



Westfield Parish Council

Annual Report 2012 13



The Year at a Glance

As the Parish Council entered its second year, the aim was to build on the foundations laid the previous year. The new allotment site at Waterford Park was already up and running and the Westfield Allotment and Gardening Society had been created to manage the site. Community involvement with local groups had started to flourish, and internally the Finance and Personnel Committee had established a careful monitoring regime of the Council's budget.

EVENTS

The Queen's Diamond Jubilee was celebrated in May with the planting of ornamental cherry trees by Councillors and children at Westfield Primary School and Fosse Way School.

Following many months of preparation, June saw the return of the Fun Day at Westhill Recreation Ground, now hosted by the Parish Council and Luckington Carnival Club.

Thanks to local volunteers, Remembrance Day in November was marked with Union flags outside the local shops.

The much loved annual illuminated carnival took place in mid-November thanks to the Carnival Association. This year the Parish Council set up a stand offering hot chocolate and mince pies to local people.

Westfield's first Christmas Lights Switch on event took place at the end of November and saw local residents, churches, schools, community groups, silver band, Westfield Ladies Choir and the Parish Council come together around the newly planted living Christmas Tree for carols and the switching on of the lights.

The time capsule to commemorate the first year of the Parish Council was buried in December. It included items from local community groups, together with some everyday articles which residents 50 years hence should find interesting!

Two public meetings were held in January and February to encourage local people to view and

comment on the many documents which comprised the planning application for a superstore in Westfield.

WORKING IN PARTNERSHIP

The Big Local for Radstock and Westfield has £1 million to spend on improving our community. Chaired by Parish Councillor Robin Moss, the Steering Group in March invited residents to join them to discuss where the money could go.

Links with Norton Radstock College continued, with the photographic students undertaking to photograph Parish Councillors individually for the website.

The voluntary Snow Wardens readied themselves for winter, supported by the Parish Council which purchased a second gritting machine. Their work in keeping some key pavements clear was widely appreciated by local residents and plans to extend the scheme across the Parish were put in place.

The Community Plan for Westfield led by the Westfield Questers continued in its work to consult local people to create a vision for the future of Westfield.

Supporting local organisations is vital and this year the Parish Council awarded grants to the Carnival Association, the Silver Band to start a beginners group, the Community Bus to bring play opportunities to Westhill recreation ground, PEOPLE, SWAN Advice Network, Radstock Baptist Church, Radstock Scout Group and WISH.

AWARDS

Congratulations to the Westfield Allotment and Gardening Society for receiving a highly commended award from the Princes Trust. This was a remarkable achievement in its first year.

The Parish Council was awarded Quality Status in October, demonstrating effective management and an understanding of the needs of the community.

Message from the Chair of the Council



Photo courtesy of Norton Radstock College photography students

It does not seem that long ago but believe it or not this is our second year as a Parish Council and as Chair in this the second term I write to give the highs and lows. Thus far the low is that we lost a very fine Councillor in Ted Pack. Ted was involved with the financial and personal committee and instrumental in putting Westfield Parish Council in a very stable position. He was analytical right down to the decimal point, Ted will be sadly missed.

The Westfield Quester which was formed by some of the residents of the Westfield Parish has been involved in getting the community working together and they are looking for more volunteers to join their group.

Also the Snow Wardens were in action this year and the feedback has been very positive. The work taken out by the Wardens has been much appreciated by the Parish. Anyone interested in becoming a Snow Warden please contact Westfield Parish Council.

At the last Annual Parish meeting it was raised by a resident that a footpath might be a good idea leading from Upper Court through and into the Norton Hill Playing Fields. I am pleased to say that this was completed in the middle of 2012. The footpath leads on to a hard standing which was cleared of all its weeds in February. It is being discussed by Council to see what is to be done with this area.

Cllr Geoff Fuller
Chair of Westfield Parish Council



Snow Warden



Westfield Questers



Access at Upper Court



Living Christmas Tree

The Parish Council manages the Westhill Recreation Ground which offers football pitches, a bmx track, play area and wild flower garden and the Norton Hill Recreation Ground which includes a public tennis court, the Norwest Bowling Club (encompassing a public rink), play area, football pitches and pavilion. Westfield Parish Council manages the contract for emptying most of the dog bins in the Parish and is a local voice on planning, highway and environmental issues. It arranges the hanging baskets at the local shops, the Christmas Lights and the flags both over the shops and at the newly erected flagpole.

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At April 2013

In 2012/13 Cllr Geoff Fuller was Chair of the Council and Cllr Bryan Wallbridge was Vice Chair of the Council. Chair of the Finance and Personnel Committee was Cllr Robin Moss and Chair of the Environment and Development Committee was Cllr Eddie Newman.

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