

# NORTHAM TOWN COUNCIL

## COUNCILLORS, COMMITTEES, STAFF AND CONTACT DETAILS



### NORTHAM TOWN COUNCILLORS

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#### NORTHAM

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#### WESTWARD HO!

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### THE COUNCIL OFFICE

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### COUNCIL COMMITTEES

<u>BURROWS</u>	<u>FINANCE</u>	<u>PLANNING</u>	<u>TOWN PROJECTS</u>
Pam Biggs	Sue Collins	Pam Biggs	Barry Edwards
Sue Collins	Barry Edwards(Chair)	Alison Boyle	Peter Hames
Andrew Eastman	Peter Hames	Sue Collins	Roger Johnson
Barry Edwards	Richard Miller	Barry Edwards	Richard Miller (Chair)
Peter Hames	Richard Osborne	Peter Hames(Chair)	Richard Osborne
Richard Osborne	Chair Town Projects ex off.	Richard Osborne	Sam Robinson
Roger Tisdale	Chair Burrows ex off.	Roger Tisdale	Jane Whittaker

The Mayor is Ex-Officio on all Committees

### COUNCIL'S NEW MAINTENANCE MEN



Northam Council has appointed Julian Avery and Will Gysin as Maintenance and General Duties Assistants equally sharing the work and, at present, working twelve hours a week each. They are responsible for a wide range of duties, including street cleaning, removing litter and maintaining Council property, including bus shelters and horticultural work.

### BURROWS PASSES

Parishioners are invited to collect pass applications from the Town Council offices. Burrows passes cost £12 a year. Applicants should provide copies of their driving licence and Council Tax demand for 2011-12.

### CAROL SERVICE

The Council organised a very successful Carol Service in Northam Square on 11 December. Carols were sung around a Christmas tree to music provided by Appledore Silver Band and Carols by Children from the local Schools. After the event, mince pies and refreshments were provided in the Church.

### LATEST NEWS

Vandals have once again uprooted some 40-50 saplings planted in the hedge between the Football and Allotment fields! This is costing us all a lot to replant these so please bear in mind the reward of £200 for information leading to the prosecution of these offenders is still in being! If you can help please contact the Town Clerk or Local Police.

This is also your opportunity to comment on the future of Northam Burrows. Please complete the enclosed questionnaire and return to the Council Office in Windmill Lane or to one of the collection points listed on the enclosed document.

## THE NORTHAM HALL



At the meeting, participants were able to view work done by the school pupils which set out their ideas on how the Park could be improved. A further open day is planned to be held in the Park on the 11<sup>th</sup> June. At this event, there will be a Play Day, an exhibition of children's artwork at Appledore School and an exhibition of play equipment.

The main proposal is to improve the football pitch by levelling it. This will open up the site to other uses, such as providing a base for a marquee and a site for fetes to be held.

## NORTHAM COUNCIL AND THE ENVIRONMENT

Northam Council has played its part over the last five years in improving the environment. Using its grant powers, the Council helped to fund the installation of photovoltaic cells on the roof of Appledore School, thus contributing to a reduction in carbon emissions. As a result of grants to St Mary's and St Margaret's schools the Council also helped to fund nature gardens.

There will be a ceremony at Northam Hall on 16 April from 2.30pm to commemorate and celebrate Northam Council's take-over of this important community asset. The day will include a presentation of Council grants to local organisations and displays by current users of the Hall. Since the Council took over the Hall many improvements have been made to the building. Doors, windows and guttering have been renewed and the exterior repainted. Internally, a new floor has been laid using sustainable oak flooring and the kitchen and toilets have been completely modernised. New, energy-efficient heating has also been installed.

## ANCHOR PARK, APPLIEDORE

Appledore Community Trust has taken on a number of projects to improve Anchor Park in Appledore. This is in response to a survey and list of suggested improvements drawn up by Northam Town Council.'

Last summer, a team of volunteers from the Community Task Force was engaged by the Trust to re-paint the play equipment and repair the play surface, using paint and equipment funded by Northam Council.

As part of a programme of consultation and improvements relating to the Park, the Community Trust held a public meeting at Blue Lights Hall to which representatives, of local organisations were invited, including the headmistress of Appledore School.



Northam has also helped reduce traffic speeds on Churchill Way by funding a warning speed sign, and members are pressing the County Council to construct a pavement on the bend on Churchill Way just before Staddon Road, Appledore so that pedestrians have a safe walking route to use. Over the years the Council has helped to promote bus travel by funding the construction of bus shelters – for example, building a stone shelter outside Northam Swimming Pool.

At Anchor Park, Appledore the Council funded the planting of trees which will enhance the site and add to bio-diversity, while Council-funded shrub planting at the roundabout on Heywood Road will improve this site too when the plants reach maturity.

The Council has funded the installation of dog bins in the Parish, thus helping to reduce dog mess in the streets, and a decision has been made to declare the football pitch at Burrough Farm a dog-free zone.

The Council has an Environmental Policy which sets out its aims regarding recycling, energy reduction and general care for the environment and it should be noted, for example, that this newsletter is printed on recycled paper!

## NORTHAM BURROWS

The Council has decided to go ahead with a proposal to take over Northam Burrows from Torrington District Council. This follows a favourable report done for the Council by North Devon Plus, and a well-attended public meeting held at Northam Hall when broad approval was given for the idea. A full business plan is now being drawn up by North Devon Plus.

## GRIT BINS

Northam Council is drawing up a list of suggested sites for grit bins, to prepare for future hard winter conditions. The public is invited to submit suggestions to the Town Clerk.

## BURROUGH FARM DEVELOPMENTS



Since being taken over by Northam Council two years ago an area has been turned into some 40 allotment spaces. After the Council funded the clearing and preparation of the site last Spring the area is now being run by the Burrough Farm Allotment Association. In May the eager new allotment holders soon produced an excellent range of crops and they now look forward to the sowing season for this year.

The Council installed a fence around the plots with mixed native hedge plants inside of the fence. The old hedge bank, which was in very poor condition, has been cleared and re-planted with a mix of native hedge plants. The boundaries of the football field and fence bordering the Swimming Pool have also been planted up with a beech hedge.

Future plans include creating a play area for children and tree planting.

## MAY ELECTIONS AHEAD!

The elections for Councillors on parish and district councils will be held on May 5<sup>th</sup> this year. Why not take the plunge and stand for election! Being a Councillor is an extremely fulfilling vocation – you exercise skills, responsibility and judgement in a wide area of activity with the knowledge that you are performing an invaluable public service.

Anyone wishing to stand for election can obtain nomination forms at the Town Council offices. The final date for submission of forms is 4th April