

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

I start this report by acknowledging the Covid-19 pandemic. It presents many challenges and I am proud at how the town has responded. I would like to thank all the officers for their hard work during the council year and I would also like to personally thank all the town councillors who give their time to make a contribution to improve and develop Neston.

The Town Council has agreed its vision and mission statements. Mission: "We are creating a sustainable market town with a vibrant centre for Neston, its residents, businesses and visitors by fostering a strong community spirit."

Safety, particularly the A540, concerns us all. I attended the Road Peace service at St Georges Hall, Liverpool.

Below are some of the highlights of the Council's achievements.

Resources Committee: The market has developed. The town hall basement has been renovated and an improved market food hall is held there. Halloween and Christmas themed markets were well attended. The market had to close in March due to the pandemic restrictions but we will re-open when it is safe to do so.

Neston Town Council has been working in partnership with the Youth Justice Service who have, free of charge, done a sterling job of clearing what was once a disused, overgrown, inaccessible area at the Marshlands Road allotment site.

People Committee: Community grants have been awarded (see table below for details). The Council has also recorded its thanks to Hip and Harmony CIC, who facilitated the fantastic 2019 Christmas Lights switch-on event.

The Town Council has a councillor representative for the development of Woodfall Lane play area. Developments were due to start 2020.

Places Committee: This year the Town Council has streamlined its floral arrangements, and received many favourable comments for the enhanced floral arrangements. Planning applications and responses were submitted based around Neighbourhood Plan.

Mosquito monitoring and status alerts are now published on the Neston Life app.

Cllr Dominic Roberts - Mayor 2019/20, Neston Town Council