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Andover Town Council Newsletter

A warm welcome from your Town Clerk

I am very pleased to have joined the Town Council and to have this opportunity to help bring about projects in the Town that will have positive effects for everyone. Luckily for me, I have inherited a dedicated team of officers, who assist with the running of the council, and who are the often-unseen backbone of the administration. I am reviewing (and hope to improve on) the Council's processes and procedures so that the Officers are able to work in a more streamlined and efficient manner. This is time consuming, but we are well on our way and hopefully some improvements will be evident shortly. In the meantime, it's business as usual.

In the last two weeks I have been busy visiting our allotment sites and talking to our helpful and knowledgeable Allotment Wardens.

On my travels I have been introduced to areas of Andover that I didn't know existed. Andover is an interesting town, there are a lot of facilities on offer, and more volunteer and community groups than I had ever imagined. It is important that the Council publicise these local groups and support them where possible, whether that is by running events with them, or considering requests for financial help from them (in the form of grants). I would love to see more partnerships of the Council and other local organisations.



As Responsible Financial Officer (RFO), I keep a close eye on the accounts and spending of the Town Council, and will be doing my utmost to cut costs wherever I can in order to keep the precept demand as low as possible for the coming years.

We are now approaching the end of the financial year, and the Town Council's accounts will be available in draft form at the end of April. The Accounts cannot be signed off until the May Council meeting where we may be seeing new Councillor faces around the chamber due to the forthcoming elections on Thursday 4th May. I would encourage anyone who is interested in the running of Andover Town to step up and put themselves forward for election. Anyone wanting to know more about that or what it means to be a councillor is very welcome to contact me on townclerk@andovertc.co.uk. I look forward to meeting as many residents of the town in the very near future.



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Speed Indicator Devices Update

We continue to move our devices around Andover, have you seen them? As we continue to collect more data across the locations, we hope to see a drop in speeding and where we can, present a case for a permanent device to be placed in particularly fast areas.

This is something we will continue to monitor and report on.

We want you to have your say, if there are any locations you'd like to see the devices placed then please let us know.

Upcoming Elections May

Whilst May seems a long way away, before we know it, it'll be here. With upcoming elections across the UK, now really is the time to think about what happens and who you'd like to be making decisions on your behalf.

Don't forget to take your photographic ID when you vote. Guidance on this is on our website.

To find out about the schedule leading up to the elections & for information on how to stand for election please visit:

[www.testvalley.gov.uk/aboutyourcouncil/
localdemocracy/elections](http://www.testvalley.gov.uk/aboutyourcouncil/localdemocracy/elections)

or email:

communityofficer@andovertc.co.uk



Kings Coronation 6th May 2023

With celebrations fast approaching Andover Town Council want to remind you to save the date in your calendar!

Whether you will be hosting a garden party, attending a street get together or watching it from the comfort of your armchair, it will be momentous and a brilliant excuse to spend time with loved ones.

In line with the Palace guidelines, we will be encouraging people in Andover to pledge their time to local charities in need of extra help. In addition to this, will be engaging with local schools by holding exciting competitions for students to enjoy.

All other events in and around Andover will be promoted via our media channels and we look forward to celebrating our new King with you all.



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Allotment News

You may have seen we announced the exciting opening of our new Allotments on Saxon Heights on the North side of town.

We have had a great deal of interest and as such all plots are now full with tenants! If you wish to join the waiting list for this allotment site or any of our other Allotments, please visit our website.

We are still adding to our Allotment provision for Andover and will be offering allotments on Picket Twenty in the very near future so watch this space! For all things Allotments, please visit our website or contact us.



Town Mayor Councillor Coole offically opening the new Allotments in Saxon Heights, Augusta Park



We hope you have enjoyed the spring edition of Andover Town Councils Newsletter.

Please keep up to date in between Newsletters by visiting our website and media outlets.

If you wish to attend any Council meetings, you are able to find a list of all upcoming meetings on our website. Public are always welcome to these meetings and it is a chance for people to engage with the Councillors and Officers, opening a line of communication and the opportunity for public to join in.