



# **MATLOCK TOWN COUNCIL**

## **ANNUAL REPORT 2009-2010**

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



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## SUMMARY OF THE WORK OF THE TOWN COUNCIL DURING 2009-2010

### INTRODUCTION

The Council has 11 elected members. The election in May 2007, saw 1 Conservative gain, with the Council now consisting of 7 Liberal Democrat Councillors and 4 Conservative Councillors. 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. Cllr Tony Rosser (*Starkholmes and Riber Ward*) passed away in April 2009 with Cllr Ian Milne being elected on 4 June 2009.

### THE COUNCIL

The full Council oversees all activities that the Council undertakes. It has seven committees and working parties; Finance and Audit, Christmas, Matlock in Bloom, Health and Safety and Complaints, Staff Review and Projects. None of the groups currently have delegated powers – the full Council makes all decisions.

The full Council meets at 7.00pm in the Small Hall of the Imperial Rooms in Matlock, on the first and third Monday of each Month (they do not meet on the second Monday in August). Committees meet by agreement. Prior notification of meetings is always given via the Imperial Rooms notice board on the front of the building, on our website and other noticeboards in the Town. 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

The document is currently under review.

#### **Quality Council Status**

The Clerk has attained the CiLCA certificate, which enables the Council to apply for Quality Council Status which they hope to do in 2010-2011.

#### **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.

Throughout the year, the Council participates in various activities throughout the town, supports local groups and organisations and manages several open spaces.

**Open Spaces:**

Chesterfield Allotment Site  
Denefields  
Princess Diana Memorial Garden (Hillside)  
Kiln Park  
Bailey's Tump  
Prospect Drive (Verge)  
Wishingstone Way (Verge)  
Wild Thyme Community Garden

**Activities:**

Matlock Victorian Christmas Weekend  
Participation in East Midlands in Bloom  
Organisation of Matlock in Bloom  
Provision of Hanging Baskets/Planters  
Grant Aid for local groups and organisations  
Remembrance Sunday  
Farmers' Markets  
Summer Music events in the Park  
Support for the Matlock Partnership  
Support for Matlock Live  
Weekly Denefields Volunteer Activities  
Programme of events and activities on Denefields

In order to fulfil its duties and maintain the Imperial Rooms and Open Spaces, the Council employs 9 members of staff, 5 of which are part-time, and funds a Project Officer from Groundwork, Derby and Derbyshire to facilitate work on Denefields. All the Council staff are committed to helping residents and visitors to Matlock.

**Publicity**

The Council believes that it is important to keep its residents informed of their activities. They have 8 noticeboards throughout the town with 3 of these being in the town centre. It is hoped that a further noticeboard will be installed at the superstore shortly. Members of the local press normally attend council meetings.

The Town Council website has been a great success, attracting increasingly more and more visitor numbers. It is proving to be a valuable community resource and will be 'refreshed' in the forthcoming year.

The Council also publishes a quarterly newsletter which is distributed to all households in Matlock and sent via email to those requesting a copy.

**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 wishes to continue to explore the possibility of developing the rooms as a more valued resource within the local community and has recently installed free WiFi as part of the Matlock WiFi project run by the Matlock Partnership. The Reception area is fully staffed and is open Monday to Friday from 9.30am to 4.30pm and is frequently used by both residents and visitors.

### **The Civic Function**

This year the Civic Service and reception was held at All Saint's Church, Smedley Street, Matlock. 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.

## **CONCLUSION**

Matlock Town Council and its staff work hard to keep local resident and visitors to Matlock well informed and represented. With the planned regeneration initiatives starting to take effect, Matlock is set to become a more vibrant and welcoming place to visit and live.

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 2009/2010

**MATLOCK TOWN COUNCIL**

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## Mayors Report

It does not seem like twelve months since I took over the office of Mayor of our town, which I have regarded as a great honour. Jacquie and I have represented Matlock not only here in the Town, but in the County and beyond with great pride. It is heartening to hear the good remarks that people make about our beautiful town

I started my year by saying that I wanted us to celebrate living in Matlock and the rich array of talent we have particularly in our young people.

The numbers of events I have attended during the year are just too numerous to mention, but regardless of whether they have been small or large it has been a privilege to attend on behalf of the Town Council.

I would however like to mention some of those events, the first of which is the Starkhomes Gala. This year I had to do a double act performing the opening ceremony, and doing my usual job as compare. Introducing myself was an all time first.

I was also pleased to join officials of Matlock Town Football Club in the Directors Box at Pride Park to see Matlock Town defeat Belper Town to win the Derbyshire Cup.

The Civic year does contain many formal engagements The Regimental Pilgrimage to the War Memorial at Crich, the High Sheriff's Civic Reception at Repton, the Remembrance Day parade and service and many Civic Services and Civic Dinners across the County. Perhaps one of the highlights was to attend the St. Georges Day Parade and celebration of One Hundred Years of Scouting in Matlock and Ashbourne. I was very proud that this service was held here in Matlock at the Methodist and United Reform Church.

My own Civic Service was held at All Saints Church, which was packed for the occasion, and saw the standards of the Towns organisations being presented during the service, which was very moving. I was also very pleased that the New Archdeacon of Chesterfield The Venerable Christine Wilson agreed to come and preach.

It was an honour for me to be involved in the Derbyshire Dales District Council ceremony which granted the 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion The Mercian Regiment the Freedom to march through Matlock.

The event that perhaps will remain not just in my memory, but also in the memory of many of the people who live in and around Matlock, was the 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion Mercian Regiments Freedom March through the Town on the 19<sup>th</sup> March. This was a very moving occasion, and gave the Town the chance to show their appreciation to the men and women of the Regiment. The Town looked resplendent with all the flags flying and the route lined with people of all ages.

In the evening I organised a concert at County Hall, to end the day's celebrations, and to raise money for the Regiments Welfare and Benevolent Fund. The hall was packed with an enthusiastic audience to hear Matlock Musical Theatre and The Sheffield Concert Band perform songs from the shows.

Two other concerts at County Hall were also very enjoyable occasions, one was in aid of the Chernobyl children's lifeline and was by the Vestnitsa award winning junior folk ensemble from Belarus who were on tour in the UK with Circus Kids from Minsk and the other was The Dale Diva annual concert.

The Matlock Victorian Christmas Weekend this year reached its highest attendance numbers to date, and is appreciated not only by the people who live in and around the town, but also by people from other parts of the County, the Region and the Country. It was the first time that I had left off from comparing the event to take part in the Parade. This year the committee will be working with Matlock Live to make the parade even better.

I now want to turn to the Army and Air Cadets, and thank them for their help at the Christmas Event and at many other events throughout the year. I have been the first Mayor of Matlock to have a Mayors Army Cadet, and I hope in future the Air Cadets will also nominate a Mayor's Cadet.

My thanks must go to my Cadet John Clark for all the help he has given me during my year, and to Matlock Army Cadets for helping at my fund raising events.

My Civic Awards this year were presented at the reception after the Civic Service and continued on my theme of the talent of the young people of our Town, and Highfields School and its feeder schools who contribute so much to the life of our town. The task was impossible, so I decided to give a special award to the Head Master of Highfields School to embrace the whole range of talent which is present in the school. I did however make some very special achievement awards, which were to:

Emma Erskine 2010 English Champion in Kick Boxing and a member of the England Team for the World Championships in Portugal later this year

James Thraves who has been selected for the under 16's England Rugby Squad and has played for England.

Jonathon Wingard & Samuel Aitken who won the prestigious national competition The Young storyteller of the year which is supported by the Arts Council of England

George Kawalek who throughout the last seven years has made an enormous contribution to music in Highfields school both as a performer and a composer and is held in the highest regard by the schools music department.

The final award went to Jim Page for his many years of commitment to scouting in Matlock and his contribution as a school governor.

I started my year with a visit from our Twinned Town of Eaubonne in France, and also visited their Town as one of my last Mayoral engagements. The warmth of their welcome was something that I shall not forget, and I look forward to meeting them again when they visit Matlock next year.

Another important mile stone for the Town was the start by Derbyshire Dales District Council of our new Leisure Centre and Swimming Pool at the Dimple. This follows on from the renovation of Hall Leys Park, which has now overtaken Bath Gardens as the most appreciated and visited park in our District. The plans for new public toilets are now under discussion and along with other town centre projects will continue the regeneration of our Town.

My Charities this year have been Helens Trust and the Mercian Regiments Welfare and Benevolent Fund.

The Mayors Charity Fund has raised around £3500 in total and the presentations will take place later in the meeting.

My thanks go to the Town Clerk Sue Smith and all the staff of the Town Council who have been a great help to me during my Mayoral year.

May I finish by thanking all of my fellow Councillors for their support during the year!  
I feel that through the finance committee, we have made progress, in looking at our financial situation and how it is presented to both the Council Members, and our Council Tax Payers, and that the Council will move forward as it prepares for the difficult and uncertain times which lie ahead for our Country.

I have had really outstanding year and I wish the next Mayor every success in their year of office.

Cllr Geoff Stevens.

Mayor of Matlock 2009/2010

**MATLOCK TOWN COUNCIL**  
**GREEN CHARTER – ANNUAL ENVIRONMENT AUDIT, MAY 2010**  
Cllr Martin Burfoot, Lead Councillor for the Environment

### **COUNCIL MANAGEMENT**

The Council has continued to clear overgrowth from the most used of our 26 miles of **public footpaths**, but this has to compete with other maintenance work, so its success or otherwise needs to be reviewed. The contract with the Groundwork Trust has allowed the employment of a part-time Project Officer, who has supervised a team of willing volunteers, mainly at **Denefields**, but also on other sites with some useful management and repair tasks. The Council also maintains bus shelters and other land which we own.

A small scheme to prune or fell most of the trees managed by the Council at the top of **Wishingstone Way** has just been carried out by a local tree surgery contractor. Replacement trees are being planted by local residents.

The planned revamp and extension of the **Imperial Rooms** has not been progressed, mainly due to lack of an external funding source. However, the cramped conditions for Council staff demanded a minor improvement scheme, which has been carried out mainly by the Council's own staff.

### **WILDLIFE CONSERVATION**

Denefields has continued to benefit from the regular efforts, not only of the **Groundwork Project Officer**, but also of an enthusiastic and willing group of volunteers working under her supervision. The group includes Bill Quinlan – our volunteer warden for Denefields.

The Council has had some problems with encroachment over our boundary by Matlock Town Football Club's building project – during which a number of trees planted by the Council some 17 years ago have been damaged. More trees and shrubs have been planted by the volunteers to augment the hedge planted a couple of years ago. Other conservation work has been undertaken, using external grant aid, eg a **wildlife pond** and further tree and shrub planting, some of it with local school children, as well as a survey of the site's flora and an interpretation plaque. Dogs continue to be a nuisance.

Bailey's Tump, off Asker Lane The Town Council manages this site as a useful area of public open space and as a focus for wartime historians, but also as an important grassland conservation and wildlife haven, with grassland and hedgerow habitats.

Tree Management It is also unfortunate that neither of the two principal councils are pro-active as regards tree and shrub planting for conservation or amenity purposes, particularly on highway land. For instance, alongside Matlock's relief road, **Derwent Way**, the mediocre Sainsbury's landscaping scheme did not allow for adequate numbers of forest-type trees. Transition Matlock members have helped to boost this aspect of the town's environment by transplanting native trees from where they are likely to be removed in the future, mainly to the **Cavendish Playing Fields**, where they will help to provide both screening and shelter.

Conservation Projects Apart from the Town Council's work at Denefields, we have been impressed by conservation projects at All Saints Junior and Infants Schools as well as St Joseph's Primary School. The wildlife pond project on the Chesterfield Road allotments site is now maturing. The Council has recently contributed to a proposal by the **Transition Matlock** Group to establish a **Community Orchard** at **Kiln Park** below Megdale on Sheriff Fields by providing 27 fruit trees. The trees were planted by Transition Matlock members, with help from some enthusiastic local residents.

## LITTER AND WASTE MANAGEMENT / RECYCLING

This issue continues to provoke complaints from residents, as in previous years. In particular, both **cigarette butts** and **chewing gum** have become a serious problem in the vicinity of pubs and bars in Matlock town centre, where landlords are not providing adequate disposal facilities. The District Council does not appear to have any facilities to remove chewing gum from the town centre's already unsightly streets, something which will be needed in addition to adapted litter bins, after completion of the current re-paving scheme.

Residents have demanded a locally accessible **Civic Amenity Recycling Site** for many years, so the imminent construction of a new centre at Harrison Way, Northwood, is very welcome, partly as a deterrent to fly tipping in lay-bys and on verges around the edge of the town. In the meantime the Saturday morning bulky waste collection service continues to offer a part-substitute. Despite the presence of the Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act, there is little evidence that it has had any effect whatsoever. The litter problem seems to be worst at weekends.

**Road sweeping** and **gully emptying** is still inefficient and must be improved, especially on Snitterton Road and most of Matlock Bank. Many gullies have been blocked and some inoperative for years, thereby increasing surface water run-off, exacerbated by grit after this year's 'big freeze'. There need to be more examples of sustainable drainage in the town, to reduce run-off.

The household **waste collection** scheme remains unchanged, but there is still some evidence that a minority of residents are disposing of excessive amounts of residual waste. The 'green bin' compostable waste recycling scheme has been a great success. However, residents whose properties are less accessible continue to complain about the lack of an alternative, bag system using biodegradable plastic bags, but nothing has yet materialised. There are apparently plans to extend kerbside collection of recyclables to include cans, which will be a welcome improvement, but plastic should have been included as it is more bulky and therefore difficult to store.

## RENEWABLE ENERGY

Relaxation of planning restrictions nationally ought to have increased the number of renewable energy schemes locally, but the failure of the appeal against the District Council's refusal of planning consent for **Matlock Moor Wind Farm** could set a precedent for future proposals, although technology and design improvements should make such features less obtrusive in future. As building works are finalised, it is regrettable that it was not possible to install **green roofs** and **solar panels** on the new **Bakewell Road apartments**. Sainsbury's supermarket and its car park is still a source of **light pollution**, illuminating half of Matlock since the day it opened.

## MATLOCK'S TRANSPORT LINKS, PARKING AND TOWN CENTRE REGENERATION

In the past year, the signage defects of the town centre **relief road** have been corrected. This scheme has been vastly over-engineered, over-signed and encourages excessive speeds over short distances. Its succession of **traffic signals** and the new **Puffin-type crossings** produce a polluting and unsustainable driving style and congestion on Dale Road for most of the day. Pedestrians using the RBS colonnade crossing or the Snitterton Road junction still feel unsafe. Obviously a roundabout would have been preferable here, to help keep the traffic moving more consistently.

The entire scheme is dominated by tarmac, concrete and steel, and lacks any consciously designed landscaping as mitigation. Most of the **trees and shrubs** were poorly planted and some have died and not been replaced, eg, in the area adjoining the Train Station. The vast bus station

forecourt and car park are badly designed and exclusively tarmac, with no internal trees. The **'ugly footbridge'** and ramp remain graffiti covered, and completely unsuited to a Conservation Area, while adjoining a listed building and Victorian Station.

All these features of the scheme tend to downgrade its quality in the eyes of both residents and visitors. The outcome remains very disappointing to residents and the Town Council, who have had no responsibility for it.

The lack of convenient **car parking** facilities at a reasonable price, close to the town centre, still provokes concern from traders, workers, residents and visitors alike, and the Station car park remains under-used.

There is still some uncertainty surrounding the commencement of **residential development** in **Cawdor Quarry**. The 'knock on' effect of this is the postponement of infrastructure works, including new roads and the effective treatment of the unsightly, former **quarry slopes** behind the relief road and railway. The long awaited go-ahead was given last year by Network Rail to allow **Peak Rail's** extension into **Matlock Station**, after years of constant debate. The necessary engineering work is currently being carried out.

A major, commercial re-development scheme for **Halldale Quarry**, albeit with major impact concerns, is currently being considered by the District Council.

The 'one-way' system over **Matlock Bridge**, still causes traffic to back-up through Crown Square during peak periods sensitively designed and. The raised **roundabout** on **Bakewell Road** has now been improved, but with a standard and insignificant annual bedding scheme, without a central sculpture feature, to provide a worthy focal point, as proposed by the Town Council.

**Traffic problems** – parking and HGV access – on **Snitterton Road's** cul-de-sac remain a problem for residents and the pedestrian access to Sainsbury's continues to deteriorate as it provides a route for surface water run-off.

#### **TRAFFIC CALMING AND ROAD SAFETY**

The last few months have been taken up with a confusing period of extensive but rushed consultations from the District Council about various stages of the engineering design proposals for a re-vamped **Crown Square**.

The **'shared space'** principles, put forward by the Civic Association, would have been beneficial to the town centre, but have largely been omitted from the scheme being constructed around Crown Square. The long promised, experimental **pedestrianisation** of Matlock Bridge has now been rejected by the County Council, while residents have been assured that significant traffic calming and vehicle deterrent measures on **Starkholmes Road**, where 'rat-running' is now endemic, will be put forward for consultation in the near future.

**Crown Square** and the roads – Bank Road, Bakewell Road, Causeway Lane, as well as the bridge itself – radiating from it are currently being re-paved as part of the mainly externally funded, **£1.2million scheme** (most of it from DEP and Sainsbury's). The footways are being extended and re-paved with Yorkstone flags and gritstone kerbs, which is a major improvement, but will contrast starkly with the unsightly patched tarmac surfacing beyond the extent of the scheme; the railings replaced by bollards (with chains), which are likely to become a trip hazard or play equipment and will still not prevent people from crossing; new 'Puffin'-type pedestrian crossings; replacement of modern with old-style street lamps; and some landscaping in the form of six new trees. The focal point 'crown' roundabout feature is to be replaced by a larger one, but as yet there is no agreement about an acceptable design.

## **TOWNSCAPE ENHANCEMENT**

As in previous years, the Town Council has tended to take responsibility for enhancement schemes in the town, in conjunction with the Civic Association, in the absence of any initiatives by the County and District Councils. The **Wild Thyme Community Garden** group, after designing and putting forward an impressive scheme for traditional-style posts and chains along the Cavendish Road boundary of the site, have now handed over responsibility for future maintenance to the Town Council.

Likewise, the **Bailey's Tump** site, which has enhanced the Asker Lane area, has also been leased and adopted for maintenance by the Town Council.

Last year, the Town Council adopted and enhanced a small District Council owned site on lower **Wellington Street**. That area, as well as the paths around the Imperial Rooms and the Wild Thyme garden, still need to be surface dressed with suitable stone chippings.

## **HERITAGE CONSERVATION**

Very few schemes have been completed during the year, but work has continued on parts of **Riber Castle** and its outbuildings

## **THE TOWN COUNCIL'S WATCHDOG ROLE**

The Town Council has made representations on every planning application submitted in Matlock, as well as highway schemes and other environmental and policy proposals. It has constantly been vigilant and has commented on many other proposals affecting the town.

*Cllr Martin Burfoot*

*10/05/2010*

## REPORT OF MEMBER FOR REGENERATION MAY 2009

### **Publicity**

Staff have been working hard on the production of 'Matlock Alive' the Town Councils information sheet. We hope to continue with 4 seasonal issues per year but an opportunity has arisen to increase publicity by updating the councils website.

The Council also needs to monitor information leaflets, distribution and their effectiveness as and when stocks run out.

### **Business**

The production of a business database, business drop in sessions, regular meetings and consultation with trades people are important in building a sound base for discussions on the economic wellbeing of the town. However I have to report that I have resigned from the Matlock Partnership as I felt that there was no clear support or direction of the group, the WIFI project did not receive the support first portrayed, the structure had to be reviewed and active membership was slow.

### **Community**

We continue to expand on the 'bands in park' programme and see a need to try and encourage other types of music and events by working with local artists and performers.

The encouragement of young people participating in environmental projects and activities through work on Denefields, in schools and on Hurst Farm is important in harnessing future respect for our countryside.

### **Farmers' Market**

Our farmers' market is still popular and attracting new stall holders and a range of local produce, however we must find new ways to increase visitor numbers, again publicity and support is vital to it's success.

### **Imperial Rooms**

A recent report came to our notice concerning unwelcome activity in the grounds of the Imperial Rooms where action was clearly needed to revamp the area on the Edge Road elevation of the gardens and a scheme was put forward to give a more open aspect with safety in mind.

Another issue has arisen from the use of stiletto heels while dancing in the large hall, investigations are ongoing. We continue to monitor and review the rooms as and when necessary with an annual audit due soon.

### **Projects**

The Wild Thyme Garden project was completed and is a credit to the work of this Council, further work is anticipated with a new/refurbished notice board. The problems with funding contributions were resolved and licenses agreed due to the continued efforts of our staff.

### **Project review**

As the group took on more than 20 projects a review was needed to prioritise tasks and ensure the best use of staff time to maximise benefits to the Town Council.

Some issues need consultation with other authorities and land owners, arranging meetings with partners in the community have been slow and the timing of projects need to be considered.

**Priorities for the next 12 months**

In the year ahead we have to realise the financial restraints on the local economy and try to further enhance local partnerships with goodwill, positivity and commitment.

Work should concentrate on the Council's aims to achieve Quality Status and work plans for staff, whilst continuing to improve publications and update the website. Any new projects or areas of work should be directed by the full council.

Cllr Steve Flitter  
Lead member for Regeneration

## BALANCE SHEET

March 2010

### ASSETS

Royal Bank of Scotland Current Account	£1,692.59	
Royal Bank of Scotland Special Interest Account	£91,810.35	
Royal Bank of Scotland Mayors' Account	£2,058.21	
Petty Cash	£200.00	
Undeposited Funds	£4,175.91	
Shares	£223.30	<sup>1</sup>
Debtors	£3,464.85	
<b>Total ASSETS</b>		<b>£103,625.21</b>

### LIABILITIES

Creditors	£4,804.64	
VAT Due	-£19,862.82	
Deposits Collected	£275.26	
PAYE	£1,264.40	
NIC	£1,318.59	
Pension Contributions	£3,213.23	
<b>Total LIABILITIES</b>		<b>-£8,986.70</b>

### NET ASSETS

**£112,611.91**

### CAPITAL

Current Earnings	-£46,025.58	
Historial Balancing Account	£158,637.49	
<b>Total CAPITAL</b>		<b>£112,611.91</b>

<sup>1</sup> At 5 May 2010 these shares were trading at £5,592.20

Centrica	292.70p x 324 shares =	£ 948.35
Lloyds Banking Group (HBOS)	60.10p x 538 shares =	£ 323.39
National Grid	626.00p x 111 shares =	£ 694.86
BG Group	1069.50p x 339 shares =	£ 3,625.60

## PROFIT AND LOSS STATEMENT

April 2009 through March 2010

### INCOME

<u>2008-09</u>			
244,000	PRECEPT		£244,000.00
	<b>THE COMMUNITY</b>		
	General	£25,057.45	
	Events	£6,204.91	
	Commercial	£6,746.98	
35,427	<b>Total THE COMMUNITY</b>		<b>£38,009.34</b>
	<b>ADMINISTRATION</b>		
	Photocopies	£21.60	
	RBS Interest	£549.18	
	Share Dividend	£122.08	
	Mayor's Charity	£5,203.47	
	Miscellaneous	-£19,864.45	
-25,333	<b>Total ADMINISTRATION</b>		<b>-£13,968.12</b>
	<b>THE ENVIRONMENT</b>		
	Allotment Rents	£1,179.00	
	Hanging Baskets	£1,285.00	
	Floral Displays	£80.00	
	Environmental Grants	£565.00	
20,836	<b>Total THE ENVIRONMENT</b>		<b>£3,109.00</b>
	<b>PROJECTS AND REGENERATION</b>		
	Farmers' Market income	£2,193.00	
	Christmas Weekend	£19,007.69	
	Town Trails - sales	£618.57	
21,467	<b>Total PROJECTS &amp; REGENERATION</b>		<b>£21,819.26</b>
296,397	<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>		<b><u>£292,969.48</u></b>

**EXPENSES**

2008-09

**THE COMMUNITY**

IMPERIAL ROOMS

Business Rates £8,002.50

*Maintenance and Improvements*

Fire Alarm service £343.60

Security Alarm Service £94.79

Gas Boiler Service £190.00

Washroom Services £288.29

General Maintenance Costs £1,765.30

Large Hall Floor Maintenance £725.00

Electrical Testing/lights £598.45

Imperial Rooms Misc £1,430.44

Office Refurbishment  
(Computer & Telephone system) £8,932.53

*Imperial Rooms - Services*

Heating (Gas) £2,411.13

Lighting (Electricity) £3,185.52

Water £2,030.52

Waste Disposal £877.50

Imperial Rooms Bad Debts £35.60

Janitorial Supplies £821.31

Christmas Weekend £22,267.69

Election costs £891.39

Citizens Advice Bureau £1,000.00

S 137 EXPENSES

Community Grants £5,932.00

Remembrance Sunday £609.00

CHRISTMAS LIGHTS

Christmas light refurbishment & testing £995.00

Christmas lighting - new £13,808.00

Christmas light installation and removal £19,414.35

Christmas electricity payments £723.37

73,663

**Total THE COMMUNITY**

**£97,373.28**

**ADMINISTRATION**

Audit Costs £1,182.50

Entertainment

licenses £643.35

Annual Subscriptions £391.50

Insurance £5,489.81

Computer Contracts £3,757.50

Bank Charges £808.65

*Office Expenditure*

Postage £1,014.40

Stationery and Supplies £937.97

Office Equipment £135.80

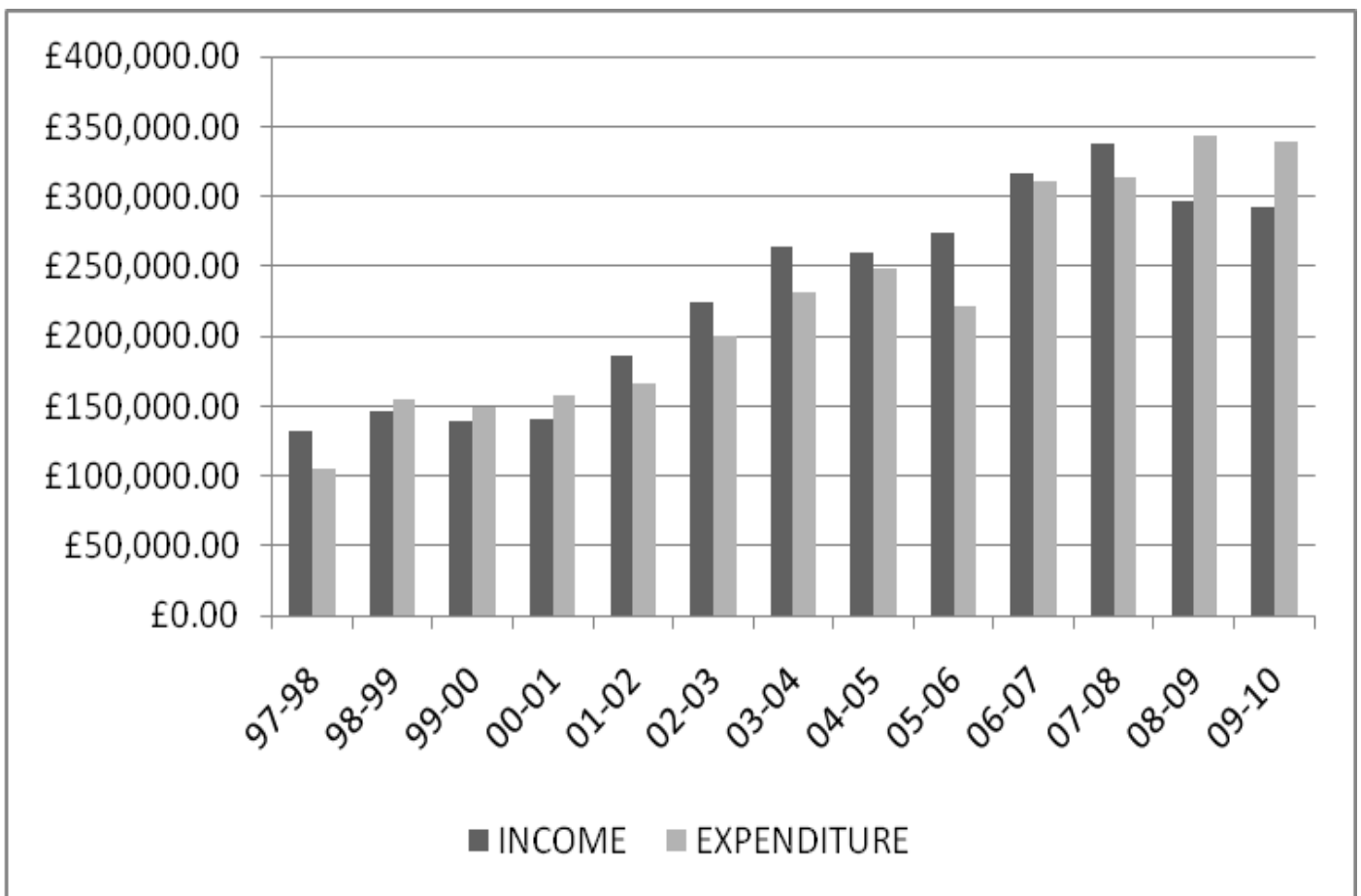
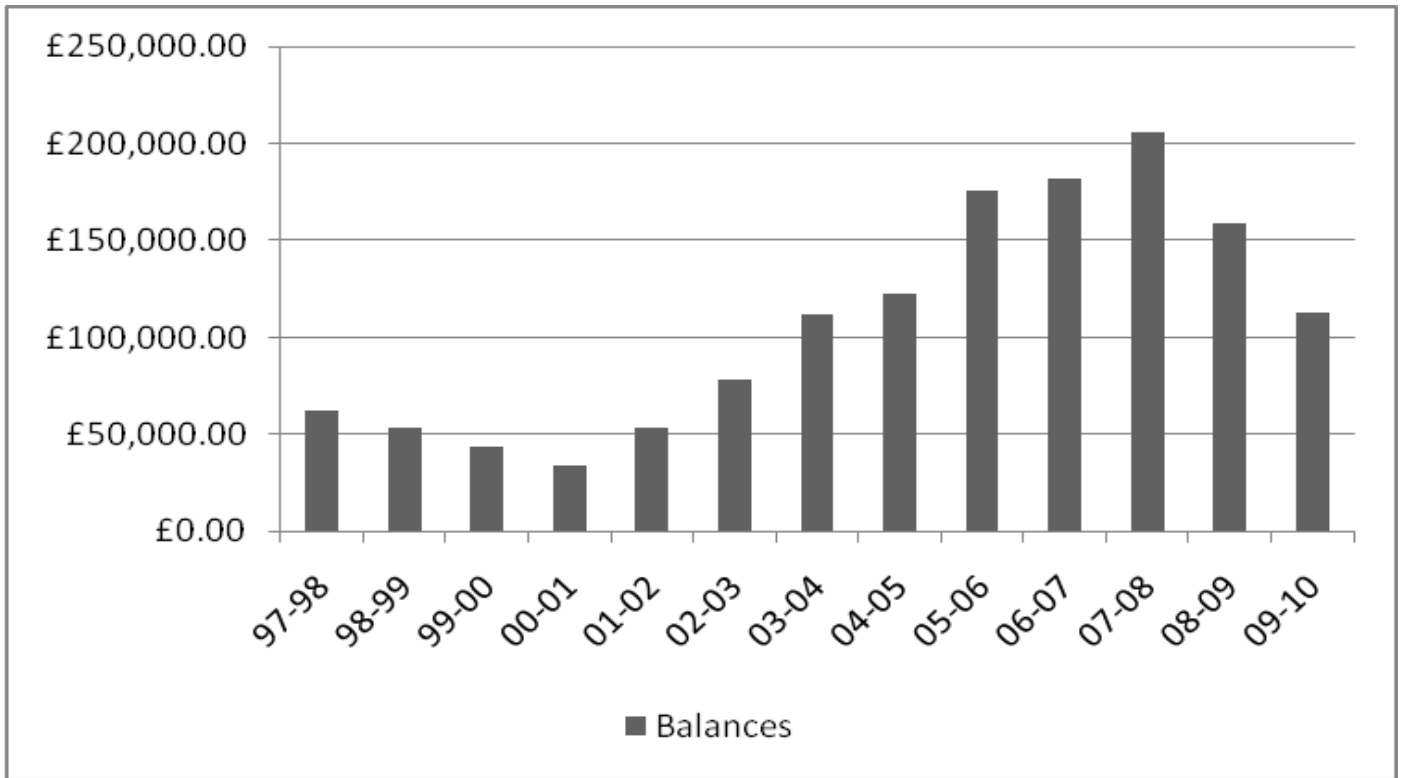
Telephone £1,104.56

Computer Equipment £442.50

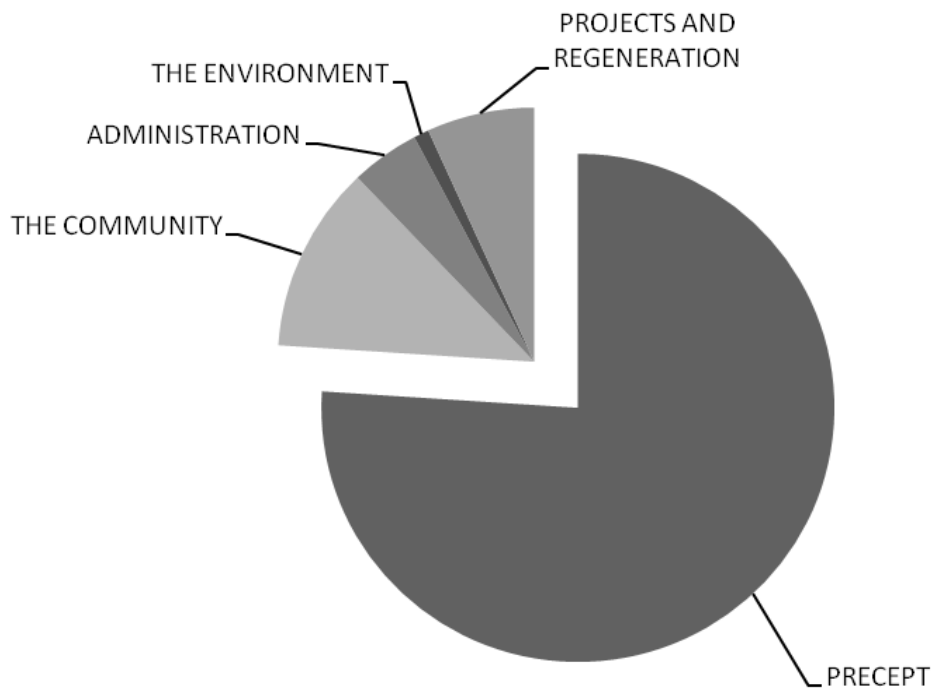
	Photocopier rental and copies	£971.62	
	Adverts in press	£352.52	
	<i>Mayor</i>		
	Mayors' allowance	£487.52	
	Mayors' Charity	£5,923.14	
	Miscellaneous expenses	£165.45	
	Courses/Seminars/Training	£1,355.60	
	Publications/Literature	£169.97	
23,595	<b>Total ADMINISTRATION</b>		<b>£25,334.36</b>
	<b>ENVIRONMENT</b>		
	Footpath		
	Maintenance	£142.13	
	Equipment and Maintenance of	£1,879.58	
	Plants/Bulbs/Trees	£2,468.25	
	Environment - other	£1,396.61	
	<i>Environment - Open Spaces</i>		
	Kiln Park	£182.89	
	Denefields	£15,622.32	
	Wishingstone Way	£297.00	
	Wellington Street 'triangle'	£76.00	
	Wild Thyme Community Garden	£1,839.40	
	<i>Environmental Projects</i>		
	Street Furniture & maintenance	£55.00	
	Bus Shelters and Maintenance	£170.35	
	Denefields-Breathing Places 4	£4.58	
	Denefields-Health Development Fund	-£11.21	
	Denefields-Breathing Places	£530.94	
	Denefields-Awards for All	-£4,325.48	
	<i>MIB/EMIB Competitions</i>		
	Hanging Baskets	£6,141.25	
	Sunflower Competition	£31.97	
	Awards Evening	£77.15	
	<i>Allotments</i>		
	Allotments - Miscellaneous	£410.63	
	Allotment water charges	£216.83	
	<i>Vehicle Costs</i>		
	Fuel	£2,564.25	
	Insurance and Road Tax	£386.95	
	Van Lease	£3,288.47	
48,843	<b>Total ENVIRONMENT</b>		<b>£33,445.86</b>
	<b>PROJECTS AND REGENERATION</b>		
	Farmers' Market	£1,509.69	
	Events in the Park	£1,960.00	
	Wayfinder (Progressive Towns)	£700.00	
	Newsletter/Publications	£4,320.89	
	Derby and Derbyshire Economic Partnership	-£432.50	

27,578	<b>Total PROJECTS &amp; REGENERATION</b>		<b>£8,058.08</b>
	<b>STAFF COSTS</b>		
	Salaries	£139,058.03	
	Employer's NIC	£7,620.61	
	Employer's Pension Contribution	£27,736.91	
	Personal Protective Equipment	£367.93	
170,039	<b>Total STAFF COSTS</b>		<b>£174,783.48</b>
343,718	<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>		<b>£338,995.06</b>
	<b>NET PROFIT/(LOSS)</b>		<b>-£46,025.58</b>

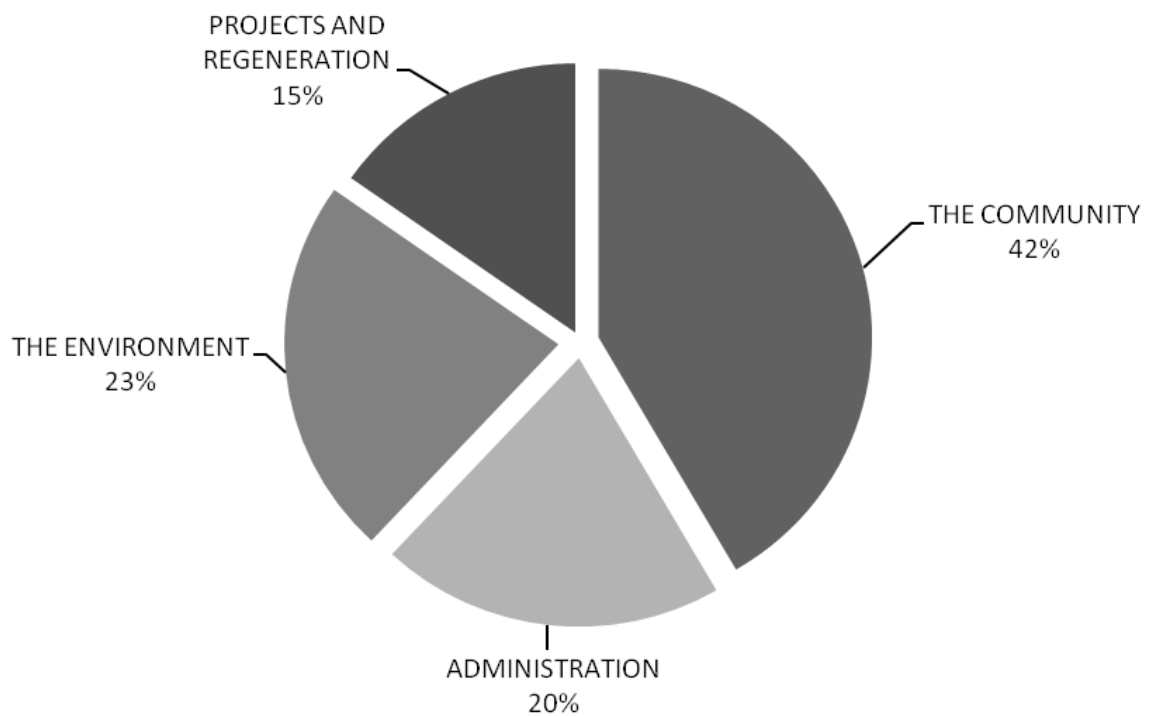
### YEARLY TRENDS



## INCOME AT A GLANCE



## EXPENDITURE AT A GLANCE



## MATLOCK TOWN COUNCIL

### SUPPORTING NOTES YEAR ENDING 31 MARCH 2010

#### 1 ASSETS

Movements in the Year:

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

	<b>COST (£)</b>
Replacement door sign	349.43
2 new Loop systems	1,074.44
Replacement Computer System	6,991.58
Replacement / new Christmas Lights	13,808.00
Replacement double axle trailer	1,725.00
Chains and Posts (Wild Thyme Garden)	1,642.22

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

	<b>RECEIPT (£)</b>
Single axle trailer	350.00

(c) At 31 March 2009 the following assets were held:

<b>Asset:</b>	<b>Basis of valuation</b>	<b>Value (£)</b>
Building - Imperial Rooms	Insurance	609,271.30
Fittings	Insurance and cost	45,872.78
Office Equipment	Cost	17,755.43
Tools	Cost	9,303.73
External fixtures and fittings incl bus shelters, storage container, seats etc.	Cost	113,247.44

#### **Land:**

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

NIL

Land to the south of Megdale, Sheriff Fields  
(known as Kiln Park)

presently unknown

Land at the foot of Dimple Road  
(known as Hillside Garden)

presently unknown

(d) Investments

- 324 shares - **Centrica** - Nominal face value
- 111 shares – **National Grid** (Lattice) - Nominal face value
- 538 shares – **Lloyds Banking Group** (HBOS) - Nominal face value
- 339 shares – **BG Group** – Nominal face value

**2 LEASES**

Lease agreement	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
<b>Terms – Year 4</b> <i>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.</i>			

1 March 2007 to 28 Feb. 2013	Derbyshire Dales District Council	Land at Denefields, off Chesterfield Road, Matlock	1 payment of £25.00
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50 year lease from 28 March 2006	The Presentation Sisters of the BVM English Province	Land at Bailey's Tump, Asker Lane, Matlock	Peppercorn
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**3 BORROWINGS**

None

**4 DEBTS OUTSTANDING**

As at 31 March 2010 debts of £3,464.85 were outstanding and due to the Council.

	<b>VALUE (£)</b>
Less than 1 month old	1,648.70
Between 1 and 2 months	535.70
Between 2 and 3 months	1,060.45
Between 3 and 6 months	220.00
Over 6 months old	0.00
	<u>3,464.85</u>

**5 TENANCIES**

During the year the following tenancies were held:

Council as Landlord:

Tenant	Property	Rent p.a.(£)
Allotment holders	51.5 plots at Chesterfield Road	
	11 @	15.00 per plot
	41.5 @	21.00 per plot

## 6 137 PAYMENTS

Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972 enables parish councils to spend up to the product of £6.15 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 2010 was £47,385.75 and the payments made were as follows:

Payee	Nature of payment	£
Derbyshire Childrens Holiday Centre	Community Grant	330.00
Victim Support	Community Grant	250.00
All Saints' Church Hall	Community Grant	200.00
Matlock Park Bowls Club	Community Grant	400.00
ND Forum Mental Health Carers	Community Grant	400.00
Matlock & District Community Resource Council	Community Grant	1,500.00
Frontline, Matlock	Community Grant	1,000.00
Relate	Community Grant	402.00
Matlock Fairtrade Group	Community Grant	150.00
Matlock Army Cadets	Community Grant	500.00
Matlock Cricket Club	Community Grant	400.00
Starkholmes Thursday Club	Community Grant	200.00
Starkholmes Village Hall	Community Grant	200.00
Remembrance Sunday	Grant	609.00
Economic Development (10 hrs/wk 01/4/09 to 31/03/10)	Salary	5,813.60
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b><u>12,354.60</u></b>

## 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 ( <i>includes Farmers' Markets</i> )	<u>1,848.06</u> <u>1,848.06</u>
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## 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 £27,936.20.

## 10 CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

Election expenses	Financial Year 2008-2009	1,000.00
Election expenses	Financial Year 2009-2010	1,000.00
Less election expenses	June 2009 (local)	<u>891.39</u> <u>1,108.61</u>

## 11 CAPITAL RESERVES

None

## 12 EARMARKED RESERVES

Replacement Christmas Lights	1,500.00
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Signed: .....

Chairman

Signed:

S. C. Smith.

Town Clerk/RFO

Date:

17 May 2010

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