

# reporter

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## ANNUAL REPORT - YEAR ENDING MARCH 2007

As my year in office as Mayor draws to a close, we have conducted this review and hereby report on some of the progress made by Biddulph Town Council during the last twelve months. The year started off on a particularly sad note with the sudden death of Councillor Bob Sutch, who has been sadly missed by us all. Councillor Sutch's north ward seat was filled by Councillor Linda Deaville, who was welcomed to the Chamber in August.

In addition to the day-to-day administration of the Town Council's responsibilities, we have seen many local issues tackled and have taken major strategic steps forward in areas which will have long term benefits to the community as a whole. One such area the Council has resolved to achieve is to become registered as a "Quality Council". This involves independent assessment of our operating methods and standards. Accreditation as a Quality Council will demonstrate the Council's ability to represent local residents, and will enable us to influence with greater authority principal councils and partners, when seeking delegated functions that can be carried out locally. As a part of this process, the Council has built upon its existing good practice by developing its own website - [www.biddulph.co.uk](http://www.biddulph.co.uk) and also produces a regular bi-monthly newsletter the Reporter (this being the third edition) to help keep you, the residents of Biddulph, informed on issues being undertaken by your Council.

The Town Council is - and has been for many years - a partner in the regeneration of Biddulph and we anticipate many changes and improvements over the next few years. Naturally, the major initiatives being undertaken may take some time to achieve. Nevertheless, with a committed council we are confident that these objectives will be met. Finally I would like to thank all the members of the Biddulph Town Council for their support and for the work they have undertaken during the last year.

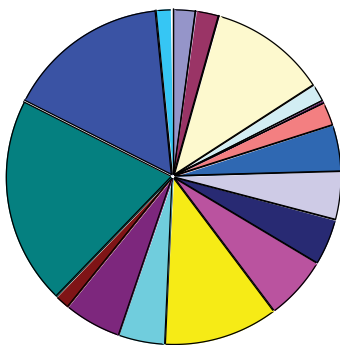
**A brief summary of the work of the Council this year:**

- Paid for design costs for lighting/paths at Biddulph Valley Park
- £25000 of grant assistance awarded to local community groups
- £10000 to Biddulph in Bloom to assist with valuable community work (leading to great achievement in gaining a Silver-Gilt Award)
- Practical & financial support for the Festival events – including the Town Crier's British Championship; Continental Market; Biddulph by the Sea; Folk in the Park; Art at the Arms; BRIC Funday
- Supported the Town Centre Co-ordinator project
- Supported the Victoria Centre
- Organised the Lengthsman scheme – mainly footpath, road signage and ditch clearance work
- Supported Biddulph in Bloom's Milestone project
- Assisted the Biddulph Moor Community Group's Village Green floodlight project
- Regeneration partner – public examination of the Area Action Plan
- 2007 Calendar produced

- Remembrance Sunday – support & refreshments
- Christmas – lights in town centre & Biddulph Moor tree; switch on event, Christmas market and fair
- Sponsor for Rotary's Santa Sleigh
- Town Burial Ground maintenance and improvement work carried out throughout the year, in addition to ongoing memorial safety work
- Allotment site maintenance throughout year (plus initial talks to re-develop another site)
- Supported the Twinning Association and is working on commemorating 20th Anniversary of twinning with Fusignano
- In addition to all of the above, Town Council is represented on many outside bodies and members attended meetings throughout the year and reported back to Council

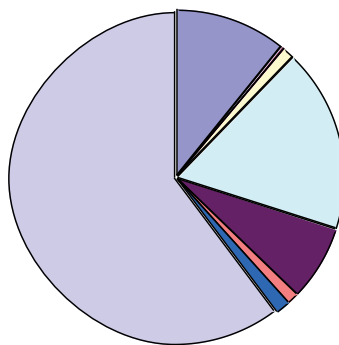


**Councillor Jody Shaw**  
Mayor of Biddulph



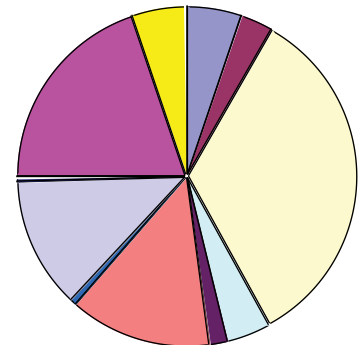
**Budget for 2007/8**

Town Centre Co-ordinator	5000
TCC projects	5000
Grants	25000
Lengthsman	4000
Footpaths	500
Footway Lighting	5000
Biddulph in Bloom	10000
Town Park	10000
Christmas Lights	10000
Building hire costs	13500
Regeneration	25000
Projects	10000
Allotments	12000
Elections	3000
Burial Ground/paths	45000
Add Burial Land	35000
Tourism/Festival	4000



**Breakdown of income for 2006/7**

Calendar/book sales	3689
Christmas lights switch on	110
Festival sales	324
Bank Interest	6137
Lengthsman	2395
Room hire	378
Allotments	485
Burial Ground	20585



**Breakdown of expenditure for 2006/7**

Town Centre Co-ordinator	3976
Elections	2355
Grants	25000
Lengthsman	3075
Footway Lighting	1407
Biddulph in Bloom	10000
Town Park	500
Christmas Lights	9349
Allotments	485
Burial Ground	14567
Festival	4032



**BIDDULPH REGENERATION**

**Message from Councillor Kevin Jackson,  
Chair of the Biddulph Partnership Executive:**

The planning application is now in for the non-food retail park at Meadows Way and may be viewed at Biddulph Council's Connect

**HOW TO GET IN TOUCH:**

## Meetings Diary

Forthcoming meetings of the Town Council will be held at 7pm on:

Tuesday 17th April

Tuesday 8th May - AGM/Mayor Making

Tuesday 15th May - Annual Town Meeting

## BIDDULPH FESTIVAL JULY 2007

For details of events planned and contact information for organisations wishing to stage events please contact:

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Festival Committee Chairman

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## OTHER CONTACT DETAILS:

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#### Staffordshire County Council

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For lighting & road enquiries

#### CLARENCE

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### Community Police Officers

#### Police Community Support Officers

8894 Annette Baddeley

8896 Peter Johnson

8692 Steven Powell

8868 Karen Linton

PC 5353 Sharon Nelson

*Biddulph Moor*

PC 3953 Steven Meacock

*Biddulph East*

PC 0838 Juliette Scrimshaw

*Knypersley and Brown Lees*

PC 4418 John Kidd

*Biddulph North*

PC 0705 Lorraine Bowman

*Town Centre*

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## COUNCILLOR CONTACT DETAILS:

### North Ward

G S ADAMS Town & District Councillor	517961
J BOOTH Town Councillor	518518
G H BROWN MBE Town Councillor	512664
L DEAVILLE Town Councillor	512376
D A HALL Town & District Councillor	512626
A H HART Town & District Councillor	379431
M M LOVATT County Councillor	253317

### East Ward

J A HARRISON Town & District Councillor	518994
K HARRISON Town Councillor	518994
K J JACKSON Town & District Councillor	515295
C R JEBB County Councillor	503615
M M LOVATT District Councillor	253317
D A PROUDLOVE Town Councillor	510199
M ROBERTS Town Councillor & Deputy Mayor	256844
J WALLEY Town Councillor	522783

### South Ward

C R JEBB County Councillor	503615
S W MEREDITH Town Councillor	514793
J P REDFERN Town & District Councillor	511969

### West Ward

E BADDELEY Town Councillor	513002
T GIBSON Town & District Councillor	852278
M M LOVATT Town & County Councillor	253317
W ROGERS Town Councillor	519767

C A STONE Town & District Councillor	511402
D STONE Town & District Councillor	511402

### Biddulph Moor Ward

J T JONES Town & District Councillor	520324
M M LOVATT County Councillor	253317
J G SHAW Town Councillor & Mayor	517591

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