

BAWTRY TOWN COUNCIL NEWSLETTER
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A very happy, healthy and prosperous 2008 to all.

MARKET HILL

The new five year contract for pay and display is now operative and, along with it, a two hour parking tariff, and no charge for Bank Holidays (including Good Friday). This came into operation on 20th November 2007 and is the only change to the previous five year operation.

The 'eagle eyed' amongst you will have noticed that the signage was wrongly worded and this has been remedied. The car parking operation is Monday to Saturday, 0800 to 1800 hours. Free on Sundays.

The re-lining of the car park should have taken place late October/early November but has been delayed by the contractor. However a new firm has now been engaged by EPS Ltd and the work will be carried out as soon as possible. Work to the bollards has been completed.

BUDGET

The largest expenditure (c£28) for the Council, as with other parish/town councils, comprises of wages for the two handymen and the Clerk. Also the Council has to cater for restricted funds in the region of £16k (ie this sum must always be available as it could be payable at any point throughout the course of a year).

At the December council meeting it was agreed to hold the Precept (the amount levied on each household) at its current level totalling £26k. The Council pledged, with the introduction of pay and display, to hold the precept at this level, or reduce it, and so far this has been achieved. No increase has been made for the past five years.

MEMORIAL SPORTS FIELD

The user groups, together with BARS (Bawtry Action for Recreation and Sport) an independent registered charity, are currently looking at developments for the future of the ground. This project has yet to come before the Council for consideration before being further progressed. Perhaps the way forward is for the registered charity to take over the running and funding of the facility, as the project intended is costly and will require far more supervision and attention than at present.

Should you, the residents, have any comments, then the Council would be pleased to hear your views. Please contact the Clerk or any member of the Council.

FLOWER POWER

Council would like to thank Rev Strickland, his wife Jackie, and all the helpers from Bawtry Churches Together, who have kindly taken on the project of planting and caring for the various containers around the parish for 2008. Work has already taken place by this band of volunteers and at no cost to the rate payer.

Thanks are also extended to Mervyn and Margaret Morris for their valued assistance in the past and currently in their care and attention of the containers on Market Hill – again at no cost to the rate payer. Community spirit does exist!

PINFOLD

Recently the pinfold was refurbished, low branches and overhanging trees were trimmed back to allow more light and vision and shrubs and bulbs were planted.

PAVEMENTS

You will be aware of the state of some of the pavements in Bawtry and we do advise DMBC of areas requiring attention. Perhaps residents could also make their feelings known by either writing to DMBC or completing one of the complaint forms available in the branch library.

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