



23<sup>rd</sup> September 2021

**ANNUAL TOWN MEETING**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT:**

The adjourned Annual Town Meeting for the Parish of Tewkesbury will be held at the George Watson Memorial Hall, Barton Street, Tewkesbury GL20 5PX on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> October 2021 at 6:00 pm.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Joanne E Raywood".

**Joanne Raywood  
Town Mayor**

**AGENDA**

1. Introduction and welcome by the Mayor / Deputy Mayor
2. Minutes of the last meeting held on 1<sup>st</sup> April 2019
3. Past Mayor's Report for 2020/21
4. Town Clerk's Report for 2020/21 incorporating reports from the following Committees / Working Groups:
  - Environment & Amenities
  - Buildings & Moorings
  - Severn Ham
  - Planning
  - Finance
  - Staffing
  - Climate Change
5. Presentation of the Civic Awards for 2020
6. Presentation of the Tewkesbury Town Council Covid-19 Community Response Awards
7. Questions from electors within the Town's boundary to raise any matters affecting the Town  
**Priority will be given to written questions received in advance of the meeting.**
8. Date of next Annual Assembly – 4<sup>th</sup> April 2022



**TEWKESBURY TOWN COUNCIL**

**MINUTES**  
*of the*  
**Annual Assembly held on 1<sup>st</sup> April 2019**  
*In the Corn Exchange at the Town Hall, High Street, Tewkesbury*

**Present:** 11 members of the public  
County Cllr Kevin Cromwell, Borough Cllr Julie Greening, Town Cllrs Chris Danter (Mayor), Helen Burns, Joanne Raywood, Karen Brennan, Terry Walker, Simon Raywood, Mark Linton, Vernon Smith, Gavin Preedy, Philip Workman, Mike Sztymiak, Town Clerk - Debbie Hill, Assistant to Town Clerk – Jen King

**1. Introduction and welcome by the Mayor**

Mayor Danter welcomed everyone to the Annual Meeting and reminded all present that this was a Town meeting, not a Council meeting.

**2. Minutes of the last meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> April 2018**

It was RESOLVED to approve the minutes.  
Proposed by Cllr Walker, seconded by Cllr J Raywood.

**3. Mayor's report**

Mayor Danter provided a short report on the Town Council's work this year (attached).

**4. To present Tewkesbury Town Council's Annual Report for 2018/19 incorporating reports from the following Committees:**

- Environment & Amenities – provided by Cllr S Raywood (attached)
- Buildings & Moorings – provided by Cllr Brennan (attached)
- Severn Ham – provided by Cllr Aldridge (attached)
- Planning – provided by Cllr J Raywood (attached)
- Finance – provided by Cllr Danter (attached)
- Staffing – provided by Cllr Walker (attached)

**5. Police Report**

A report was provided by PCSO Sam Corder (attached)  
Unfortunately, due to a missing child report, PCSO Sam Corder was unable to remain to present the report and gave his apologies. He is happy to be contacted about any Police matters on: [samual.corder@gloucestershire.pnn.police.uk](mailto:samual.corder@gloucestershire.pnn.police.uk)

**6. Museum Report**

A report was provided by Steve Goodchild.

It has been a year of continuing change and development in the museum. Financially it has been the best of last ten years and the museum finished the financial year with an operating surplus. The Town Council grant has helped secure a more positive future. The grant has been used to purchase storage boxes, insect and temperature monitors. Over the next year



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a survey of the internal fabric of the building will be carried out and this information will be used to plan the forthcoming work..

### 7. Updates from Community Groups in the Town who have received grant funding in 2018/19

**Abbey 2021 – Ahoy Concert** – Organising events to celebrate the heritage of Tewkesbury in the run up to the celebrations in 2021. The £250 from the Town Council helped towards the first fundraising concert, which brought together 50 children from two local schools, together with an orchestra and local adult choir. Over 300 people attend and the event was profitable. The next event is on 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> June – Summer Beer Festival.

**Boys Brigade** – The band was reformed 5 years ago and the instruments that were being used were over 30 years old. The grant helped enable the band to buy some lightweight drums, which are light enough for younger players to use.

**Repair Café** – (report attached) The Repair Café repairs over 50 items per session with a 65% success rate. They will attempt to repair anything that people bring in – textiles, electricals, clothing, furniture, bikes & toys. They hope to be self-financing in the near future, the grant helped to cover start up costs and training.

**Rotary Club** – (report attached) One hundred senior citizens from Tewkesbury and District attended the annual tea party. They were entertained by the Gloucester Singers Ukulele Band and bingo. The grant supports the hire of the venue for the event.

**Tewkesbury Amateur Dramatic Society (TADS)** – TADS encourage theatrical arts and stage one performance and several workshops a year. Thirty local people were involved in the latest production of 'Wyrd Sisters'. The grant from the Town Council paid for the rehearsal space and they also wished to extend their thanks to the Caretaker at the Town Hall for his assistance over the rehearsal period.

**Tewkesbury Christmas Lights** – The town was illuminated again in December 2018 and the Council were thanked for their donation and the use of the Town Hall on the switching on day. There were some issues with an intermittent fault with the lights in Church Street, but these will be resolved for 2019. Fundraising efforts will be increased this year, as expenditure exceeded income in 2018.

**Tewkesbury Big Weekend** – The grant (both this year and in previous years) has helped support the event and help bring people back into the town. It has grown in popularity and attracts many people from the surrounding area and over 2000 people follow the Facebook page. The seven volunteer organisers are taking a year off in 2019, but will be back in 2020.

**Marina Court Defibrillator** – (report attached) The defibrillator is now in place at Marina Court and they are grateful for the Town Council donation towards the purchase.



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**Manor Players** – Manor Players put on two shows a year, with 20-25 actors and another 20-25 people who help behind the scenes. They are a not for profit organisation. Each year they nominate a charity to support, this was the Royal British Legion in 2018 and they are supporting Maggies in 2019. The next show is 'The Hen Party' - April 11-13<sup>th</sup>. Tickets are £8 from the Orange Pig or ring the box office.

**Town Band** – For the last 13 months the Town Band have been converting Saffron Road toilet block into a rehearsal space. The results are of the highest standards, they have all been completed by three dedicated volunteers and they will be able to move in soon. The grant is enabling them to buy a set of wet weather jackets, for use on Remembrance and other parades and provide suitable protection from the elements and ensuring that no parade ever needs to be abandoned. The Town Council grant has provided 50% of the costs required for the jackets.

**PPNP** – A very recent grant application, they are holding a show in the summer on 20<sup>th</sup> July at the Watson Hall. Auditions are taking place at the moment, please see Facebook for all of the details.

**Friends of Victoria Gardens** – Thanked the Town Council for the grant and provided some beautiful pictures of the floral displays over the last year.

### 8. **Town Discussion for electors within the Town's boundary to raise any matters affecting the Town**

#### **A request was made for an update on the Memorial Cross**

Tewkesbury Memorial Group worked tirelessly to raise funds to have extra plaques put on the cross for those whose names were missing. It was completed in time for last Armed Forces day, which was a poignant occasion, especially for those who came to see the unveiling of their relative's name.

#### **Street Cleansing**

A member of the public commented that the town is looking dirty. It is clear that some streets are not being swept e.g. Trinity Street – gutter is full of cigarettes. The individual has complained to the Borough Council. The Town Council has identified four to five hours a week to support the Borough Council and have recently cleared up Gravel Walk.

A Freedom Of Information request has been made to the Borough Council by the individual, but no response has currently been received. The Town Council has no legal responsibility to clean the streets, the responsibility sits with the Borough Council.

#### **Museum Income**

A member of the public asked if the donation per visitor has changed. The answer is that four years ago it was 50p per visitor, it has steadily increased to 90p per visitor. Last year they received 4600 visitors.



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### **Roses Theatre**

The Town Band raised their concern that after playing their Christmas Concert in the Roses Theatre for the last 22 years they have been advised that they are not able to this year. The concern is that other local organisations may also not be able to use it in the future. It is a wonderful theatre, but it is in danger of not being there for future use. It was noted that Arts Council funding has been withdrawn.

### **Signage for River Walks**

Is it possible to have an A Frame to use to direct visitors through the Town Hall to the Riverside Walks, through the lovely gardens? Answer – yes, there is a sign to place at the front of the buildings, one is now needed for the rear of the building.

### **Development North of Mitton**

Can the Town Council confirm their position regarding the development north of Mitton. The answer is that the Town Council is currently opposing the development. There is no further information at present as Highways England have requested more information about the development.

A number of written questions were submitted which the Council agreed would be answered within the minutes.

### **What's the justification for the recent above-inflation increase in the council's precept?**

- The increase is still making up the loss of the Local Council Tax Support Grant.
- Committees examine their wishes and requirements in relation to their workload and allowed for inflation increase. The overall expenditure of the committees is then examined and savings are sought throughout the budget. Sources of other funding are also identified to try to minimise any increase to the precept.
- Wherever possible funds are earmarked for medium to long term projects to reduce the burden on the tax payer.

### **What has the Town Council agreed as the top three priorities to be tackled by the Town Council in the next three years?**

- Upgrading buildings
- Establishing ownership of any outstanding areas / trusts
- Future-proofing of the Severn Ham and associated projects within the town
- Proactive within what is allowed with regard to the regeneration of the town
- Overhauling the web pages and making sure other technology is fit for purpose
- Education people about the duties and abilities of the Town Council and encourage engagement from all ages of the public

### **What formally documented objectives has the Town Council set for the Clerk and her staff for the next three years? Will these be published?**

Objectives for all staff were contained within the job description for the first year of service. The Town Clerk's objectives are currently being reviewed. Objectives for staff will not be published.



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**What efforts has the Town Council made to encourage people to stand as Councillors for the elections in May? What funding has been provided for this? Has the Town Council set any targets with regard to the number of Councillors that have stood for election rather than been co-opted?**

The Town Council has used a series of posters and a video by National Association of Local Councils as the basis for their campaign to encourage people to stand as Councillors for elections in May. The series of posters have been shared on Facebook – both on the Town Council run pages and Tewkesbury Noticeboard, Tewkesbury Direct, the Town Council website, as well as on the Town Council noticeboards and other noticeboards around the town. There has also been a press release sent to the local media and on the Town Council website that encourages individuals to stand as Councillors. The link for the video on standing as a local Councillor was also shared via Facebook and Twitter. The three week campaign will continue to run up until 3<sup>rd</sup> April, when the nomination date closes. In addition, all Councillors have been encouraged to ‘spread the word’ that we are looking for individuals to stand as local Councillors and that no experience is required, just a passion for the community that they live or work in. No funding has been required for this campaign and no target has been set with regard to the number of Councillors that should stand for election.

**What is the business case for the development of moorings on the Mill Avon? What is the projected income, expenditure and profit from the moorings over the next three years?**

The development of the moorings on the Mill Avon is intended to improve the area for both residents and visitors. The replacement of the moorings at the back of Priors Court will provide moorings for long-stay boats. Over the past three years there have been boaters waiting for this type of mooring. The moorings should have a minimum lifespan of 10 yrs. Estimated income is £5,902.20 now that the Back of Avon is re-available and no longer solely available for 48 hour moorings.

**What plans does the Town Council have for the development of the Watson Hall? What are the projected income, expenditure and profit for the Watson Hall over the next three years?**

Due to the recent changes in the way the hall is promoted and run, it is not currently possible to give an accurate projection for income for the next three years. The budgeted income for 2019/20 is £15,000 which we are hoping to exceed. This figure does not include income relating to the bar or Town Council run events. The budgeted business as usual expenditure for 2019/20 is £12,000 increasing over the next two years by 3%. We are currently reviewing the project costs for the Watson Hall and are looking into funding opportunities. Since recent changes have been made, such as refurbishment and taking back control of the bar and improving service provision, bookings have increased. Prices in the bar have decreased and it is now stocking local beer from Inferno Brewery. The emergency lighting has been upgraded and a new cooker and fridge installed in the kitchen. The actual income for 2017/18 was £6,160. The budgeted income for 2018/19 was £8,500 and the actual to date for 2018/19 is £12,546. That represents a 100% increase on income from 2017/18 to 2018/19.

Regular weekly bookings have been made, including an NHS COPD exercise and assessment session twice a week. A trampoline exercise class and a weekly pole dancing class. Events are being booked by the Events Officer which include a music night and Easter fun day.



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Plans for development of the Watson Hall include reinvestment of some income from recent increased bookings and bar revenue.

Quotes have been obtained for the installation of stage lighting and PA unit which will support bookings that require lighting (currently hirers pay for rented stage lighting which is off-putting)

The Town Council is currently exploring two sources of funding that would enable major refurbishment to be undertaken. Current project work planned includes:

- Replacement of equipment for cleaning floor
- Floor resealed and treated
- Replacing the shutter in the bar with an electric shutter
- Replacing the stage lighting and upgrading the PA system.
- Installing an electric drop-down screen, together with a ceiling mounted projector. (Corporate enquiries are asking for this and it would increase the type of events that could be held at the Watson Hall.)

**9. Date of next meeting – Monday 6<sup>th</sup> April 2020**

The meeting closed at 19:26pm

Signature of Chairman upon approval of the minutes ..... 1<sup>st</sup> April 2019

## **Buildings & Moorings Committee Report – Annual Assembly 2019**

The Town Council moorings are now registered with Land Registry. This has taken years to achieve and now means that the work identified to be done at the back of Priors Court to replace the moorings washed away during the 2007 floods can go ahead. TBC are having some problems with our planning application which means that work will probably not now be able to start until the end of the year, but we aim for completion before 2020!

Dealing with old buildings is never easy, either from the maintenance point of view or from the legal view point. However, Tewkesbury Town Band now occupy what was the old Saffron Rd., toilet block as their Rehearsal Rooms and they have a long term lease on the premises.

Tewkesbury Museum Trustees still have to finalise a change in the lease on that building as part of their bid for Heritage Lottery Funding to help with major work that the structure requires. But on of the leaks around a chimney breast which has been recurring for the last few years finally seems to have been successfully repaired.

Both the Watson Hall and the Town Hall have continued to have money spent on them to cope with running repairs, updating equipment and making improvements so that they are both more 'user friendly'. Recently Becky has joined the staff team with a brief to increase bookings at both buildings and the end of the 2018- 2019 financial year is already showing an upturn in income which we are confident is the beginning of a trend for the future. Aside from the target to make the buildings cost neutral is the aim to increase the activities and entertainment that can be offered to residents and visitors.

The administration processes are also being updated and brought into the 21st century, and this includes the use of social media. Over recent years Councillors have helped to keep the websites and fb pages running for which we have been very grateful but now the staff team is in a much stronger position and has the ability to administer these sites effectively and beneficially. Some new bookings have been as a direct result of fb.

I would just like to thank the staff team, councillors and members of the community for their hard work and support.

Environment and Amenities Committee – Annual Report at Tewkesbury Town Council  
Annual Meeting on 1<sup>st</sup> April 2019.

**Annual Report:**

The Environment and Amenities Committee is responsible for providing a wide range of Public Services, including the management of three Play Areas, a Public Order CCTV System and two blocks of Public Conveniences.

There are currently eight committee members, overseeing the delivery of its remit, with the support of Town Council Officers.

The Environment and Amenities Committee has been developing its priorities going forward and identifying how it can improve its management of the services provided within its remit. A key priority is the upgrade of the Warwick Place Play Area which had formerly been updated in the early to mid-1990s. The first section of this upgrade is planned to include the delivery of two main items of Play Equipment.

In October 2018 the Committee identified the following priorities for the next 12 months:

- To undertake an upgrade of the Warwick Place Play Area.
- To continue the upgrade of the CCTV system.
- To investigate the possibilities for a youth council.
- To provide a facelift for the 'Smart' clock on the High Street.
- To develop the asset management and inspection process.
- To consider what to do with the public toilets moving forward.
- To develop service plans to guide the committee in delivering its remit.

During the last year, the Committee has progressed an upgrade to the Closed-Circuit Television System in the Town Centre which has resulted in an improvement to the facilities we provide to Gloucestershire Constabulary. Since the Town Council improved two of the Cameras using new PTZ Equipment provided by Redhand our Local Police Force have utilised the system for intelligence-based operations. An allowance has been made in the budget for Financial Year 2019/2020 to make further upgrades to the Closed-Circuit Television System.

Debbie Hill joined the Town Council as Town Clerk in a permanent capacity in Spring/Summer 2018 and serviced the Committee until, in October 2018, Jen King joined the Town Council in the role of Assistant to the Town Clerk and took on much of the Clerking and Administrative Support role. The work of the Town Council's officers has been appreciated over the last year by the Committee as it moves towards delivering on its priorities.

Thanks to the hard work of Jen King, the Committee has recently been successful in applying for grant funding towards the planned upgrade of Warwick Place Play Area. As announced by the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government on the 18<sup>th</sup> March 2019, Warwick Place Play Area was one of nearly 200 schemes which were awarded funding from the Pocket Parks Plus Scheme. In addition to the £23,500 from the Pocket Parks Plus Funding, the Town Council has provisionally been successful on two other grant funding bids for the project.

During the last 12 months the Committee has instigated regular condition checks including of its street furniture and this will assist in the future management of these assets.

**Financial:**

The committee has largely operated within its budget, as agreed for the last Financial Year (FY2018/2019). A reduction in Income from Public Convenience Charges since 2015 has been identified, which has resulted in a reduction in the forecast Income to £4,500.00 for Financial Year 2019/2020. This income is lower than the Non-Domestic Rates which were charged to the Town Council during the last Financial Year.

**Neighbourhood Development Plan:**

The Neighbourhood Development Plan Group has been inactive over the past 12 months. It remains the aim to restart work to progress development of a Neighbourhood Development Plan. Although it has not been a priority over recent years it now forms part of the emerging strategy for Tewkesbury Town Council covering the years from 2019 to 2022.

Following the commencement of charging of the Community Infrastructure Levy in January 2019 the lack of a Neighbourhood Plan will result in Neighbourhood Funding of 15% of receipts up to a cap of £100 per Council Tax dwelling rather than 25% of charges levied within the Parish.

**Summary:**

As outlined in this report the Committee has had a successful year and there are good opportunities within its remit for the year ahead.

## **Finance Committee Report – Annual Assembly 2019**

This year the finance committee:

- Have overseen the transfer of the IT support contract and telephone provider to more cost efficient alternatives.
- Purchased new IT equipment, including a projector and laptops for use during Council meetings.
- Approved the installation of a card reader, enabling payments to be made over the telephone as well as in person.
- Carried out internal control checks on the finances.
- Consider all grant applications under £1000.
- Arranged the Freedom of the Town, for Mike Kean-Price; Town Crier.

## **Severn Ham Annual Assembly Report for 2018/19.**

Over the past year quite a few things have been stabilised, mainly the problem with water leaks. Working closely with Severn Trent all the leaks have been sorted out and the result is we have none at present, so that's good news.

Following on from that is the even better news that Severn Trent have decided that the long term view is to replace the existing pipes with new ones. They will be approx. 1metre in diameter and they will be replacing the whole length of the existing pipes. The planning stage is quite advanced, the aim is to start the work later on this year, probably sometime between June and September. If this is not possible then the work will start in the Spring next year.

Over grazing is now an issue we have to consider. We have been looking into the size of sheep when the act allowing grazing was introduced and the size of sheep now. It appears that we are looking at a near 50% increase in the size of animals now to what it was at the beginning of the Act.

We are still lucky to have Curlew and Lapwing nesting on the Ham. Both are endangered species and we are asking the general public to help us maintain this special event; which is quite a rarity, by keeping to the Northern end of the Ham and to keep their dogs on their leads during the nesting season which has started.

There is a working party looking at future proofing the Severn Ham for the next 50 to 100 years. The meeting is in late April and positive contributions are welcome, please send to the Town Clerk or Cllr Aldridge, Chair of the Severn Ham Committee.

Lastly I would like to thank the people of Tewkesbury and visitors for taking their litter home with them and making the Ham a lovely place to walk and enjoy the views.

## Staffing Committee Report – Annual Assembly 2019

- We have had a challenging twelve months which has seen the departure of two members of the Administration team and we would like to thank them for their contribution during their time supporting the Council.
- Unfortunately we were taken to an Employment Tribunal during the year but we were successful in defending our case with the result that the claim was not upheld. As a result there are learning opportunities for the Committee going forward.
- We have re-structured the administration to the Council to create greater focus on supporting the Council and adding greater benefit to the Community.
- By realigning the organisational structure it has allowed us greater focus to re-energise Council assets such as the Watson Hall and Warwick Place Playpark.
- We now have dedicated focus to support the Council's committees and dedicated resource for Finance and for Events and Marketing.
- To fulfil our Facilities Management offering we employ two Operatives who work across our two public toilets. We have also recently awarded a three year contract to GAB Services to provide caretaking and cleansing services for 34 hours per week.
- Due to growing bookings at the Watson Hall we need to increase our cleaning cover by 10 hours per week.
- In order to create a more robust offering for Facilities Management we have developed relationships with a number of third party suppliers such as Allcooper, Charlton Networks, Digital Telecom, Gloucestershire Electrical Services, Hewer FM and KB Heating & Plumbing.
- With the staffing arrangement now in place we hope to have a stable and fruitful year ahead.

## **Grants Awarded 2018/19**

£200 – Tewkesbury Rotary Club – Anne Bartholomew – 01242 863 530

£100 – Repair Café – Bill Adie

£400 – Tewkesbury Big Weekend- Carol Crilly – 01684 772666

£1,000 – Tewkesbury in Bloom – Karen Brennan

£1,000 – Manor Players – Julie Flynn 0787 5336475

£500 – Tewkesbury Town Band – Nigel Morgan

£500 – Friends of Victoria Pleasure Gardens – Rosemary Wherrett 01684 295560

£500 – Marina Court Community Hub – Lesley Gilmour 01684 273360

£350 – Carers Gloucestershire – Gail Mattocks – [gmattocks@carersgloucestershire.org.uk](mailto:gmattocks@carersgloucestershire.org.uk)

£800 – Tewkesbury Christmas Lights – [andrew@newmarkets.org.uk](mailto:andrew@newmarkets.org.uk)

£504 – Tewkesbury Arts & Drama Society – Brenda Read-Brown

£250 – Tewkesbury Abbey (2021 outreach project) – Philippa Shaw

£600 – 1st Tewkesbury Boys Brigade – Andrew Baldwin

Total to date for 2018/19 £6,704

## **Tewkesbury Town Council**

### **Annual Meeting - Monday 1<sup>st</sup> April 2019**

The Tewkesbury Christmas Lights were lit on Sunday November 25<sup>th</sup> 2018 and illuminated the town until 6<sup>th</sup> January 2019. On behalf of the committee I would like to express our thanks to the Town Council for the grant of £800 towards the overall costs of organising the annual market and lights.

We did experience several problems again this year and sadly the lights in Church Street were not working on occasions. Our friends at Rifina, who look after them, have identified the cause of the failure and this will be rectified in time for the 2019 lights.

This year the total expenditure exceeded our overall income and we will have to make extra efforts to raise funds for the lights this year. The lights are funded by donations, fund raising events, Sponsor a Bulb and a raffle organised by Andrews Estate Agents which again was a huge success.

We again had a smaller display on the cables across to the old NatWest bank as the cable mounting does not meet the strength test requirements. Perhaps when there is a new owner we may be able to hold discussions with them to ascertain whether repairs are possible.

The street market was again very successful with more attractions including reindeer and a falconry display. Other major expenses for the event include insurance, cleansing of the High Street after the market, St John Ambulance who are in attendance all day, hire of the scissor lift for Santa Claus, road closure authorisation from GCC and the costs of maintaining, and installation of the lights.

We were able to locate a supplier for the candles in the displays and this was an additional cost for 2018.

The Christmas Lights committee is grateful for the use of the Town Hall on the day as the central control point, the provision of teas and cakes and the focal point for lost children of which I am happy to report there were none.

The organising committee are all volunteers and we would be pleased to welcome new faces to join us to help continue this annual tradition in the town.

The date for 2019 is Sunday November 24<sup>th</sup>

Andrew Turner - Chairman

## **Community Defibrillator @ Marina Court**

Thanks to the joint fund-raising efforts of staff and residents of Marina Court and the wider communities of both Upper and Lower Mitton, there is now a Community Defibrillator mounted prominently on the outside of the Marina Court building in Trafalgar Road.

The fund-raising initiatives consisted of a Community Halloween Event, funds raised from the sale of produce from the Marina Court Garden, anonymous donations from those with personal experience, donations from the Marina Court Therapy suite and Marina Court Residents Fund and finally from a Tewkesbury Borough Council Grant. Altogether the fund-raising efforts totalled £2,000.

AnchorHanover, the landlords of Marina Court assisted with the installation and the laying of slabs directly in front of the device.

The device is an AED (Automatic External Defibrillator), housed in a lockable heated cabinet. The cabinet can be opened with a code given to a 999 caller when they ring the emergency services from a nearby location. The operator will give the precise location and the code to the caller.

## **Annual Assembly 1<sup>st</sup> April 2019**

### **Mayor's Report**

During the past year, as Mayor, I have so far attended over 120 varied and interesting functions and meetings. I have endeavoured to attend as many as possible, to support what our people are doing, and gain information as to how they function and what they bring to the community, and how perhaps the Town Council can give or get them extra support in some way.

One thing I can assure you of is that there are many voluntary groups providing support in to so many fields of care and enjoyment for all, and without these groups our town would be a much poorer place.

Our more re-active Grants system is addressing some immediate as well as longer term needs of these groups, and events. We welcome local groups to apply.

Sadly over the past year we have seen that the Friends of Tewkesbury Hospital Fete and the Abbey Fete are no longer being held. The main reason being that not so many volunteers are coming through to organise these events and a shortage of those that give the help that is needed on the day. Those that are still willing are reaching the age where many of these activities are no longer possible for them.

Tewkesbury Big Weekend has had to scale back this year to give its' volunteers a rest to recharge their batteries but to hopefully come back with new ideas and easily worked activities. However, there is a Big Sing day that with the right support will hopefully become an annual event

Hopefully the Battle Weekend parade has enlisted new blood to keep this going. However because it is a parade it has been hit by the lack of numbers of police to support and marshal the event; as is the case with all parades in the Town. The Town desperately needs a large team of Marshalls to ensure that these parades and events, that Tewkesbury is almost famous for, can continue in safety.

The Chairs of each Committee have had a difficult year to make a great deal of new progress due to the Council catching up on long overdue works to ensure we comply with health safety requirements in all Council areas and operations. We are quietly confident that we are reaching a more manageable place and can now start on more inspirational programmes.

Some committees have had difficulty in maintaining a basic attendance to be quorate and able to make decisions; many meetings have had to resort to last minute co-option to enable it address all items on the Agenda. So I thank those Councillors who have regularly stepped in to help on these occasions.

Despite all this we can boast some successes, i.e.

The securing of finances to start the much needed and overdue improvements to the play area on Priors Park.

We now have a full Assets list that will just require updating each year or whenever there are any changes. This register will mitigate the possibility of unrealised responsibilities.

We have a much better idea of the Town Council property and have updated the land registry in accordance with these findings.

Our buildings are safer and comply with health and safety regulations and are ready to take them forward to a programme of works for further improvements.

The Town Hall is having a more diverse use and not just craft table top sales, but we are trying something a little different whenever the opportunity arises. The Mayor's parlour and The Chamber are used by other groups and authorities for meetings and training.

We are hopeful that the Town Hall Garden will have more use in the future.

A programme for the use and improvement of our Moorings is being utilised and we are hopeful that our plans will soon bring an increased use and income.

Previously the Town Council had 94 hours of office support, this has been restructured and the Council now have a qualified Town Clerk, an Assistant to the Clerk; who is also working towards being qualified, a Finance Officer, and an Events Officer for a total of 91 hours per week

We still employ separate Toilet attendants but our General Maintenance, Street cleaning and furniture and cleaning of our buildings and other duties is now subcontracted to GAB services. We are confident that this will be a more appropriate and manageable system to address the needs of the Town. There will follow a more detailed report from the Chairman of Staffing.

The Town Council has representatives on the Tewkesbury Town Regeneration Partnership to ensure that we have a say or claim for any future funding or the future development of the Town.

We have a representative on the Abbey's 2021 celebrations and once the plans have progressed a little more everyone and group, within the Town is invited and encouraged to have a part. Preliminary plans are visionary, and exciting for Tewkesbury and our place in the Tourist and business calendars.

I feel the Town Council is in a place that will prove very positive for the future of the Town, its activities, and its people.

However, ideas for future development and feedback on what we are doing is always welcome.

# TEWKESBURY MUSEUM

## ANNUAL REPORT 2018/19

The year at the Museum has been one of continuing change and development. We've met some notable targets, but others remain to be achieved.

Financially, the year has been the best in the last decade. We are ending the year with an operating surplus for the first time in recent years, which means that we can now budget to do more than simply meet essential expenditures. The Town Council grant is the key to setting the pathway to our new, more positive, future. Expenditure from the grant has been quite small to date. We have purchased some much-needed storage boxes to enable better utilisation of our stores, new insect monitors and a number of digital temperature and humidity monitors to help us look after our collection properly. We have invited quotations for a proper professional condition survey of the Museum fabric, which will give us a costed, prioritised, maintenance plan. We expect this to be carried out in the near future, and will share the report with the Town Council. We will use the information to plan expenditure on the internal fabric of the building, which has been done on a spasmodic and ad-hoc basis up to now.

The Museum survives on its volunteers, and there is a core of nearly forty, with a wide variety of interests and skills who work on a very wide variety of tasks. Unlike many small town museums, we stay open through the year, though with reduced hours through the winter. We are particularly pleased about our links to the Repair Café, which has generated volunteers who have taken the conservation and restoration of our fairground models from an aspiration to a project which is likely to be completed by Christmas, and which is the key to the wholesale updating of our displays.

For the coming year, as well as our plans for the building fabric and the displays, we will also continue to work on our governance systems. Over the year, we expect to convert the governing Trust to a Charitable Incorporated Organisation and to achieve our re-accreditation against the Arts Council scheme for museums.

At a local level, small Museums are repositories of the memories of their communities. In every sense, be it displaying local artefacts, staging exhibitions of local interest, providing photo exhibitions for elderly people, talks for the less elderly or raising interest in alleys and old pubs in the town centre. We work hard to fulfil our role. We have high ambitions for the coming year which we are determined to meet.

We hope that the Town Council consider that we are worthy of continuing support.



## TEWKESBURY TOWN COUNCIL

### Annual report of the Planning Committee

April 2019

This past year has been a busy one for the Planning Committee as, in addition to its customary role of consultee on local applications, it has broadened its remit in order to respond to policy consultations, both national and local and to engage more actively with neighbouring parishes and districts. This was an important step for us to take as, clearly, what happens just beyond our boundaries, to the north, the south and the east during the next thirty years will have a profound impact on what happens within and it is important that we, as your parish council, make sure your interests are properly considered. This is a beautiful town and we must take the necessary steps to safeguard and enhance its special qualities. One of those steps will be to encourage you, the people of this parish, to understand the planning-related challenges that Tewkesbury faces. We have endeavoured to make our meetings more accessible, by holding them in the Court Room, we have produced a welcome guide for visitors to our committee meetings, and we have introduced short public forum meetings, at which you can meet Borough planning officers and gain an improved understanding of how local planning policies affect you and the place in which you live and work. We hope that, as you learn more, you will want to work with other people who care about this town to create Tewkesbury's Neighbourhood Development Plan, with our support. Some work on this has already been carried out but, to be a proper neighbourhood plan, it needs you to drive it forward and take ownership of it.

Almost a year ago, the Town Council created and adopted a pre-applications policy and some prospective developers have found this to be a useful guide, while others wish they had consulted it before putting in their applications. A short meeting with committee members, in which relevant issues can be discussed, can help your application to pass more smoothly through the planning process.

The Planning Committee meets fortnightly through most of the year. This enables us to respond to every planning application in the parish and it makes a difference. If we, or any other consultee, have reservations about the suitability of a proposed development then it has to be presented for consideration by the councillors of the Planning Authority – Tewkesbury Borough; and if you too

have reservations about it, you have another opportunity to make your views known, by applying to speak about them.

Since the beginning of May last year the Planning Committee has:-

- considered more than 130 applications.
- responded to two national policy consultations, on the National Planning Policy Framework and on Planning Reform
- responded to the South Worcestershire Development Boundary Review
- responded to three local policy consultations, on the Tewkesbury Borough Preferred Options, the Ashchurch Concept Masterplan, and the Tewkesbury Regeneration SPD
- responded to one consultation from Highways England relating to a proposed scheme on the Strategic Road Network

This coming year will bring for us a new challenge in the shape of the Community Infrastructure Levy, or CIL. As new homes are built within the parish, the CIL will generate a small income with which the Town Council will develop and enhance community facilities and infrastructure, such as recreation facilities, public toilets, signage and CCTV. In preparation for this, the Planning Committee now has its own budget and has compiled a list of possible infrastructure projects. The list is not exhaustive. If you have ideas for things that we should include, please tell us. We want you to be involved and engaged.

## **Tewkesbury Repair Café**

Repair Cafés are free events where people who have items that need repairing are put in touch with people who have the necessary skills to carry out the repair. This can include: clothes, furniture, electrical appliances, bicycles, crockery, toys etc. Items are repaired for free but customers are encouraged to make a donation to allow the repair cafe to continue to run. At the same time, Tewkesbury FoE operate a café, partly as a fundraiser, but also as a community meeting place and waiting room.

Tewkesbury Repair Café was founded in July 2017. It meets 10 times a year at the Baptist church. It has proved very popular and averages 40 to 50 repair items per session, with a success rate of around 65%. This has resulted in several hundred useful items being “saved from the skip”, assisted those on tight budgets, promotes social cohesion and is a lot of fun. We have a team of repairers and front of house staff numbering about 30 per session, and 4 or 5 caterers.

TRC intends to be self-financing in the near future, but has received grants from TTC and others towards start-up costs and training. We will apply for further funding in the next few months to cover the purchase of specialist tools and further training.

Bill Adie

Secretary



**Gloucestershire Constabulary**  
*People First Policing*

## Tewkesbury Town Council Report 26<sup>th</sup> March 2018 – 26<sup>th</sup> March 2019

During the period 26<sup>th</sup> March 2018 to the 26<sup>th</sup> March 2019 there has been a total of 684 crimes reported to the police. During the same period the year before there were a total of 702 crimes reported to the police. This shows a reduction in crime over the 12 month period.

The breakdown of these figures is as follows:

### Town/Mitton

During the period 26<sup>th</sup> March 2018 to the 26<sup>th</sup> March 2019 there have been 383 crimes reported to the police. Compared to the same time last year there were 347 crimes reported to the police.

Offence	Offence Type	Crime 26MAR18 26MAR19	Crime 26MAR17 26MAR18
Violence	Threats to Kill	1	0
Violence	Harassment	12	4
Violence	Assault with injury	43	46
Violence	Stalking	1	1
Violence	Malicious Communications	14	5
Violence	Assault with Injury on a Constable	1	1
Violence	Public Fear, Alarm or Distress	4	2
Violence	Assault w/o Injury	21	13
Violence	Possession of Weapons/bladed articles	3	2
Violence	Other	1	2
Sexual offences	Sexual Offences	11	11
Robbery	Robbery	1	2
Burglary	Burglary - Residential	23	18
Burglary	Attempted Burglary - Residential	0	4
Burglary	Burglary non dwelling	0	1

Offence	Offence Type	Crime	Crime
		26MAR18 26MAR19	26MAR17 26MAR18
Burglary	Burglary - Business and community	7	18
Burglary	Attempted Burglary - Business and community	1	9
Burglary	Aggravated Burglary - Business and community	1	0
Theft	Interfering with a Motor Vehicle	6	13
Theft	Theft from the person of another	17	5
Theft	Theft in a dwelling	0	1
Theft	Theft by employee	1	0
Theft	Theft of mail	0	1
Theft	Theft of pedal cycle	3	5
Theft	Theft from vehicle	22	23
Theft	Shoplifting	54	42
Theft	Theft from automatic m/c ,meter	0	1
Theft	Theft/unauth taking m/veh	5	4
Theft	Other theft	30	23
Theft	Theft making off without payment	1	4
Theft	Handling stolen goods	1	0
Fraud	Fraud	4	14
Criminal damage	Arson not Endangering Life	3	2
Criminal damage	Criminal damage - dwelling	4	5
Criminal damage	Criminal damage - non dwelling	15	6
Criminal damage	Criminal damage - vehicles	48	24
Criminal damage	Criminal damage - other	7	8
Criminal damage	Threat / possession w/i -criminal damage	0	2
Drugs	Drugs trafficking	11	22
Other notifiable	Offences against state / public order	2	1
Other notifiable	Perverting the course of justice	1	0
Other notifiable	Absconding from lawful custody	1	0

Offence	Offence Type	Crime	Crime
		26MAR18 26MAR19	26MAR17 26MAR18
Other notifiable	Obscene Publications etc	1	2
Other notifiable	Other notifiable offences	1	0
=		383	347

During the period 26<sup>th</sup> March 2018 to the 26<sup>th</sup> March 2019 there has been 47 Road Traffic Collisions (RTC) reported to the police. During the same period this time last year there were 44 RTC's reported to the police.

Incident Date	Incident Type	Location
31MAR2018	RTC damage only	Tesco,tesco,1 Bishops Walk Tewkesbury GI205lq
04APR2018	RTC damage only	Tesco,tesco,1 Bishops Walk Tewkesbury GI205lq
01MAY2018	RTC damage only	Barton St, Barton Street Tewkesbury
11MAY2018	RTC damage only	Church Street, Church Street Tewkesbury GI205rx
15MAY2018	RTC damage only	High St, High Street Tewkesbury
16MAY2018	RTC damage only	High St, High Street Tewkesbury
26MAY2018	RTC damage only	Chance St, Chance Street Tewkesbury
29MAY2018	RTC damage only	Chance St, Chance Street Tewkesbury
02JUN2018	RTC Injury	High St, High Street Tewkesbury
06JUN2018	RTC damage only	Gander Ln, Gander Lane Tewkesbury
08JUN2018	RTC damage only	Barton St, Barton Street Tewkesbury
11JUN2018	RTC damage only	HSBC,11a High Street Tewkesbury GI205ap
17JUN2018	RTC damage only	Tesco,tesco,1 Bishops Walk Tewkesbury GI205lq
26JUN2018	RTC Injury	High St, High Street Tewkesbury
29JUN2018	RTC damage only	Barton St, Barton Street Tewkesbury
01JUL2018	RTC damage only	High St, High Street Tewkesbury
09JUL2018	RTC damage only	Back Of Avon, Back Of Avon Tewkesbury
17JUL2018	RTC damage only	Barton St, Barton Street Tewkesbury
20JUL2018	RTC damage only	Costa Coffee, 95 High Street Tewkesbury GI205jz
25JUL2018	RTC damage only	Back Of Avon, Back Of Avon Tewkesbury
25JUL2018	RTC damage only	Barton St, Barton Street Tewkesbury
30JUL2018	RTC Injury	High St, High Street Tewkesbury
01AUG2018	RTC damage only	Restricted Incident
01AUG2018	RTC damage only	43 Oldbury Road Tewkesbury GI205nb
05AUG2018	RTC damage only	Bredon Rd, Bredon Road Tewkesbury
09AUG2018	RTC damage only	Costa Coffee, 95 High Street Tewkesbury GI205jz
12AUG2018	RTC damage only	A438 Mitton, A438 Tewkesbury
31AUG2018	RTC damage only	High St, High Street Tewkesbury
05SEP2018	RTC damage only	Tesco,tesco,1 Bishops Walk Tewkesbury GI205lq
11SEP2018	RTC damage only	Trinity St, Trinity Street Tewkesbury
15SEP2018	RTC Injury	Tendergreen View, Tewkesbury GI205fp
26SEP2018	RTC damage only	High St, High Street Tewkesbury
05OCT2018	RTC damage only	Abbey Hotel ,67 Church Street Tewkesbury GI205rx

Incident Date	Incident Type	Location
04NOV2018	RTC damage only	Station Rd, Station Road Tewkesbury
19NOV2018	RTC damage only	High St, High Street Tewkesbury
30NOV2018	RTC damage only	Barton St, Barton Street Tewkesbury
07DEC2018	RTC damage only	Tewkesbury, . Tewkesbury
10DEC2018	RTC damage only	Gander Ln, Gander Lane Tewkesbury
23DEC2018	RTC Injury	Oldbury Rd, Oldbury Road Tewkesbury
09JAN2019	RTC damage only	Tewkesbury, Tewkesbury
10JAN2019	RTC damage only	Tewkesbury, Tewkesbury
18JAN2019	RTC damage only	Tewkesbury, Tewkesbury
25JAN2019	RTC damage only	High St, High Street Tewkesbury
30JAN2019	RTC Injury	East St, East Street Tewkesbury
13FEB2019	RTC damage only	Tewkesbury Hospital, Barton Road Tewkesbury GI205qn
15FEB2019	RTC damage only	4 The Mews Back Of Avon Tewkesbury GI205an
22MAR2019	RTC damage only	Tesco, 1 Bishops Walk Tewkesbury GI205lq

### Priors Park

During the period 26<sup>th</sup> March 2018 to the 26<sup>th</sup> March 2019 there have been 207 crimes reported to the police. Compared to the same time last year there were 240 crimes reported to the police.

Offence	Offence Type	Crime	Crime
		26MAR18 26MAR19	26MAR17 26MAR18
Violence	Threats to Kill	2	2
Violence	Harassment	13	5
Violence	Assault	30	30
Violence	Malicious Communications	13	5
Violence	Public Fear, Alarm or Distress	4	8
Violence	Assault w/o Injury	6	11
Violence	Possession of Weapons/Bladed articles	1	3
Violence	Cruelty to Children/Young Persons	1	1
Sexual offences	Sexual Offences	2	7
Robbery	Robbery of personal property	2	1
Burglary	Burglary - Residential	7	11
Burglary	Attempted Burglary - Residential	1	3
Burglary	Burglary - Business and community	1	1
Theft	Interfering with a Motor Vehicle	3	15
Theft	Aggravated vehicle taking	1	0
Theft	Theft in a dwelling	5	3
Theft	Theft by employee	0	1
Theft	Theft of pedal cycle	6	3
Theft	Theft from vehicle	11	25
Theft	Shoplifting	6	14

Offence	Offence Type	Crime	Crime
		26MAR18 26MAR19	26MAR17 26MAR18
Theft	Theft/unauth taking m/veh	4	1
Theft	Other theft	10	15
Theft	Theft making off without payment	1	0
Fraud	Fraud	1	5
Criminal damage	Arson not Endangering Life	2	3
Criminal damage	Criminal damage -dwelling	12	13
Criminal damage	Criminal damage -non dwelling	1	0
Criminal damage	Criminal damage -vehicles	32	27
Criminal damage	Criminal damage -other	7	13
Criminal damage	Threat / possession w/i -criminal damage	0	1
Drugs	Drugs	18	11
Other notifiable	Offences against state / public order	3	1
Other notifiable	Obscene Publications etc	1	1
=		207	240

During the period 26<sup>th</sup> March 2018 to the 26<sup>th</sup> March 2019 there has been 20 Road Traffic Collisions (RTC) reported to the police. During the same period this time last year there were 28 RTC's reported to the police.

Incident Date	Incident Type	Location
06APR2018	RTC Damage Only	Gloucester Rd, Gloucester Road Tewkesbury
12APR2018	RTC Injury	Stonehills Roundabout, Tewkesbury
03MAY2018	RTC Damage Only	Gloucester Rd, Gloucester Road Tewkesbury
15JUL2018	RTC Damage Only	Priors Park Chapel, priors Park Chapel, Queens Road Tewkesbury G1205ey
04AUG2018	RTC Damage Only	69 Queens Road Tewkesbury G1205el
08AUG2018	RTC Damage Only	Tewkesbury Borough Council, Gloucester Road Tewkesbury G1205tt
08AUG2018	RTC Damage Only	Crouch Ct, Crouch Court Tewkesbury
29AUG2018	RTC Damage Only	Gloucester Rd, Gloucester Road Tewkesbury
30AUG2018	RTC Damage Only	Oldfield, Oldfield Tewkesbury
03SEP2018	RTC Damage Only	Link Rd, Link Road Tewkesbury
15SEP2018	RTC Damage Only	Link Rd, Link Road Tewkesbury
13OCT2018	RTC Damage Only	Gloucester Rd, Gloucester Road Tewkesbury
29OCT2018	RTC Damage Only	Aldi Stores, Gloucester Road Tewkesbury G1205sy

Incident Date	Incident Type	Location
29NOV2018	RTC Damage Only	Gloucestershire Constabulary, Gloucester Road Tewkesbury G1205tt
04DEC2018	RTC Injury	Noahs Ark Childrens Centre, Queen Margaret Primary School, York Road Tewkesbury G1205hu
07DEC2018	RTC Damage Only	Lincoln Green Ln, Lincoln Green Lane Tewkesbury
10DEC2018	RTC Damage Only	99 Gloucester Road Tewkesbury G1205su
13DEC2018	RTC Injury	Aldi Stores, Gloucester Road Tewkesbury G1205sy
01FEB2019	RTC Damage Only	Gloucester Rd, Gloucester Road Tewkesbury
04MAR2019	RTC Damage Only	25 Wenlock Road Tewkesbury G1205je

### Newtown

During the period 26<sup>th</sup> March 2018 to the 26<sup>th</sup> March 2019 there have been 89 crimes reported to the police. Compared to the same time last year there were 108 crimes reported to the police.

Offence	Offence Type	Crime 26MAR18 26MAR19	Crime 26MAR17 26MAR18
Violence	Threats to Kill	1	0
Violence	Harassment	2	0
Violence	Assault	6	10
Violence	Malicious Communications	1	1
Violence	Public Fear, Alarm or Distress	3	2
Violence	Assault w/o Injury	1	3
Sexual offences	Sexual Offences	0	3
Burglary	Burglary - Residential	3	5
Burglary	Attempted Burglary - Residential	0	2
Burglary	Burglary - Business and community	3	0
Burglary	Attempted Burglary - Business and community	0	1
Theft	Interfering with a Motor Vehicle	1	4
Theft	Theft from the person of another	1	0
Theft	Theft by employee	1	0
Theft	Theft of pedal cycle	5	2
Theft	Theft from vehicle	11	8
Theft	Shoplifting	11	10
Theft	Theft/unauth taking m/veh	1	5
Theft	Other theft	2	13
Theft	Theft making off without payment	24	23
Fraud	Fraud	1	3
Criminal damage	Arson not Endangering Life	1	1
Criminal damage	Criminal damage -dwelling	1	1

Offence	Offence Type	Crime	Crime
		26MAR18 26MAR19	26MAR17 26MAR18
Criminal damage	Criminal damage -non dwelling	0	2
Criminal damage	Criminal damage -vehicles	2	3
Criminal damage	Criminal damage -other	3	5
Drugs	Drugs	3	0
Other notifiable	Kidnapping	1	0
Other notifiable	Offences against state / public order	0	1
=		89	108

During the period 26<sup>th</sup> March 2018 to the 26<sup>th</sup> March 2019 there has been 7 Road Traffic Collisions (RTC) reported to the police. During the same period this time last year there were 11 RTC's reported to the police.

Incident Date	Incident Type	Location
18JUN2018	RTC Damage Only	44 Ashchurch Road Tewkesbury G1208bt
15AUG2018	RTC Damage Only	Morrisons Supermarkets, Ashchurch Road Tewkesbury G1208ab
07NOV2018	RTC Damage Only	Morrisons Supermarkets Plc, Ashchurch Road Tewkesbury G1208ab
10NOV2018	RTC Damage Only	Pike House, Ashchurch Road Tewkesbury G1208bw
01DEC2018	RTC Damage Only	Morrisons Supermarkets Plc, Ashchurch Road Tewkesbury G1208ab
18DEC2018	RTC Damage Only	Morrisons Supermarkets Plc, Ashchurch Road Tewkesbury G1208ab
14JAN2019	RTC Damage Only	Morrisons Supermarkets Plc, Ashchurch Road Tewkesbury G1208ab

### Twynning

During the period 26<sup>th</sup> March 2018 to the 26<sup>th</sup> March 2019 there were 5 crimes reported to the police. Compared to the same time last year there were 7 crimes reported to the police.

Offence	Offence Type	Crime	Crime
		26MAR18 26MAR19	26MAR17 26MAR18
Violence	Assault with injury	1	1
Violence	Malicious Communications	0	1
Burglary	Burglary - Residential	2	0
Burglary	Burglary - Business and community	1	2
Theft	Theft of pedal cycle	0	1
Theft	Theft from vehicle	1	0
Theft	Theft/unauth taking m/veh	0	1
Theft	Other theft	0	1

Offence	Offence Type	Crime 26MAR18 26MAR19	Crime 26MAR17 26MAR18
=		5	7

During the period 26<sup>th</sup> March 2018 to the 26<sup>th</sup> March 2019 there has been 2 Road Traffic Collisions (RTC) reported to the police. During the same period this time last year there were 1 RTC reported to the police.

Incident Date	Incident Type	Location
07JUL2018	RTC Damage Only	Ledbury Rd, Ledbury Road Tewkesbury
07SEP2018	RTC Damage Only	Mythe Bridge,mythe Bridge, Ledbury Road Tewkesbury G1206aa

Due to the volume of crimes recorded it is not possible to view each of these and provide a summary.

### **Crime Prevention:**

Please ensure windows/doors are locked at all times even when inside the property. Also take all keys out of the locks to prevent offenders smashing windows to access the keys. When not at home consider using a timer switch where possible and or leaving lights on when dusk.

We advise to keep belongings on your person or in a secure location and to secure bikes when left unattended.

We can offer a free crime prevention survey to anyone that would like one. This is where a member of the Local Policing Team visits an address and identifies possible measures that can be put in place to prevent an individual becoming a victim of crime.

The Police have noticed an increase in purse thefts within the Town Centre. We believe these crimes are being committed by an organised group of people who travel around various locations. Persons will be dropped off and they will then pretend to be shopping and target elderly people especially those with shopping trolleys. They will often bump into the victim and take their purse. We would like to advise everyone to ensure purses are kept well hidden and report any suspicious activity to 101.

There has been an increase in criminal damage to vehicles within the Town Centre. This is something we have seen in the past and unfortunately there is no pattern to this. This makes it very difficult to provide patrols at the right time. The Police are treating this as a priority and have increased patrols in the area. We urge members of the community to consider installing CCTV to help assist with protecting their property and or dash cameras in their

vehicles. The Police did arrest 3 people in connection with this and the investigation is ongoing.

The Police are using a system called Community Alerts where members of the community can sign up to receive information from the Police. This information could be good work reports, warning messages, crime prevention advice etc. If people wish to sign up please let us know and we can contact them or alternatively they can visit the nearest community engagement vehicle which are placed around the County at various times. Dates for this can be found on the Police website under 'Events'. We are just arranging a date when we can hopefully set up the engagement vehicle on Market day.

Kind regards,  
PC Sally ALLANSON 252026

Your local policing team for Tewkesbury are given on the Gloucestershire Constabulary website, which has been recently updated with profiles. Your local community beat officers are PS El Lakin, PC Sally Allanson and PC Janina Millar. Your local PCSO's are Karl Simpson, Gemma Wasley, Kevin Rees and Sam Corder  
Please follow Tewkesbury Police on Twitter - @TewksPolice.