



FROME TOWN COUNCIL

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MAYOR'S COLUMN

HELP MAKE FROME A BETTER PLACE TO LIVE

This is my first column as Mayor and although I was only elected in May, it seems like a lifetime ago. That is because I've been so busy meeting lots of lovely people so a big thank you to everyone who has made what was for me a rather daunting prospect so much fun.

My year as Mayor will have a community focus. Having lived in Frome nearly all my life I know it well and I want to help the Town Council to continue to make Frome a better place.

To do this, one of the main things I want to achieve as your Mayor is to find ways of the Town Council engaging better with all parts of the community. There are always groups and individuals who make their voices heard – and what a great job they do – but I want to hear from everyone.

What do you, the Council taxpayer, want from your Town Council?

I understand as a busy working mum myself that even if you

want to, it is not always possible or desirable to attend meetings or write lengthy letters in order to answer this question. Our task is to find ways that make it possible for you to tell us what you want.

This is why I've created a Facebook page – "Frome Mayor". As a self confessed Facebook addict I know what an effective way it is to let people know what you think. So, come on, make your voice heard and let me know how you think we can all make Frome a better place.

I have been thrilled with the response I have had already through this forum and have hopefully been able to help people who have contacted me by getting balls rolling or putting them in contact with the right people.

I'm also holding my first "Meet the Mayor" session on Saturday 7 August at 10.00 am. I'll be in the PCSO unit in the Market Yard opposite our Information Centre at the Round Tower. I'm really looking forward to meeting you face to face.

BY CLLR HELEN SPRAWSON-WHITE



FROME TOWN COUNCIL CIVIC AWARD TO SALLY WHITE AND ALAN FONE

Frome Town Council held its annual Civic Service on Sunday 11th July at Christ Church, followed by afternoon tea at the Assembly Rooms.

Guests at the service included civic dignitaries from Frome and the surrounding area plus representatives from local community and charitable organisations.

The service also incorporated the presentation of the Town Council's civic awards which provide an opportunity for the Town Council to pay public tribute to people in Frome who have made the town a better place.

This year Alan Fone and Sally White received civic awards.

The Mayor of Frome, Cllr Helen Sprawson-White present-

ed both recipients with specially commissioned paperweights and certificates in recognition of their unstinting work in the community over many years.

Cllr Sprawson-White, said: "Both Sally and Alan have shown amazing commitment, are an inspiration to all of us and have without doubt helped make Frome a better place".



Information for all at the Round Tower

The Frome Information Centre, in the Round Tower, is now well established and gearing up for the summer holidays.

As the name suggests the centre provides a broad range of information, both council and tourism related. Whether you have a query about a council service, want to let us know if your street light isn't working, or want ideas for days out, the friendly, professional staff will be happy to help.

The centre is a mine of information about what Frome has to offer for businesses, residents and visitors alike. For example, a new publication for anyone trying to stretch their budget is a booklet packed with ideas for days out with free entry. We also have a regularly updated What's On featuring all kinds of events happening in and around the town.

The Frome Information Centre, in the Round Tower, is conveniently located in the centre of town in the Market Yard car park and forms part of the Black Swan Arts complex. It is open Monday to Saturday 10am – 5pm, tel: 01373 465757.



Frome looks blooming great

In the last two years the Town Council has continued to improve flower beds, floral baskets and other plantings around the town.

However, our efforts are only one part of the horticultural and environmental works carried out by the people in Frome whether as part of an organised group such as Frome in Bloom or individuals just keen to make that difference and show they take pride in their town.



Frome has entered the South West in Bloom competition in previous years and this year July 8th was judging day! Last year we were in the medals and this year we really hope to improve our performance.

However, regardless of whether we win or not, we already know our town looks great. We also know each group, from Friends of the River Frome and the Park Bowls Club to the Allotment Society and the host of community gardeners, has transformed so many parts of the town. They don't do it for medals – they do it for Frome – we all do.

As we paraded the town in front of the judges we were all proud of our achievements and of our part of this incredibly vibrant and dynamic Town. The Town Council would like to thank everybody who helped and got involved and apologise to all those we missed on route.

Healthy options at Victoria Park

Victoria Park and the Mary Baily Playing Field are for everyone, whether you want to doze in the sun or play five sets of tennis, whether you want to go skate boarding or take up bowls.

For those who need a little encouragement there is an ever increasing range of slightly more organised activities to try. If the list below doesn't tickle your fancy and you want to organise something yourself, why not get in touch and we'll try and sort something out.

• **Fit Farm** - Meets 3 mornings per week. Largely aimed at adults, but older children are welcome if accompanied by a par-

ent/guardian.

• **Tennis** - Coached sessions available Saturday and Sunday mornings. Groups are split to accommodate all abilities and ages from 5+ through to adult.

• **Bowls** - Open sessions available Monday evenings when a member of the park club is available to assist beginners.

• **Bumps & Babes** - Mum's-to-be and young mums get together at the park café every Thursday 11:30 during term times.

For more information please contact Frome Information Centre on 01373 465757.

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