantham and Stamford seem to act in competition with each other when co-operation is likely to be of greater benefit. LCC seems to be supportive of Stamford, but not unfairly so.

So far and in my limited experience, the job of a Town Councillor is demanding yet rewarding. My main concern is how easy it will prove to be to implement decisions—it is so easy for this process to become mired in bureaucracy.

**Max Sawyer.**

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## Planning Applications

Stamford Town Council considers all planning applications submitted to South Kesteven District Council (SKDC) and offers its own recommendations, which are not binding.

If you wish to submit any comments to support or object to any planning application, this should be done via SKDC's Development Control Department with a copy to the Town Council Planning Committee Chairman.

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## Stamford Town Council Skills Trust

The Skills Trust was established to administer money bequeathed to the town by former Mayor Harry Skells.

The Trust offers financial assistance in the form of grants to local organisations and projects which benefit the town of Stamford as a whole. The Trust meets several times a year to consider grant applications for such projects and initiatives. Applications giving fullest details should be submitted in writing to the

**Town Clerk, Town Hall, St. Mary's Hill, Stamford PE9 2DR.**

# Stamford Town Councillors, South Kesteven District Councillors & Lincolnshire County Councillors' ward list for Stamford

Councillor	All Saints Ward	Telephone No.	District/County
Michael Exton (CON)	84 Churchill Road, Stamford PE9 1JG	01780 751265	
Mrs Susan J Sandall (IND)	4 Forest Gardens, Stamford PE9 2FL	01780 764399 / 757676	SKDC Councillor
Maxwell G. Sawyer (IND)	44 Waverly Gardens, Stamford PE9 1BH	01780 765507	
Breda-Rae Griffin (CON)	86 Churchill Road, Stamford PE9 1JG	01780 763870	SKDC Councillor
Sheila A. Sismore (IND)	1 Anne Road, Stamford PE9 1HT	01780 752470	
Councillor	St George's Ward	Telephone No.	District/County
John Binder (LD) Town Mayor	52 Ryhall Road, Stamford PE9 1UF	01780 764188	
Bob Sandall (IND) Deputy Mayor	Forest Gardens, Stamford PE9 1JG	01780 764399 / 757676	SKDC Councillor
John Russell Hicks (IND)	4 Ryhall House, Ryhall Road, Stamford PE9 1UQ	01780 751853	LCC Councillor <b>Stamford North Division</b>
Brenda A Sumner (CON)	7 Hazel Grove, Stamford PE9 2HJ	01780 752896	SKDC Councillor
Maxine E Couch (IND)	18 Fitzwilliam Road, Stamford PE9 1DF	01780 756881	
Councillor	St John's Ward	Telephone No.	District/County
Terl Charles Bryant	47 Caithness Road, Stamford PE9 2TF	01780 755734	SKDC Councillor <b>NOT ON TOWN COUNCIL</b>
David Nalson (CON)	70 Tinwell Road, Stamford PE9 2SD	01780 764112	SKDC Councillor
Mrs Maureen Jalili (LD)	68 Roman Bank, Stamford PE9 2ST	01780 755955	
Miss Christine Brough (LD)	50 Arran Road, Stamford PE9 2XS	01780 756046	
Clam Walden (IND)	32 Charlock Drive, Stamford PE9 2WP	01780 764679	
Graddon R Rowlands (CON)	35 St. Peter's Street, Stamford PE9 2PF	07722 199572	SKDC Councillor
Anthony J Story (IND)	1 Peterhouse Close, Stamford PE9 1JB	01780 757949	
Councillor	St. Mary's Ward	Telephone No.	District/County
Harrish Bisnauthsing (LD)	Reedman's Court, St George's Street, Stamford PE9 2BJ	01780 756000	SKDC Councillor
Brian C Sumner (CON)	7 Hazel Grove, Stamford PE9 2HJ	01780 752896	
John Dawson (IND)	The Bridge House, Casterton Road, Stamford PE9 2YL	01780 754166	
Mrs Gwyneth M Gibbs (CON)	3 Kettering Road, Stamford PE9 2LR	01780 751910	
Mrs Elizabeth J Bevan (CON)	11 Austin Street, Stamford PE9 2QR	01780 756291	SKDC Councillor
Councillor	Not attached to a Ward	Telephone No.	District/County
Thomas Martin Trollope-Bellew (CON)	The Old Hall, Barholm, Stamford PE9 4RA	01778 560634	LCC Councillor <b>Stamford West Division</b>
David Brailsford (CON)	1 Carisbrook Grove, Stamford PE9 2GF	01780 757242	LCC Councillor <b>Stamford Rural Division</b>

Email addresses for all **COUNCILLORS** is: [townhall@stamfordtowncouncil.gov.uk](mailto:townhall@stamfordtowncouncil.gov.uk) Please ensure you **NAME** the Councillor for whom your email is intended.

## Dates for the diary

Town Council and Committee Meetings are usually held on Tuesday's in the Town Hall at 7pm and are open to the public. All agendas and minutes are available on the Town Council website. [www.stamfordtowncouncil.co.uk](http://www.stamfordtowncouncil.co.uk)

August	September	October
Tue. 02 Finance, Personnel & Assets Committee	Tue. 06 Finance, Personnel & Assets Committee	Wed. 05 Strategic Development Committee
Tue. 09 Amenities Committee	Tue. 13 Planning Committee	Tue. 11 Finance Committee
Tue. 16 Planning Committee	Wed. 14 Stamford Strategic Development Committee	Wed. 12 Scrutiny & Audit Committee
Wed. 17 Stamford Strategic Development Committee	Tue. 20 Amenities Committee	Tue. 18 Amenities Committee
Tue. 23 Stamford Town Council Meeting	Mon. 26 Harry Skells Estate Trust Meeting	Tue. 25 Stamford Town Council Meeting
Wed. 31 Scrutiny & Audit Committee	Tue. 27 Stamford Town Council Meeting	



### The Stamford Neighbourhood Police Team (NPT)

Next Open Forum 6.30pm on Tuesday 27th September at Teenzone, Green Lane, Stamford. All complaints relating to anti-social behaviour of any sort, including illegal parking please call 0300 110300

### Community Beat Manager:

PC 745 Debbie Bowen Tel: 07939896379

### Police Community Support Officers:

PCSO 2018 Dave Vines Tel: 07944776919

PCSO 2218 Meela O'Neill Tel: 07939997387

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