



CROMER TOWN COUNCIL ANNUAL REPORT 2010/11

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RETIRING MAYOR'S REPORT FOR 2010/11

The 2010/11 year did not feature any major financial issues for the Town Council. The increase in precept was small which enables the Council to undertake its work and responsibilities with care and consideration. North Lodge was acquired by the Town Council approximately four years ago. It continues to provide the established headquarters for the Council and for two independent businesses. The renovation of the lovely chapel within the cemetery grounds has been completed and was the venue for the Town Council Carol Concert and Christmas Tree Festival. The need for a faster broadband service, particularly for businesses has been the subject for discussion both within the town and the wider area for the District and County. The Council supported the Cromer & Sheringham Crab and Lobster Festival and COAST Arts Festival both of which were successful and are being replicated this year. We have had a hard winter and the Council continues its policy of increasing the number of grit bins within the town. I am sure many people will be pleased to see the provision of a new bus shelter in Church Street. Discussions have taken place concerning the future of the Town's football ground. The club indicated a preference for remaining at Cabbell Park, which is near the centre of town. There are difficulties in this regard and there will be further discussions in the coming months.

My aim upon taking office was to try and bring about a closer association with other towns and it was nice to see that the Chairmen of the County and District Councils together with the Mayors and Chairmen of Sheringham, North Walsham, Holt, Aylsham, Wisbech, St Ives and representatives from Hunstanton attended my civic evening.

There is a real need to try and bring about the improvement in the condition of some sea front shelters and the western promenade and positive indicators have been obtained from the District Council. On a personal note I have thoroughly enjoyed my term of office and have attended many functions including Armed Services Day, County Tennis Week, Civic Services, The Scout Jamboree and Cromer's excellent Carnival. I also visited a number of businesses, shops and the town museum. A memorial plaque was dedicated during the Annual Remembrance Day Service which was attended by members of the families of the servicemen concerned.

**Retiring Mayor
Yvonne Nolan**

WORDS FROM THE NEW MAYOR

The new council year began in May following the four-yearly council elections. A new council has now been installed and there are some new faces round the table and it is particularly pleasing to see that some younger members of the community are now councillors. This bodes well for local democracy and for the civic life of the town.

The new Council has hit the ground running and has had several lively busy meetings. I stood as Mayor on a ticket to try and encourage the council to do things faster, better and cheaper so that we can demonstrate we are being as effective as possible with how we use the precept, especially in these financially challenging times. Equally, there are many things that the town needs like improved sporting facilities for old and young alike and not least of all to find some way forward for our football teams! I hope that members of the public come to some of our council meetings and participate. Moreover, the council has begun to look at ways that we might meet in other locations within the town and are in discussion with Cromer High School re our Annual Town Meeting.

Mayor Greg Hayman

FINANCE

The unapproved and unaudited accounts for the year ended 31st March 2011 show a total income of £217,013 and expenditure of £198,299. The main income was from the precept and rental income from North Lodge. The main expenses were cemetery maintenance, salaries, street lighting and utilities.

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