



MATLOCK TOWN COUNCIL

ANNUAL REPORT 2005-2006

**(Incorporating, Mayors' Report, Environmental Audit and
Financial Statement)**

SUMMARY OF THE WORK OF THE TOWN COUNCIL DURING 2005-2006

INTRODUCTION

The Council has 11 elected members. 2005-06 saw no change in its membership. All Councillors strive to ensure the effective provision of services for both residents and visitors to Matlock. The Council's activities are funded, in the main, by the Council precept.

THE COUNCIL

The full Council oversees all activities that the Council undertakes. It has two committees, Christmas and Matlock in Bloom, and whilst the Committees welcome involvement from members of the public and local community groups, they have no delegated powers – the full Council makes all decisions.

The full Council meets at 7.00pm on the first and third Monday of each Month apart from August when only one meeting is held (the first Monday). Meetings are held in the Small Hall of the Imperial Rooms in Matlock. Committees meet by agreement. Prior notification of meetings is always given via the Imperial Rooms notice board on the front of the building and members of the public and press are always welcome to attend any meeting.

Business Plan

The Council have a Business Plan with the overall aim "To conserve and improve Matlock as an attractive and sustainable place in which to live, visit and to do business."

The 4 main Priorities of Matlock Town Council are to:

- Support residents and community & voluntary groups
- Develop a prosperous business community
- Protect and enhance the environment
- Improve the Council

'Champions' have been appointed to oversee these specific areas of the Council's work.

Quality Council Status

The Clerk has attained the CiLCA certificate, which enables the Council to apply for Quality Council Status should they wish to do so.

Planning

The Town Council is consulted on planning applications in their area. All applications, for discussion at meetings, are advertised on notice boards throughout the Town. This enables members of the public to submit their comments to both the Town Council and the District and County Councils.

The Environment

An Environmental Audit is produced each year by the Councillor with special responsibility for the Environment. The Council maintains several areas of land throughout the town for the benefit of the local populace – Denefields, the Princess Diana Memorial Garden (Hillside), Kiln Park and a new addition, Bailey’s Tump – and provides hanging baskets and planters throughout the Town. A copy of this years’ environmental audit is attached.

Allotments

The Council manages 52 allotments at Chesterfield Road in Matlock. All the allotments are let and there is a waiting list. A competition is held annually as part of the Matlock in Bloom Competition, encouraging allotment holders to keep their allotments clean and tidy.

Grant Aid

One of the duties of the Council is to consider payment of Grant Aid to local community groups and organisations. Many groups have benefited throughout the year from this aid. A list can be found in the financial report.

Publicity

The Council believes that it is important to keep its residents informed of their activities. To this end, additional notice boards are in place around the town, funded in part by EMDA. Three of which are being dedicated to local activities, whilst others concentrate on council business, or a mix of the two.

Members of the local press normally attend council meetings.

The Council plan to publish a newsletter four times a year, and funding has been obtained for a new improved website which will serve both residents and the wider community.

Twinning

Twinning became popular after the Second World War and was encouraged to break down barriers and prejudices between nations with the aim that this could help prevent another global conflict.

Matlock is twinned with Eaubonne, near Paris. Regular visits take place between the two communities and members of the public are welcome to join the Matlock/Eaubonne Twinning Association. Regular fundraising events are held throughout the year. The current Mayor of Matlock is the president of the Association.

Staff

Mrs Susan Smith took the position of Town Clerk in July 2005 from Mrs Margaret Wagstaffe and is ably assisted by Mrs Karen Jenkinson. Mrs Lindsay Allen, the Projects and Regeneration Officer was appointed in November 2005 and Miss Indre Plieskyte completes the office team.

The Council has two Caretakers (Mrs Jenny Land and Mr Herbert Bennett) and two Outdoor workers (Mr James ‘Jamie’ Brocklehurst and Mr Howard ‘Fred’ Furniss).

All the Council staff are committed to helping residents and visitors to Matlock.

EVENTS AND ENTERTAINMENT

Matlock In Bloom Garden Competition

Residents are invited to enter the annual garden competition run by the Council each year. The standard of entries is always high and the judges are constantly impressed by the ingenuity of some of the entries. Alongside the garden competition is a smaller competition run for the children of the local schools, the Sunflower Competition and an award for the best kept allotment. Prizewinners of both competitions are invited to attend a presentation evening in September of each year.

The Matlock in Bloom committee also advises on the bulb planting programme throughout the town and suggests various ways of enhancing the townscape.

East Midlands In Bloom

The Council once again entered the East Midlands in Bloom Competition. Matlock usually ranks highly and have won the Best Small Town Category in 2000. This year (Summer 2005) we were awarded a Silver in the Town Category.

Remembrance Day

As usual, the Remembrance Day service was co-ordinated by the Royal British Legion who works in conjunction with the Town Council. The Council holds its own services at Pic Tor and Starkholmes memorials with the main parade being through the Town to the War Memorial at Hall Leys Park.

Band Concerts

A series of band concerts were organised by the Council in Hall Leys Park throughout the summer. It is hoped to expand this programme in the future.

Imperial Rooms

Matlock Town Council runs the Imperial Rooms, a community facility in the centre of Matlock. It is currently well used by all groups within the community, however buildings of this nature in Matlock are in short supply. The Council are conscious that to increase the fees for this valuable facility would exclude many well deserving groups of people and constantly strive to keep an even balance. This year the Council have spent £6,500 on improvements to the Imperial Rooms – refurbishment of the floor, painting of the rooms, inside and out and exterior signage to the car park. The Reception is now fully staffed and is open Monday to Friday from 9.30am to 4.30pm.

Farmers' Markets

These are a new addition to the calendar of events in Matlock. It is hoped to include a Farmers' Market somewhere in the Town on the third Saturday of each month. The possibility of summer markets in Hall Leys Park and winter markets in the Imperial Rooms is currently being explored.

The Civic Function

This year the Civic Service was held at the United Reformed and Methodist Church on Bank Road. The Mayor has represented the Town at various functions throughout the County and has also undertaken a number of local engagements. His report is included in this document.

Christmas

Along with the Matlock Business Group, the Town Council organises the Christmas Festival annually on the first full weekend of December. Trees and illuminations deck the town to make for a very festive feel. Unfortunately, the weather did not treat Matlock kindly in 2005. Whilst the event itself was a success, we wish for drier times in 2006!

CONCLUSION

The future for Matlock is bright. The Healthcheck was completed some time ago which has now led on to the Masterplan which is also nearing completion. Sainsbury's and the Cawdor Development are long awaited, and, along with the proposed new Leisure Centre will start a redevelopment programme for Matlock.

Plans are afoot for the provision of more youth activities within Matlock – we already have a skateboard park as part of the new facilities in the refurbished Hall Leys Park. Pic Tor is now getting the same treatment. The Council has committed funding to both these projects and will be working with Darley Dale Town Council, Connexions and the Local Strategic Partnership to attain European funding for the youth in our area over the next two years.

New links are to be made with the local business community with the formation of a business network – the inaugural meeting was held recently. Further consultation with groups and individuals within the Community is also planned.

The Council welcomes views from any visitors and residents in Matlock on any aspect of the town and will endeavour to answer any queries posed to the best of its ability.

MAY 2005/2006

MATLOCK TOWN COUNCIL

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MAYORS' REPORT 2005-06

My year started on the 9th May when I took over the reins from Councillor Ursula Lunn. This was both a happy and sad time for myself, it was a great honour to have been given the opportunity and responsibility to be Mayor of Matlock but only a couple of days before on the 7th May my Mother in Law had sadly passed away and as such, this was a very hard time for both myself & Kate.

My first duty as Mayor was to attend a twinning meeting in Matlock to discuss the coming visit of our friends from Eaubonne and to be officially voted in as the President of the Matlock / Eaubonne Twinning Association for the year ahead, this was followed quickly by chairing an initial meeting to discuss the appointment of a new Town Clerk due to the resignation of the current Clerk, Mrs Margaret Wagstaff and then the following night to attend a meeting of the Matlock Police Consultative Group Meeting on which I am the Town Council Representative.

The French arrived in force on the 20th May, this then started a round of many speeches, travelling into Yorkshire to show our guests round a different part of our country and then on the Sunday evening, a reception was held at the New Bath Hotel, which was enjoyed by all who attended, and then on to the Monday morning and it was all outside the Imperial Rooms at some early hour to wave our guests off on their homeward journey.

My first duty away from Matlock was on the 27th May 2005 when myself and Kate attended the opening of the charity S P O D A 's headquarters in Chesterfield and as the Mayor of Chesterfield could not attend I was asked if I would do the opening and then later that week on the 28th May 2005 we attended a stained glass window dedication ceremony at All Saints Church in Matlock.

The Matlock Live musical & entertainment events started on the 30th May and I was to judge the "Busk IT" Busking Competition in the Hall Leys Park

The month of June included several meetings to discuss and appoint both a new Town Clerk and a Project and Regeneration Officer, this terminating in interviews at the end of the month when Sue Smith became officially the Town Clerk the Project and Regeneration Officer post was to go to second interviews.

On the 16th of June I attended the Derwent and Dove District Scouts Annual General Meeting at Wirksworth Town Hall and then on the 17th June, myself and Kate jet off very early in the morning, to the very warm and barmy climate of Paris in France, by kind invitation of the Mayor of Eaubonne, to attend the opening ceremony of the Chateau du val Joli and the Eaubonne en fete St John and General De Gaulle day celebrations, and last but not least, the month terminating with the opening of the Summer Fete at All Saints Church on 25th of June.

The 3rd of July was the Annual Pilgrimage to the War Memorial at Crich organised by the Worcestershire and Sherwood Foresters Regiment. The 10th of July was celebrations for VE Day in the Hall Leys Park and then later in July came the judging day in Matlock for East Midlands in Bloom

The year took somewhat of a downward turn at this point, as Kate needed to go into hospital for surgery and this was a worrying time. On the 23rd July it was the William Twigg Centenary Celebrations at Chatsworth House and although Kate was now out of Hospital she was unable to attend with me, so the Deputy Mayor Sue Burfoot kindly accompanied me.

After second interviews on the 1st August 2005, Linsay Allen was appointed as the Town Councils new Project and Regeneration Officer.

Wednesday 3rd August I attended the PEAK 2005 Reception Tour which was held in Chatsworth Park and the 11th August I officiated at the opening of the new British Heart Foundation Shop on Firs Parade

The 7th September it was off to the award ceremony for East Midland in Bloom in Northhampton at which Matlock won the top award of all towns within this area.

Sunday 18th September, Kate and I attended the civic service of the Mayor of Ashbourne.

In October we attended the Matlock and Derwent Valley Lions dinner and the official opening of the 'Mazzi' Restaurant in Matlock, the High Sheriff of Derbys Legal Ceremony at Derby Cathedral, and on the 29th October we held a table top sale at the Imperial Rooms in aid of my chosen charities the Guide Dogs for the Blind and the Alzheimer's Society.

In November, a further event towards my charities was held at the Momtaz Restaurant in Matlock, I attended the Message in a Bottle launch with the Matlock and Derwent Valley Lions at County Hall and in early December came the annual Victorian Christmas Weekend in the Hall Leys park and although the weather at the weekend was very wet the event once again was a great success.

Christmas was a time of concerts and choir services concluding with getting wet through and cold at the annual Raft Race from Matlock to Cromford on Boxing Day.

During 2006 I have had the honour of representing Matlock at many functions and Civic Services etc My final charity function for the year was a Race Night held at the Imperial Rooms followed closely by my Civic Service held at the Methodist Church on Bank Road.

It is estimated that over £1500 has been raised for my charities during the year and this will be split equally between both the above mentioned charities.

many thanks

Barry Hopkinson

Mayor of Matlock, 2005-06

GREEN CHARTER – ANNUAL ENVIRONMENT AUDIT, MAY 2005

Cllr Martin Burfoot, Councillor with responsibility for the Environment

COUNCIL MANAGEMENT

The Council continues to keep clear of vegetation most the 26 miles of public rights of way for which we are responsible and also areas of public open space which we own or lease, eg Denefields, Hillside, Kiln Park, as well as bus shelters, allotments, several seating areas, planting beds and planters – all of which have been acquired by the Council over the years. However, the burden of the ever increasing workload has meant that specific, less routine tasks are to be tackled by employing BTCV (British Trust for Conservation Volunteers) from Wirksworth, possibly the Probation Service and during the coming autumn Groundwork Erewash, who are seeking to acquire projects in Derbyshire Dales.

Council use of non-renewable products, such as peat, is kept to a minimum and woodchip are purchased locally – for mulching tree and shrub beds, both at the Imperial Rooms and on site we own throughout the town. As last year, we still await discussion about a scheme to renovate the toilets here at the Imperial Rooms, where the excellent day-to-day cleaning and maintenance is carried out with minimal use of toxic chemicals. While the heating boiler is being replaced, we are also investigating possible renewable energy solutions for the Imperial Rooms.

WILDLIFE CONSERVATION

Denefields

This oasis of green space and a haven for wildlife, so close to the centre of Matlock, is crossed by several well used public footpaths. Therefore, not surprisingly, it has for some time been in need of a major spring clean, which must be carried out prior to the proposed Groundwork enhancement project, perhaps by employing BTCV. It is clear that purely routine maintenance is insufficient to sustain such a large site in an acceptable state, given the extensive fly tipping of tree prunings and the obstruction of one path by a neighbour's decrepit and collapsing boundary fence. Recently, the old dividing hedge near Denefields Court has been reinforced and a few young oak trees planted nearer to the middle of the fields. Also a site has been agreed for an additional seat next to the path above Denefields Court. Bill Quinlan, who was appointed voluntary warden last year, to keep an eye out for and report any problems on the site, has been extremely vigilant and should be thanked by the Council and the local community for his efforts.

Kiln Park

This small area of public open space below Megdale, on the Sheriff Fields estate, continues to be mown by the District Council as our 'contractor', with other routine maintenance, such as tree and perimeter shrub pruning carried out when necessary by the Town Council's own staff. The Council recently resolved to retain the site as a local public amenity and to reject requests from one or two adjoining residents to acquire what could be random strips of the site, in order to extend their gardens.

Hillside

This more prominent and previously derelict area of open space, at the bottom of Dimple Road, adjacent to Bakewell Road, was reclaimed by the Town Council several years ago. The site is partly designed purely for wildlife conservation and visual amenity, and partly as a semi-formal grassed and planted area. It undoubtedly serves to enhance the Bakewell Road (A6) entrance to the town. It also incorporates a Millennium seat and rose bed in memory of the late Diana Princess of Wales. Maintenance remains fairly low key, with a seasonal purge from time to time.

LITTER AND WASTE MANAGEMENT/RECYCLING

Now that both the Town Council and Civic Association have developed a closer working relationship with the District Council's Street Scene Officer, a number of litter blackspots have been identified and routine maintenance improved. Barbara Marriott, a Starkholmes resident and Civic Association and Matlock in Bloom committee member, needs to be thanked for her sterling efforts in reporting litter problems on a regular basis to the Street Scene Officer. The District Council's contractors carry out day-to-day litter picking with reasonable diligence, but the main problem remains the quantity of weekend littering and the intrusive impact of litter on privately owned land. Land and property owners, especially in the town centre, obviously need to take more responsibility for cleaning litter and fly tipping from their premises.

As always chewing gum and cigarette butts remain a constant problem on town centre pavements, but until the District Council provides suitable disposal facilities for them in conjunction with existing litter bins, the problem will only worsen. A 'carrot and stick' approach is needed, so it remains to be seen what impact the new Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act will have, once Derbyshire Dales District Council has trained sufficient staff to go out and issue fixed penalty notices or prosecute offenders as regards littering, graffiti, fly posting and dog fouling and control etc. Preferably, of course, litter bins should be accompanied by can and glass recycling facilities in areas such as parks and in the vicinity of relevant shops. These are all matters which are a problem in Matlock at present, and need to be addressed urgently. The Town Council has already resolved to seek urgent discussion with the District Council and the local Police (in particular the Community Support Officer) about how the new Act is to be put into practice and made effective in Matlock. We have also complained to the District about the apparent ill-judged decision to cut the funding of dog waste bins at this time, given the extra responsibilities in the new Act and regular complaints from residents.

As in previous years gully emptying and road sweeping, or the lack of it – funded by the County Council, but operated by Derbyshire Dales – remain inadequate to prevent blockages and consequent flooding, which has become all too regular an occurrence on some roads and posing a threat to road safety, including that of pedestrians. It appears that too many housing and commercial developments are designed and implemented in an unsustainable manner, thereby exacerbating the risk of flooding.

The past year has brought good news for Ashbourne residents, who now have a brand new Civic Amenity Recycling Site, but there is still no positive news of a long-awaited facility for the central Dales area, despite the alleged offer of a site off Harrison Way at Northwood, Darley Dale. Surely the priority should have been for a site to serve a catchment of 30,000 population, rather than the paltry 10,000 or so served at Ashbourne. As a result, fly tipping persists in lay-bys and country lanes around Matlock. The Town Council and others need to remain vigilant, in order to ensure that the lorry collection service for bulky refuse, both on Saturday mornings as well as the charged doorstep service, are maintained by the District Council in the future.

Generally, the new dual 'wheelie bin' residual refuse and green waste collection system seems to be operating fairly successfully, after some early teething problems last year. However, the District Council does need to extend the 'blue box' kerbside recycling scheme to include plastic and cans and as soon as possible bring forward the inclusion of cardboard and kitchen waste, along with garden waste, for recycling in our 'green' bins. Such improvement appears to be the only way that our District's recycling rate can be significantly boosted.

TRAFFIC CALMING, PARKING AND ROAD SAFETY

No significant road schemes have been carried out during the past year, and yet Matlock residents and those merely passing through the town must feel that they have been dogged by chaos on our roads, with a major sewer renewal scheme causing gridlock throughout the day at Matlock Green. The work has had repercussions throughout the town and has put into perspective the normal rush hour congestion there in the past.

Following last year's demolition of Spa Villas on Bakewell Road, the District Council has eventually constructed a temporary car park for about 16 cars, as suggested by some of Matlock's Councillors.

During the last few months the County Council carried out a long-awaited review of roadside parking in the town centre and on the Bank, provoked largely by justified complaints from residents about persistent on-street parking by mainly County but also District Council employees. It was hardly surprising to Town Councillors that insufficient households chose to support the proposed 'Residents Parking Scheme', which in effect amounted to paying an annual fee for the privilege of parking one car somewhere in the area in which they live. The Town Council, which has been lobbying the County Council on this issue for several years has recently responded in detail twice concerning the controversial proposals, on behalf of affected residents, at the same time putting forward a number of alternative suggestions, including requests for more additional areas for staff parking at County Hall. We await the County's final proposals, most of which will require formal, legal traffic orders.

MATLOCK'S TRANSPORT LINKS

No significant changes have been effected recently, although it does appear that work is about to commence on the long awaited Cawdor Quarry redevelopment scheme and town centre relief road. This has been evidenced recently, not just through rumours but also service renewal work by utilities on Bakewell Road, in the vicinity of the proposed new road junction and bridge, as well as the appointed contractors' site 'boards' at the quarry entrance on Snitterton Road. The next year could well be both interesting and challenging, with constant noise, congestion and parking chaos. Let us hope the various contracts comprising the finished scheme can be completed on time and to a high standard.

The Town Council has always wished to see a sustainable, pedestrian friendly traffic management system in the town centre, as part of the Cawdor Quarry scheme, so it is to be hoped that the County Council keeps to its word and actively promotes an experimental pedestrianisation of Matlock Bridge, as soon as the new relief road opens.

As always, town centre road and pavement surfaces, especially the latter, continue to provoke public complaints and hardly serve to improve safety for pedestrians. In wet weather they are forced to dodge the puddles or get splashed by vehicles.

The expectation is that the planned town centre regeneration scheme, initiated by the Town Council, and currently being devised by consultants, will promote the redevelopment of Bakewell Road. It will also incorporate the upgrading of pavement surfaces and street furniture and ensure that the shopping environment becomes quieter, less polluted and provides the much needed catalyst for further retail development.

TOWNSCAPE ENHANCEMENT

Apart from the much needed improvements above, the Town Council has continued to provide more cosmetic enhancement of Matlock, in the form of floral planters, several seating areas and shrub beds, spring bulbs and hanging baskets. Shortly some new seats, part funded by our retiring Mayor, Barry Hopkinson, are to be provided at the Park Head, near to where the Civic Association last year designed and carried out a successful re-paving, planting and seating scheme, with a Bridge viewpoint. The second phase of the Heritage Lottery funded Parks Scheme at Pic Tor has just commenced, and recently the Town Council has managed to get County Highways agreement to a further planter at the Lime Tree Road/Lynholmes Road junction.

The Wild Thyme Community Garden at the Cavendish Road/Wellington Street junction continues to 'grow', but does really need more community volunteers to help maintain it. Likewise, the efforts of a small group of volunteers in Starkholmes deserve more support on the ground. All these contributions to Matlock's attractive appearance again gained plaudits from the East Midlands in Bloom judges, who awarded us a Silver Medal Certificate, with a Judges' Special Award for the Wild Thyme Garden.

HERITAGE CONSERVATION

No further conversion schemes have been approved or started during the past year, but the major development at Riber Castle has finally been approved by the Government. It remains to be seen how practical and sustainable such a scheme can be, and whether it can be completed without too intrusive an impact on Matlock's skyline, on Riber village or on the narrow lanes leading to it.

The HERS scheme to grant aid restoration and repair works to properties on Dale Road continue apace but may be curtailed within a year or so, even with additional funding from various sources.

The Civic Association's scheme to restore the wartime defence site at Bailey's Tump, Asker Lane, in conjunction with the Town Council, which is leasing the site, is now nearing completion, and should be another credit to both the Association and the town.

THE TOWN COUNCIL'S 'WATCHDOG' ROLE

Although we have limited direct powers, the Council has continued to make representations on behalf of local residents, the wider community and conservation principles, in order to ensure that other authorities make decision and take actions in Matlock's interest.

BALANCE SHEET

March 2006

ASSETS

Royal Bank of Scotland Current Account	£19,031.20	
Royal Bank of Scotland Special Interest Account	£4,830.48	
Royal Bank of Scotland Treasury Reserve	£160,000.00	
Royal Bank of Scotland Mayors' Account	£1,957.96	
Petty Cash	£200.00	
Shares	£223.30	¹
Debtors	£3,433.83	
Total ASSETS		£189,676.77

LIABILITIES

Creditors	£14,449.91	
VAT Due	(£4,190.41)	
Deposits Collected	£30.00	
PAYE	£1,044.62	
NIC	£861.21	
Pension Contributions	£1,824.61	
Union Contributions	£122.60	
Total LIABILITIES		£14,142.54

NET ASSETS

£175,534.23

CAPITAL

Current Earnings	£52,620.18	
Historial Balancing Account	£122,914.05	
Total CAPITAL		£175,534.23

¹ At 8 June 2006 these shares were trading at £11,761.68

Centrica	275.75 x 324 shares =	£893.43
HBOS	926.50 x 847 shares =	£7,847.45
National Grid	595.05 x 127 shares =	£756.28
BG Group	668.00 x 339 shares =	£2,264.52

PROFIT AND LOSS STATEMENT

April 2005 through March 2006

INCOME

2004-05

£215,404.00	PRECEPT		£225,097.00
	LETTINGS		
	General	£19,920.89	
	Events	£348.00	
	Commercial	£10,540.46	
	Equipment Hire	£348.00	
£24,006.24	Total LETTINGS		£31,157.35
	OFFICE INCOME		
	Photocopies	£27.54	
£31.02	Total OFFICE INCOME		£27.54
	ALLOTMENTS		
	Allotment Rents	£859.50	
£645.00	Total ALLOTMENTS		£859.50
	INTEREST AND INVESTMENTS		
	RBS interest	£7,778.84	
	Share Dividend	£445.96	
£6,831.29	Total INTEREST & INVESTMENTS		£8,224.80
	MATLOCK IN BLOOM		
	Hanging Baskets	£2,411.91	
	Floral Displays	£40.00	
£2,650.00	Total MATLOCK IN BLOOM		£2,451.91
	MISCELLANEOUS		
	Miscellaneous	£525.73	
	Farmers' Markets	£225.00	
	Mayors' Charity	£1,668.85	
£8,259.51	Total MISCELLANEOUS		£2,449.58
	FUNDING		
	Environmental Grants	£838.80	
	Rural Community Access Fund	£3,342.50	
£2,344.60	Total FUNDING		£4,181.30
£260,171.66	TOTAL INCOME		£274,448.98

PROFIT AND LOSS STATEMENT

April 2005 through March 2006

EXPENSES

2004-05

IMPERIAL ROOMS		
Business Rates	£6,963.00	
Caretaker Supplies	£144.40	
P P E (Staff clothing)	£295.88	
Maintenance & Improvements	£10,335.18	
Imperial Rooms Miscellaneous	£247.56	
Bad Debts	£45.75	
Imperial Rooms – Services		
Heating (Gas)	£2,476.59	
Lighting (Electric)	£1,245.96	
Water	£1,419.52	
Waste Disposal	£888.56	
£22,739.97	Total IMPERIAL ROOMS	£24,062.40
SALARIES		
Caretakers	£23,089.65	
Outdoor Staff	£25,030.25	
Office Staff	£47,743.13	
Employers National Insurance	£5,546.06	
Employers Pension Contribution	£17,867.17	
Planning Consultancy	£742.50	
£128,862.26	Total SALARIES	£120,018.76
ANNUAL EXPENSES		
Audit Costs	£825.00	
Entertainment Licences	£1,267.33	
Annual Subscriptions	£1,347.71	
Insurance	£241.37	
Computer Contracts	£3,203.10	
£14,344.48	Total ANNUAL EXPENSES	£6,884.51
OFFICE EXPENDITURE		
Postage	£971.97	
Stationery	£386.83	
Office Equipment	£324.23	
Telephone	£1,172.17	
Computer	£5,774.00	
Photocopier Rental	£785.02	
£5,944.17	Total OFFICE EXPENDITURE	£9,414.22
ADVERTISING		
Adverts in Press	£973.93	

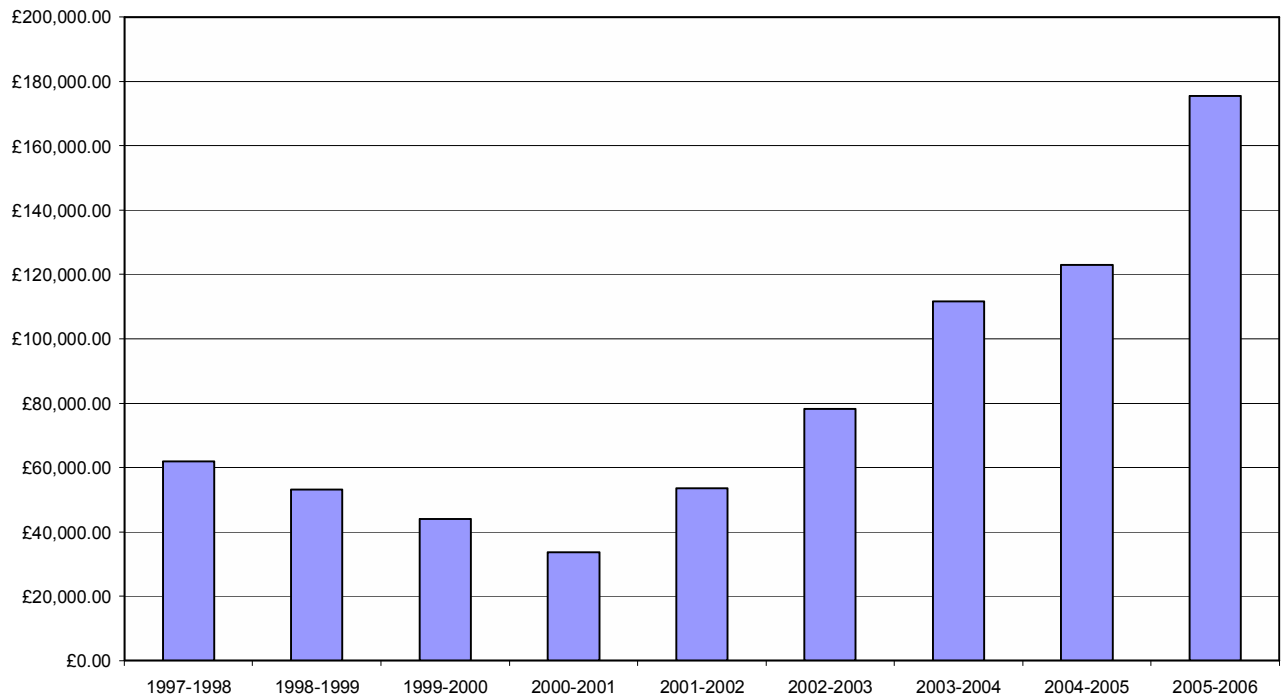
£616.08	Total ADVERTISING		<u>£973.93</u>
	SECTION 137 EXPENSES		
£2,465.00	Community Grants	£3,930.00	
	Other Grants		
£669.00	Friends of DDVSS	£669.00	
£500.00	Twinning		
£378.00	Remembrance Sunday	£363.00	
£1,000.00	H E R S Project	£2,000.00	
	Total SECTION 137 EXPENSES		<u>£6,962.00</u>
	CITIZENS ADVICE BUREAU		
	CAB annual grant	£1,000.00	
£1,000.00	Total CITIZENS ADVICE BUREAU		<u>£1,000.00</u>
	ENVIRONMENT		
	Footpath maintenance	£341.72	
	Denefields	£352.54	
	Equipment & Maintenance of	£608.56	
	Street Furniture & maintenance	£11,163.54	
	Plants/Bulbs/Trees	£1,376.30	
	Environment – other	£2,743.02	
£4,633.53	Total ENVIRONMENT		<u>£16,585.68</u>
	MATLOCK IN BLOOM		
	Floral Displays	£5,041.51	
	Sunflower Competition	£5.11	
	Awards Evening	£126.56	
£4,585.39	Total MATLOCK IN BLOOM		<u>£5,173.18</u>
	CHRISTMAS LIGHTS		
	Lightbulbs and refurbishment	£463.85	
	Installation and removal	£9,929.86	
	Electricity payments	£2,122.84	
£27,073.28	Total CHRISTMAS LIGHTS		<u>£12,516.55</u>
	CHRISTMAS WEEKEND		
	Christmas Weekend	£41.00	
£8,422.01	Total CHRISTMAS WEEKEND		<u>£41.00</u>
£7.00	BANK CHARGES		
	MAYOR		
	Mayors' allowance	£162.97	
	Mayors' charity	£1,026.09	
£2,113.07	Total MAYOR		<u>£1,189.06</u>
	MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES		
	Miscellaneous expenses	£881.11	
	End of year adjustments	£1,911.63	

	Courses/Seminars/Training	£525.03	
	Publications/Literature	£7.00	
	Stock Adjustments	£1,146.03	
£5,196.78	Total Miscellaneous		£4,470.80
	VEHICLE COSTS		
	Fuel	£1,446.61	
	Maintenance	£26.90	
	Insurance and Road Tax	£610.96	
	Van Lease	£3,982.42	
£5,147.26	Total VEHICLE COSTS		£6,066.89
	ALLOTMENTS		
	Allotments – miscellaneous	£80.10	
	Allotment Water charges	£136.90	
£529.87	Total ALLOTMENTS		£217.00
	PROJECTS		
£6,436.78	Matlock Parks Project	£3,563.22	
£2,500.00	Sports Hall/Swimming Baths	£2,500.00	
£3,669.94	Town Improvements – general	£189.60	
	Total PROJECTS		£6,252.82
£248,833.87	TOTAL EXPENSES		£221,828.80
£11,337.79	NET PROFIT/(LOSS)		£52,620.18

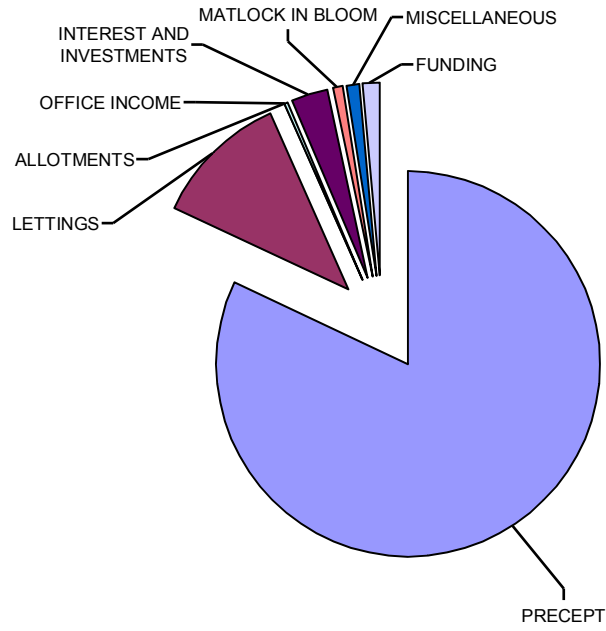
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE - YEARLY TRENDS



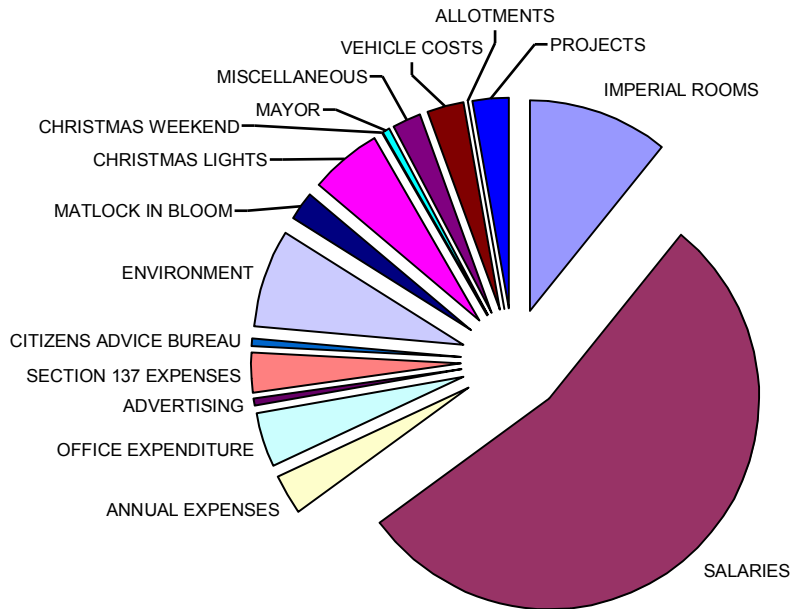
YEAR END BALANCES - TREND



INCOME AT A GLANCE



EXPENDITURE AT A GLANCE



MATLOCK TOWN COUNCIL

SUPPORTING NOTES YEAR ENDING 31 MARCH 2006

1 ASSETS

Movements in the Year:

(a) During the year the following assets were purchased at the cost shown:

	COST (£)
New Computer system (5 workstations and associated equipment)	5,090.00
10 folding tables (replacements)	1,104.70
Electric Christmas Tree Cutting Machine	1,925.00
4 Noticeboards, carpark signs and fairtrade signs	<u>7,237.00</u>
	15,356.70

b) During the year the following assets were sold for the amount shown:

	RECEIPT (£)
None	0.00

c) At 31 March 2006 the following assets were held:

Asset	Basis of valuation	Value (£)
Building - Imperial Rooms	Insurance	508,630.37
Fittings	Insurance	40,409.65
Office Equipment	Cost	16,390.76
Tools	Cost	6,892.00
External fixtures and fittings incl bus shelters, storage container, seats etc.	Cost	98,928.35

Land:

Allotments at Chesterfield Road 2.3 Acres
(Council legally obliged to maintain and provide the land for public allotment use)

NIL

d) Investments

324 shares - **Centrica** - Nominal face value
127 shares – **National Grid** (Lattice) - Nominal face value
847 shares – **HBOS** (Halifax) - Nominal face value
339 shares – **BG Group** – Nominal face value

2 LEASES

Lease agreement number	with	for	Monthly cost £
5141027	Lex Vehicle Leasing Ltd t/a Business Partner	Ford Ranger 2.5TD Regular 4x4m and Truckman Top Registration no: YP05 HJA	307.52

Terms:

5 year contract, full maintenance. Annual mileage limit 10,000. 1 advance payment of £922.55 followed by 59 monthly payments. Excess mileage 7.6 pence per mile.

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3 BORROWINGS

None

4 DEBTS OUTSTANDING

As at 31 March 2006 debts of £3,433.83 were outstanding and due to the Council.

	VALUE (£)
Less than 1 month old	2,356.67
Between 1 and 2 months	98.91
Between 2 and 3 months	978.25
Between 3 and 6 months	0.00
Over 6 months old	0.00
	<u>3,433.83</u>

5 TENANCIES

During the year the following tenancies were held:

Council as Landlord:

Tenant	Property	Rent p.a.(£)
Allotment holders	52 plots at Chesterfield Road	17.50 per plot

6 137 PAYMENTS

Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972 enables parish councils to spend up to the product of £5.14 per head of electorate for the benefit of people in the area on activities or projects not specifically authorised by other powers.

The limit for this Council in the year ended 31 March 2006 was £38,945.78 and the payments made were as follows:

Payee	Nature of payment	£
Wild Thyme Community Garden	Community Grant	200.00
Matlock Live	Community Grant	250.00
Friends of DDVSS	Community Grant	669.00
Starkholmes & District Thursday Club	Community Grant	150.00
Mid Derbyshire Citizens Advice Bureau	Community Grant	1,000.00
Derbyshire Coalition for Living	Community Grant	250.00
Matlock Age Concern	Community Grant	80.00
Matlock Derwent Valley Lions	Community Grant	250.00
Hurst Farm Community Association	Community Grant	200.00
Wild Thyme	Community Grant	200.00
All Saints Juniors	Community Grant	350.00
Mid Derbyshire Citizens Advice Bureau	Community Grant	1,000.00
H E R S Project	Grant	2,000.00
Remembrance Sunday	Grant	363.00
	TOTAL	<u>6,962.00</u>

7 AGENCY WORK

During the year the Council undertook no agency work on behalf of other authorities.

8 ADVERTISING AND PUBLICITY

The following costs for advertising and publicity were incurred during the year:

Advertising and publicity	£
	<u>973.93</u>
	<u>973.93</u>

9 PENSIONS

The Council holds a Pension Scheme for its employees through Derbyshire County Council. This is linked to the Local Government Pension Scheme. Employers payments made during the year amount to £ 17,867.17.

10 CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

The following provision has been made to cover costs incurred at elections:

Election expenses	Financial Year 2003-2004	800.00
Election expenses	Financial Year 2004-2005	800.00
Election expenses	Financial Year 2005-2006	<u>800.00</u>
		<u>2,400.00</u>

11 CAPITAL RESERVES

None

12 EARMARKED RESERVES

None

Signed:

S Burfoot
Chairman

Signed:

S. C. Smith.
Town Clerk/RFO

Date:

19 June 2006

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