

NORTHAM TOWN COUNCIL COUNCILLORS AND STAFF

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UPCOMING MEETINGS

6 th November	Town Projects
8 th November	Planning
13 th November	Northam Burrows
20 th November	Finance & Staffing
29 th November	Planning & Full Council

4 th December	Town Projects
6 th December	Special Full Council
13 th December	Planning & Full Council
18 th December	Finance & Staffing

Agendas are published 6 days before the meeting and can be found on the website and in notice boards around the area.

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A MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

I should like to formally welcome our newest member of staff Dean Stewardson. He has joined Tim, Ivan and Dominic. Their work load has increased again as Northam Town Council recently gained control of Lords Meadow and the Ridgeway Drive play area.

Bone Hill with its landmark flag pole is also due to be officially transferred back into Northam's ownership. Bonehill and its flagpole is the main feature on the Mayor's Chains and has been since 1932.

At long last Appledore Quay is about to have its festoon lights and even Northam Square may be treated to some festive lighting this year.

The following projects are also in the pipeline. An improved pedestrian crossing in Jackets Lane to ensure our school children at St George's and St Margaret's are able to cross more safely between the two schools. This autumn, daffodils will be planted on various verges around the area. Upgrading of Bonehill flag pole to full Naval style - as it used to be before the Great storm of 1987. The much needed Neighbourhood Plan has completed its first Public Consultation and the steering Group will now have to decide how to move forward.

Last month, Suzanne and I were invited to join the Twinning Association in Mondeville, France. We had a very enjoyable and educational visit with exceptional treatment from our hosts. If only we had Local Government like the French do. Locals are actually in control of Education, Policing, Building, Planning, Industrial development etc.

Finally, may I thank all the Councillors and staff who have given me their support and much need advice these last six months



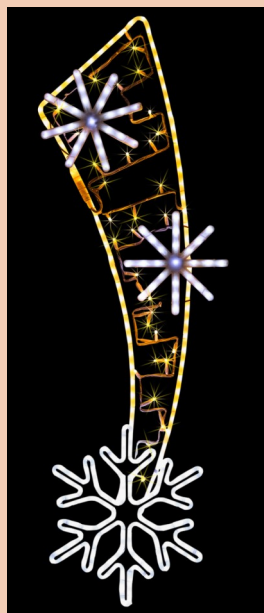
The Mayor and Mayoress with the Mayor of Mondeville

NEW FESTIVE LIGHTING

Following the installation of new lampposts in Appledore and Westward Ho! the Council will be erecting a scheme of festive lighting for the first time. As part of the scheme, Northam Square will also receive 4 motifs. The motifs in Northam will be as pictured, Appledore and Westward Ho! will have 3 designs including this one.

There will be a light switch on as part of the Appledore Village Christmas Festivities on Friday 1st December, which is being organised by the Appledore Visitors Association. Father Christmas will arrive on the Quay at 6.30pm, the Appledore Band will play afterwards and the lights will be switched on at 7.15pm. There will be lots of other events during the day, so be sure to look out for the programme which is due to be published soon.

In Westward Ho!, a switch on will take place on Saturday 2nd December at 6pm with circus skills entertainment afterwards from Merlin Cadogan (Britain's Got Talent).



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Sunday 12th November,
Remembrance Day Services -
Northam St Margaret's Church
10am followed by parade and
wreath laying at the War Memorial
at 11am.

Appledore parade at 2.30pm from
the Old Station to the War Memorial
(2.45pm). Service at 3.00pm in St
Mary's Church.

Saturday 16th December - Carols
with the Schools at St Margaret's
Church 3pm. The Appledore Band
will accompany and Father
Christmas will be in attendance.

NEW WEBSITE

The Town Council's website has recently been updated. The site is now responsive so it can easily be viewed on a tablet or mobile phone. The 'Your Council' section has also been expanded with new pages and information added. Of course, you can still view current agendas, present and past minutes and back issues of our newsletters. Don't forget you can also sign up to receive Council updates by e-mail and you can also find us on Facebook by searching Northam Town Council. Visit www.northamtowncouncil.gov.uk to find out more.

NEWS FLASH

The new defibrillator which was installed in Northam Square in September was used to save a life in the first weekend after it's installation.

TOWN PROJECTS

The Community Transfers for Lords Meadow and Ridgeway Drive play areas are now complete and the Committee will now move forward with plans to improve both areas. The improvements to Anchor Park are continuing with the renewal of the chain link fencing on the south side of the Park and the Committee will also be considering the replacement of the surface under the slide which is in need of repair. The next project for the TAP Fund was considered in September and it was resolved to approach Torridge District Council with the aim of taking over the outside toilet at Northam Community Centre. The funding will be spent on a complete refurbishment including signage to create a much more useable public convenience in the centre of Northam.

MAINTENANCE

The Council have recently appointed an additional member of staff to the Maintenance Team. Dean (far left), is fitting in well and is enjoying the varied work they carry out. In addition to their usual litter picking and grass cutting rounds, you will soon see them out and about putting up the Christmas trees and lights ready for the festive period including the large trees in Appledore, Northam and Westward Ho!.

