

WARE TOWN COUNCIL ANNUAL REPORT 2012



Your Town Councillors:

Christchurch Ward	Tel. No.	St Mary's Ward	Tel. No.	Trinity Ward	Tel. No.	Chadwell Ward	Tel. No.
Phyllis Ballam	464594	Edward Bedford	468915	Ian Devonshire	467708	Mark Pope	420498
Roy Lester	464235	Jake Shropshire	07775 722323	Terence Milner	464020	Rosalie Standley	464245
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A Message from the Town Mayor, Cllr Alan Warman

During my year, we celebrated the 40th anniversary of Ware being twinned with Wülfrath and we reaffirmed our friendship by signing a new pledge of friendship between our two towns. Throughout the year both Diane & I have been impressed with the many organisations which Ware has to offer both for the young and for the older generation to enjoy. Our Town is very vibrant in all aspects. We are very fortunate to have Ware in Bloom, and of course the Great Bed of Ware returning to its rightful place. I congratulate the Friends of Ware Museum for gaining the support of the Victoria & Albert Museum together with the National Lottery for making this possible. We have had the pleasure of representing the Town at many events during my year in office, Diane & I represented the Town at the High Sheriff's Justices service at St Albans Cathedral & Abbey Church. We again will be joining other authorities at the service which is soon to be held at St Albans Cathedral and Abbey church to mark Her Majesty's Diamond Jubilee in May a day before my Mayoral year ends.

The Town Council was able to set up a Youth Council and had the added support of Lord Charles Cecil (then High Sheriff of Hertfordshire) when he presented certificates of appointment to the new Youth Councillors at a ceremony in November of last year. The Youth Council and I arranged to have a peace garden installed which is located in the Ware Old Cemetery, and a focal point for reflection for all people that long for peace in the world. During the year I have created new Youth Awards which were presented during March of this year and I hope this will become a regular yearly event.

Diane and I presented a portrait of the Queen to the Town which now hangs in the Council Chamber to commemorate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee. In all, a year to remember, and I would like to pay tribute to my fellow Councillors for the honour given to me to be part of the town and the history of Ware.

Ware Town Council is responsible for:-

- Ware Carnival & Festival, band concerts & Rock in the Priory
- Allotments at Hollycross Road and King George Road
- Ware Cemetery, St Mary's Churchyard & Church Clock
- War Memorial & Maltmaker Statue
- Ware's Christmas Lights
- The Priory Estate including the Priory Building, Fletcher's Lea, the Priory Grounds, Public Conveniences, the children's play area, the performance area on the island and the Lido.

Ware Town Council also:-

- provides financial support to local organisations including the Ware Museum and the Tourist Information Point is represented on local organisations and meets regularly with the Police.
- is twinned with Wülfrath in Germany and Corneilles-en-Parisis in France.
- represents the views of residents of Ware.

Events organised by Ware Town Council include:

Town Tours: Mon 7th May – Sun 10th June – Sun 22nd July
Free band concerts – Sundays throughout the summer
Ware Festival - whole of July ~ Carnival Day Saturday 7th July
Rock in the Priory ~ Sunday 29th July
Heritage Weekend ~ Saturday 8th & Sunday 9th September
Maltmaker Supper ~ Saturday 13th October

Annual Town Meeting

Monday 30th April, 2012 ~ 8.00 p.m.

Fletcher's Lea at Ware Priory, High Street, Ware

Reports on the Town Council's activities during the past year and an opportunity for Ware residents to raise any issue concerning the Town. It is helpful if questions can be sent in advance.

Ware Town Council Budgeted Income & Expenditure 2012/13

Service	Income	Expenditure	Total
	£	£	£
As Trustee of the Priory Building			
Priory Building	191,614	243,279	51,665
Priory Grounds, incl Public Conveniences	900	64,118	63,218
Priory Lido	25,565	65,900	40,335
Fletcher's Lea	41,793	169,171	127,378
Charity Audit Fee		7,000	7,000
Total for Priory Charity	259,872	549,468	289,596
Ware Town Council Services			
Allotments	4,250	7,530	3,280
Closed Churchyard & War Memorial		3,435	3,435
Cemetery	50,000	78,850	28,850
Tourism, Leisure & Amenities	8,500	50,095	41,595
Town Twinning		1,500	1,500
Town Centre CCTV		10,600	10,600
Ware Festival	7,130	14,850	7,720
Administration	24,424	169,695	145,271
Subsidy to Priory Charity as above		289,596	289,596
Total for Ware Town Council	94,304	626,151	531,847
Precept for 2012/13			£531,847

For the year ending 31 March 2013 our precept is £531,847. This is £71.84 per household for a Band D property and an increase of £3.99.

Ware Priory Lido Heated Outdoor Pools 2012 Season

Early Season Wednesday 6th June ~ Friday 29th June

1.00 pm to 2.00 pm – adult lunchtime swim
2.00 pm to 5.45 pm – open for all

Main Season ~ Saturday 30th June ~ Sunday 2nd September

10 am – 12.45 pm open for all (large pool only)

1 – 2pm adult lunchtime swim

2 pm – 6.45 pm (5.45 pm weekends & Bank Hols) open for all

Last tickets sold 30 mins before closing

NB Sat 30 June, Ware Carnival Day special opening arrangements may apply, please check

Swimming lessons for children during school holidays.

10% discount on season tickets bought before Tuesday 5th June.

See www.waretowncouncil.gov.uk for further information.

Ware Town Council Committees:

Planning

Chairman: Cllr Mrs P Ballam Vice-Chairman: Cllr E Bedford

Finance & Resources

Chairman: Cllr R Lester Vice-Chairman: Cllr M Pope

Tourism, Leisure & Amenities

Chairman: Cllr G Powell Vice-Chairman: Cllr Mrs P Ballam

Ware Festival

Chairman: Cllr Mrs P Ballam Vice-Chairman: Mrs S Storey