

Wells City Council

MAYOR'S REPORT

This has been a good year for me to be Mayor.

The City Council has been involved in planning matters affecting the City – sometimes we have been listened to and sometimes we have been overruled by Mendip District Council.

One new Supermarket has opened and the other one is scheduled to open in the summer.

The City Council is nearly ready to commence work in the old Crown Court and is only waiting for Mendip Planning and Conservation for the go ahead. This will provide a useful size room and many organisations are looking forward to this added facility. Lifts are already in place to access all levels in the building and comply with legislation.

Due to some shrewd negotiations and obtaining funding from Somerset County Council we now have an Open Spaces Department. Under the guidance of Steve Luck, Wells is undertaking much work that previously we had to rely on other Authorities to maintain. We believe we can do a better job ourselves.

It is always interesting when we have presentations at Full Council Meetings. It enables us to keep up to speed with developments in Wells and sometimes influence the outcome.

I thank my Deputy Mayor, Theo Butt Philip, and my fellow councillors for their help and support this past year. As you will know, Cllr John Mitchell sadly died at Christmas, so a By Election was called a few weeks ago. With the election of Cllr John Parkes, we again have a Full Council.

I must not overlook the invaluable commitment and work taken on by the Town Hall Personnel, under the guidance of the Town Clerk, Finance Officer and Town Hall Manager. Each member of staff is invaluable to the smooth running of the City Council.

My thanks to everyone.

Cllr Maureen Brandon
Mayor of Wells