

ANNUAL REPORT 2020



**TOWN MAYOR
COUNCILLOR
ALAN
SHEARRING**

Another busy year for your Town Council comes to an end. One that in addition to normal Council work has involved many challenges and opportunities for our Town.

We have seen Sainsburys open their new store on the Burnham Road together with a brand new Health Centre. Much work has been undertaken on the emerging Neighbourhood Plan for the whole town being prepared by the Town

Council, together with the City Council's Masterplan for the new development north of the Burnham Road.

These major changes have not stopped your Council and its staff in delivering real benefits for our residents, for example the very successful Christmas Fayre and facilitating a much needed Youth Club.

As Town Mayor, together with my very supportive Deputy, Councillor Jackie Birch, we have enjoyed meeting many residents and volunteer groups that work so hard for our Town. We also have had the opportunity to represent the Town throughout Essex, firmly putting us on the map.

My chosen charity The Dogs Trust has been very different to past Town Mayor's Charities and the focus, at their request, has been much more on awareness rather than raising large amounts of money.

Your Town Councillors all give their time freely and I would like to take the opportunity to thank them and our loyal Council staff for all their hard work.

Any resident can put themselves forward to become a Town Councillor and we have two vacancies at present.

Don't be shy please put yourselves forward for this rewarding voluntary role.



FORTHCOMING EVENTS

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING Tuesday 3rd March 2020 at Champions Manor Hall, Hullbridge Road. doors open at 7pm with the main meeting starting at 8pm talks from DevComms Communication Company for Countryside (Masterplan Consultation) and Jon Herbert Troy Planning (Neighbourhood Plan Consultant appointed by Town Council)

CHAMPIONS FILM CLUB—Champions Manor Hall

The Film Club takes place every second Wednesday in the month with doors opening for refreshments at 12.30pm and the film starting at 1.30pm. Membership of the Film Club is just £3 per year. Thanks go to Palmers Solicitors for their continued sponsorship of the Film Club.

VE Day & VJ DAY CELEBRATIONS

Friday 8th May 2020

SUMMER FUN at Champions Manor Hall throughout the 6 weeks holiday

ARTS FESTIVAL –TBC

CHRISTMAS FAYRE

Saturday 21 November 2020

SENIOR CITIZENS CHRISTMAS BUFFET LUNCH

Thursday 3rd December 2020, 12.00 to 2.30pm

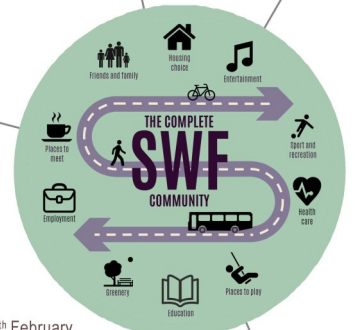
CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY

December 2020 date to be confirmed



Consultation on
The South Woodham Ferrers
Neighbourhood Plan
"Your South Woodham Ferrers, Your Plan"

View the material between 14th February and 27th March at the Town Council 1st Floor Champions Manor Hall, Hullbridge Road CM3 5LJ and South Woodham Ferrers Library. Comments can also be submitted online via survey monkey link available via the website details below. Please tell us what you think.



TO FIND OUT MORE ABOUT THE PLAN PLEASE VISIT THE TOWN COUNCIL WEBSITE:
www.southwoodhamferrers.gov.uk/Neighbourhood_Plan_26846.aspx



ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

Chairman:
Councillor Keith Bentley

The following matters are reserved and delegated to the Environment Committee: Issues in and around South Woodham Ferrers to include the following: Traffic Management, Litter Control, Roads, Pavements and Footpaths, Signage, Public Transport, Garden of Remembrance, Millennium Place and the town sign, Woodham Fenn, Hanging Baskets and sponsored roundabout.



GARDEN OF REMEMBRANCE—PATHWAY THROUGH THE SCATTERING COPSE

Work to improve the pathway through the scattering copse

has been completed.

GARDEN OF REMEMBRANCE—YOUTH WALL

This project was completed at the Garden of Remembrance in August 2019. The youth wall now has new targetting in a Peter Pan theme.



WOODHAM FENN Ongoing maintenance was carried out at the Woodham Fenn. A new voluntary Warden is in post in 2020 and is collecting data and arranging working to ensure that the area can be enjoyed by all.



HANGING BASKETS AND PLANTERS

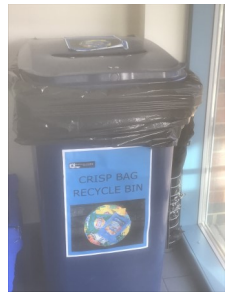
Floral basket displays are provided in the town centre and other retail areas of the

town.

Flower displays will brighten the town this summer. The Town Council continue to sponsor planting of the roundabout at the junction of Inchbonnie Road and Ferrers Road.

CRISP RECYCLING SCHEME

Located in the foyer at Champions Manor Hall. All money raised will support the Town Mayor's charity



LITTER PICK



Successful litter pick events have taken place in the Town. If you would like to volunteer please join the Facebook group or contact the office.

LEISURE COMMITTEE

Chairman:
Councillor Russ Crosbie

The following matters are reserved and delegated to the Leisure Committee: Children's Play Area and Blue Cage Hullbridge Road, the Bowling Green, Allotments, the Bandstand, leisure facilities and delivery of the Town Council's annual programme of events.

CHRISTMAS FAYRE:The Christmas Fayre was held in November.

Local organisations and businesses provided stalls in Trinity Square and Queen



Elizabeth II Square. Entertainment was provided on the Bandstand and stage in Trinity Sq.

CHRISTMAS LIGHTS AND TREE: Seasonal lighting for the town centre is provided during the Christmas festivities by the Town

Council. Financial contributions to the lighting scheme are received from Asda and Chelmsford City Council. This year the town had a 30ft Christmas tree kindly donated by Chelmsford City Council.

SWIMMING POOL:The Town Council make an annual contribution of £10,000 towards the running of the swimming pool at the Leisure Centre.

PLAY IN PARK: The Town Council fund the Play in the Park schemes organised by Chelmsford City Council in South Woodham Ferrers. These free sessions are provided during Easter and the summer months and held at Saltcoats Park. The April 2020 dates have been booked. Details of the sessions are available on the Town Council's website.

BOWLING GREEN AT CHAMPIONS MANOR HALLThe artificial green at Champions Manor Hall Community Centre is regularly maintained to keep the green in tip top condition. South Woodham Ferrers Bowls Club manage the

green on behalf of the Town Council and information on bowling or joining the Club can be obtained direct by calling 07974 995041.

YOUTH CLUB: The youth club is at Champions Manor Hall every Friday evening. Admission £1. Every week fun educational activities School year 7-9 6.45pm-8.00pm and school year 10-13 8.00pm-9.30pm.

SENIOR CITIZENS AND CHILDRENS CHRISTMAS PARTY

We had a full house for this years events with great entertainment, cold buffet and a visit from Father Christmas and face painting by Trudles Doodles Thanks expressed to Asda and Sainsburys for supporting these events.



NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN COMMITTEE

Chairman:
Councillor Murrough O' Brien

The Town Council is preparing a Neighbourhood Plan for South Woodham Ferrers. This is a powerful opportunity for the community to have their say and make a difference in the town.

The Neighbourhood Plan will establish planning policies that shape and influence future growth and development in South Woodham Ferrers.

The Neighbourhood Plan can be about more than planning policies. It can also be used to express your vision for the future and articulate priorities for strengthening the unique qualities of South Woodham Ferrers.

Having a Plan in place will help deliver and fund change: 25% of the money raised from developer contributions paid through the Community infrastructure Levy can be spent on projects in South Woodham Ferrers. Through the Neighbourhood Plan we can identify our priorities for how and where this money should be spent.

The Neighbourhood Plan is not the same as the new Chelms-

ford City Local Plan. The Local Plan presents the strategic policy direction, but the Neighbourhood Plan provides the opportunity to present locally specific policies and proposals that will help shape the future of South Woodham Ferrers.

The Regulation 14 Neighbourhood Plan consultation closes on 27th March. Subject to comments received, the Neighbourhood Plan will be updated and submitted to Chelmsford City Council along with all supporting documents to commence the examination process, this is anticipated to be in October / November. The Neighbourhood Plan and supporting display material can be viewed at the Town Council offices or via the Town Council website.

After submission, responsibility for taking the process forward lies with the local planning authority. The local authority will publicise the plan (Regulation 16) and arrange for the independent examination. This will consider whether the neighbourhood plan meets the basic conditions and other legal requirements. If successful at the



examination stage, with modifications if necessary, then the local authority will arrange for a neighbourhood plan referendum. If there is a majority yes vote, then the neighbourhood plan is made and becomes part of the statutory development plan for the area.

The referendum question that will be asked is as follows: Do you want Chelmsford City Council to use the neighbourhood plan for South Woodham Ferrers to help it decide planning applications in the neighbourhood area? People on the electoral register will be entitled to vote in the referendum.

If more than 50% of those voting in the referendum vote 'yes', then the neighbourhood plan becomes part of the statutory development plan for the area.

MASTERPLAN COMMITTEE

Chairman:
Councillor Murrough O'Brien

Following the proposed development to the North of Burnham Road this committee was created to liaise and engage with DevComms and other key stakeholders in relation to delivery of the masterplan and represent the Town Councils and residents view on all consultations. These meetings are open to the public.

PLANNING COMMITTEE

Chairman:
Councillor Ian Roberts

The following matters are reserved and delegated to the Planning Committee:

To consider and comment on all plans, development briefs, planning and tree applications submitted for development within and around South Woodham Ferrers or in areas that could affect South Woodham Ferrers. To respond to any issues regarding the development of land and property within and around South Woodham Ferrers.

POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE

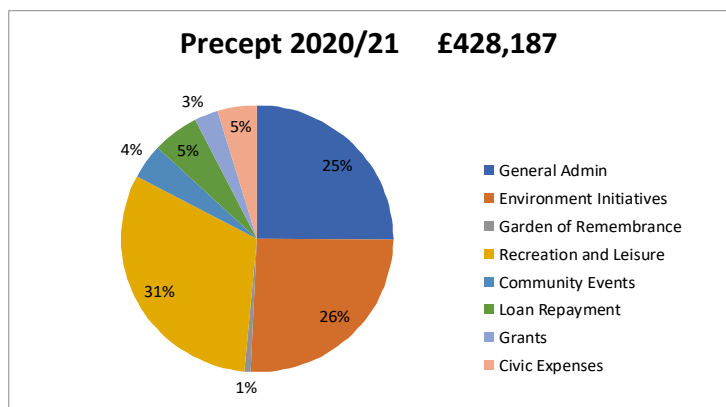
Chairman:
Councillor Alan Shearring

The Policy and Resources Committee is responsible for Town Council land, premises and staff, as well as civic affairs and public relations. The Committee co-ordinates the budgetary process and recommends a precept to cover the annual expenses of the Council, which is determined at a Council meeting in January each year.. For the financial year 2020 / 21 the Band D Precept has decreased from £70.96 to £68.72 a percentage decrease of 3.16%, without a reduction to services provided.

GRANTS AWARDED

SWF Railway Adopters	£250
Friends of William De Ferrers - anti bullying signs	£250
SWF Allotment Association -Tiller	£200
William De Ferrers -Pastor Uniform & Courses	£2,000
Collingwood School Pre-School	£200
Royal British Legion—wreaths	£300
Action for Family Carers	£5,500
SWF Railway Adopters –bench	£649
S.A.F.E. (Supporting Asperger Families in Essex)	£500

For the financial year ending 31 March 2020 the grants above were awarded under the Town Council's Grants scheme. If you have a project that you think may meet the Town Council's criteria please contact the office on 01245 321817 or visit our website to download an application form.

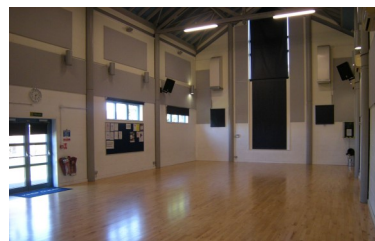


TOWN CLERK

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CHAMPIONS MANOR HALL COMMUNITY CENTRE

Champions Manor Hall is a modern, purpose built attractive venue with two large halls to hire for a variety of functions, For one off parties, quiz nights, christening celebrations as well as regular slots for exercise classes, social group gatherings etc.



There are also two meeting rooms for hire, ideal for business training sessions and smaller gatherings. All rooms have Hearing Loops and AV equipment. There is a fully fitted modern kitchen and car parking facilities. Saturday evening bookings are available from £65.00.

For further details, please contact the Town Council on 01245 429 442.

COUNCILLORS BY WARD

CHETWOOD WARD

Councillor Bob Massey
Councillor Ashley John
Councillor Ian Hammond
Councillor Alan Shearring
Councillor Russ Crosbie

ELMWOOD WARD

Councillor Jackie Birch
Councillor Murrough O'Brien
Councillor Lisa Kelly
Councillor Martyn Lobar

WOODVILLE WARD

Councillor Keith Bentley
Councillor Peter Wyatt
Councillor Donna Eley
Councillor Ian Roberts

COLLINGWOOD WARD

Councillor Peter Ferry
Councillor Anne Humphrey
Councillor Malcolm Sismey

THE COUNCIL AND ITS COMMITTEE SYSTEM

The Town Council's Committees meet throughout the Council year to assist in progressing the Council's business. Committee and Council meetings start at 8pm with exception to the Planning Committee which commences at 7pm. All meetings are held at Champions Manor Hall Community Centre and are open to the public to attend.

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Closed 12:30pm to 1.30pm
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