

HEBDEN ROYD TOWN COUNCIL
ANNUAL REPORT
2020/2021

The Annual Report summarises the activities of Hebden Royd during the year 2020/2021

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About Hebden Royd

Hebden Royd Town Council is an elected authority which works closely with the area's principal authority, Calderdale MBC to support the residents of the area by funding local projects and organisations. It provides services such as allotments and owns and runs the Hebden Bridge Picture House. It acts as a catalyst for discussion working with other organisations to lobby and campaign for local improvements. The Council area has a population of 9,728 and includes the settlements of Cragg Vale, Hebden Bridge and Mytholmroyd. The full council meets every three weeks and there are six committees.

Hebden Royd Town Council's strategic aims are to:

- Protect, enhance and improve the local environment
- Promote Cragg Vale, Hebden Bridge and Mytholmroyd
- Support and develop our young people
- Improve the resilience of the area and strengthen our community
- Improve our own efficiency and effectiveness, leading to good governance.

This annual report gives a summary of the work of the Town Council over the last year more can information including agendas, minutes and press information can be found at www.hebdenroydtowncouncil.gov.uk.

The Mayors Year

It was clear that the year had been different from the norm with the presence of Covid -19 throughout the year. The council functioned well remotely and meetings were held regularly to ensure the activities and service provided were able to proceed in line with the restrictions that were in place at that time.

Even with the restrictions the Mayor was able to attend 60 events some remotely and others in person and £1000 has been raised for her nominated charity the Old Peoples Welfare Committee.

Key objectives for the year were to complete the Neighbourhood Planning process, to obtain the Gingko Seeds from Hiroshima and get them planted, and to improve the town council email platform. Two out of three have been accomplished with the third on the way.

The overriding priority during the year has been to keep the council serving the community and while challenging it has been available to serve those who have need assistance.

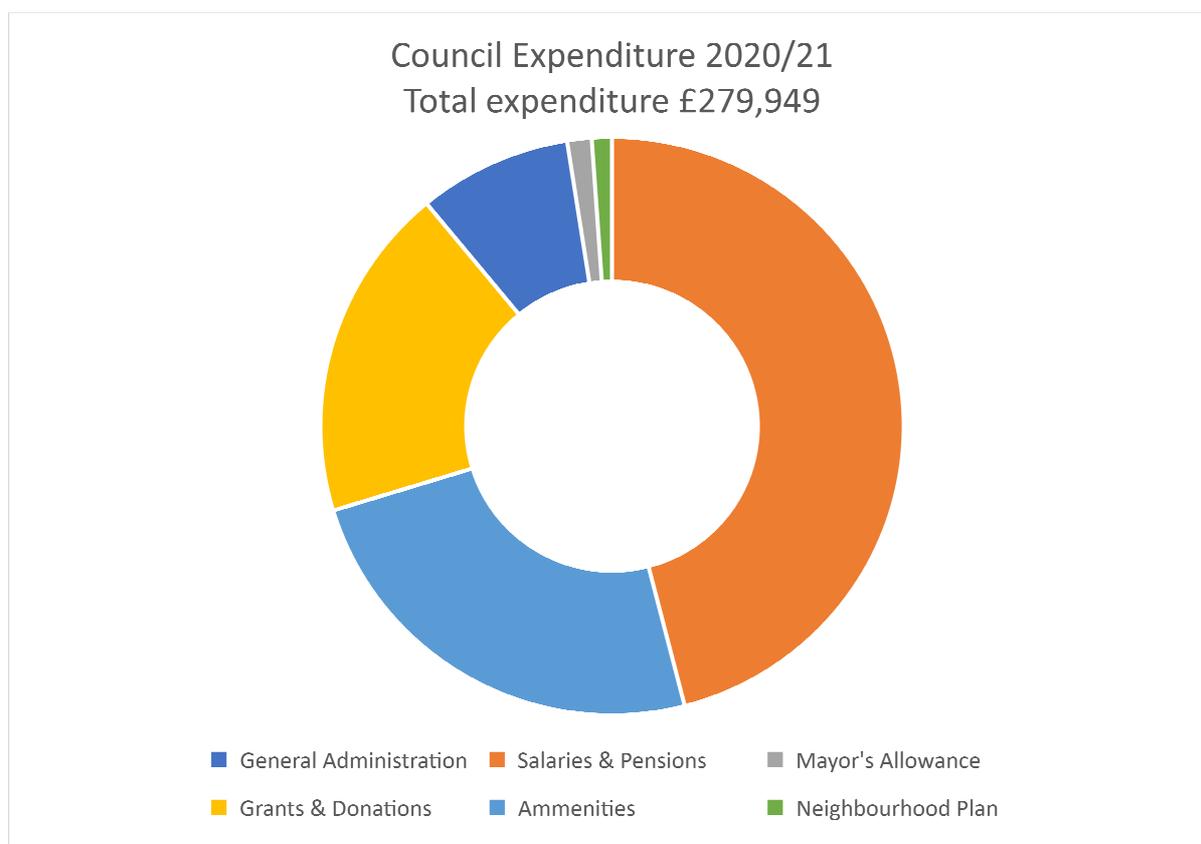
The main highlight for the year has been the development of High Hirst Woodmeadow, with Cllr Harvey delivering an amazing transformation.

The retiring Mayor has given council a happy mix of formal duties and fun.

Financial Information

The Precept, the amount collected by Calderdale MBC on behalf of Hebden Royd Town Council, was £354,800 plus grants of £32,658. This works out at £108.86 per year for a Band D household or £2.09 per week. The majority of dwellings in Hebden Royd are Band A properties which are charged £72.58 per year or £1.39 per week.

The account statement for 2020/21 is subject to external audit and may be modified.



Town Councillors

The Town Council comprises eighteen elected members. Elections take place every four years when all eighteen of the Town Council seats will be available for contest. The next elections will be in May 2023.

The eighteen members below were members of the Town Council on 31 March 2020. During the year, the Town Council met remotely as and when necessary. The schedule of meetings was displayed on Town Council notice boards and on the website.

Members of the Council

Town Mayor – Cllr Val Stevens

Deputy Mayor - Cllr Rob Freeth

Members of the Council

Cllr Christine Bampton
Smith

Cllr Sarah Courtney

Cllr Patsi Guilfoyle

Cllr Jane Hoyle

Cllr Dr Carol Stow

Cllr Karl Boggis

Cllr Sue Fenton

Cllr Nikki Harvey

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Cllr Geoff Wood

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