

# STALBRIDGE TOWN COUNCIL QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

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## CHAIRMAN'S SUMMARY OF THE COUNCIL YEAR 2021/22

I genuinely thank members and staff for their determination and patience during the period of online meetings during which time the Town Council reverted to core services. We are now operating as normal with monthly full Council meetings held at the Hub and reduced frequency of planning meetings, with minor applications being delegated to the Planning & open spaces advisory group. Members of the public are warmly invited to attend all Town Council meetings.

I would like to thank all our community volunteers: namely the Community Library Volunteers, whose dedicated commitment is so greatly appreciated. Fiona Truscott Payne for looking after the beautiful planters at the cross and Station Rd, John Fieldhouse for his outstanding promotional design services and Ian Semple for flying the flags on The Ring.

During the past year two members have stepped down, thanks to Jean Convoy & Margot Foot for all their efforts during their time as Councillors and we have welcomed Paul Hancock and Debbie Stockley as new members. We also welcome Natalie Eastgate who replaced Pam Garaway as Assistant Town Clerk. Sincere thanks to every member of the Town Council for their time and commitment.

## PLATINUM JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS



The Town looked great decked with union flags, bunting, regal knit bombing and scarecrows. A huge effort was made to make the event one to remember. Many thanks everyone in the town who got involved and

to all the event organisers for their hard work and dedication.

## HARD-HITTING CAMPAIGN TO TACKLE DOG FOULING IN TOWN



Like many areas in the county Stalbridge has seen a high rise in levels of dog mess on their streets, pathways and green areas. The Town Council recognised that a concerted effort was needed to tackle this ever-increasing local problem. Of course,

most dog walkers do pick up, unfortunately it's the minority spoiling it for the wider community.

The campaign focuses on target areas where dog fouling is prevalent. The council has invested in 55 new signs, commissioned locally, engaging the public to look after their own pathways, streets and green areas by being responsible and 'bagging and binning' dog waste at one of the 40 bin locations in the town.

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In order to help residents achieve the goal of being a “Dog poo free town” the council have had created a “Google My Map” which shows the locations of bins and dog poo bins in Stalbridge, together with pop up reinforcement messages for each map location.

The Town Council hope that this new initiative will have a significant impact and a positive result in their bid to make Stalbridge a Dog poo free town.

For more information about the initiative, joining our campaign and the Google My Map, please contact: The Clerks Office Tracey Watson, 01963 364276

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## THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

Was held on 25th May and was well attended. It was great to get together again and an opportunity for local groups and organisations to promote themselves and let people know about their activities. Minutes of the meeting and copies of the reports made at the meeting will be made available on Stalbridge.info.

## TOWN COUNCILLORS VACANCY

There are two vacant positions which are eligible for co-option to Council. If you are interested in becoming a Councillor and would like more information, please contact the Town Council Office.



## DOUBLE STAR AWARD FOR COUNCILLOR DEVELOPMENT

Stalbridge Town Council has been awarded a double star award for achieving 73% participation of Councillors at events to strengthen and update Council knowledge and has been awarded a double star award

## MEETING DATES SPRING/SUMMER 2022

Meetings are at the Hub@Stalbridge unless otherwise shown and are open to public & press. Planning meetings are subject to the Town Council being consulted on planning applications that meet the criteria to convene a meeting (Minor planning applications are dealt with by the Planning & Open Spaces advisory Group)

Town Council Meetings on Wednesday commencing at 7pm

August 17th

September 14th

October 12th

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