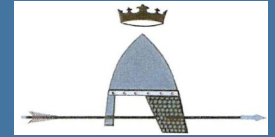


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2023-2024

Unlocking Community Voices

Your Guide to the Annual Parish Assembly

What is the Annual Parish Assembly? Imagine a gathering where your local council gives a year's worth of accomplishments, project and financial updates. That's the Annual Parish Assembly!

Who's Invited? Everyone! Electors, public, press – all are invited to listen to reports from the Chairman, District & County Councillors and Battle's Policing Team.

We Want Your Ideas! We're not just reporting; it is a chance for you, the community, to be part of the conversation. Your view can turn this Assembly into a truly engaging and productive event. Whether you're a veteran resident or have just moved into town, your ideas matter.

What Ideas Are We After? We would like awesome future agenda items for Council to consider. What topics would you want raised? What projects would you like Councillors to consider developing?

Inclusive Vibes! How do we make everyone feel at home? Please share your ideas on making the Assembly welcoming.

Effective Communication? We want everyone to hear about the Assembly, so please tell us about communication channels that work for you.

Send Us Your Brilliance! Your ideas will turn it into an enriching experience for all. Send an email to enquiries@battletowncouncil.gov.uk and mark your calendar for **Wednesday, April 17 at 7pm** - at Battle Memorial Hall.

Thank You, Battle Community! You're the heartbeat of Battle, and together, let's make the Parish Assembly a resounding success.

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Did you know, Battle Town Council...

- Has 13 Councillors representing 4 wards - Marley (4), Netherfield (2), Telham (1), and Watch Oak (6). There is currently one vacancy at Netherfield
- Has elections for the Council every four years—the next will be in May 2027
- Holds over 40 Council or Committee meetings every year which are open to the public
- Nominates representatives to serve on numerous local organisations
- Owns the Almonry site, which not only provides its office accommodation but also generates rental income
- Manages the Town Cemetery in Marley Lane and maintains the grounds of St Mary's Church
- Owns and manages two Recreation Grounds in North Trade Road and Telham, and maintains the Skate Ramp next to Battle Fire Station
- Provides play and activity areas within the Recreation Grounds, including the Cycle Skills area and the Battle Health Pathway
- Maintains the areas at Guild Shaw, Mansers Shaw, George Meadow, the Amenity Field as well as the Abbey Green
- Manages the Mount Street overflow car park
- Has four allotment sites at Virgins Croft, Cherry Gardens, Watch Oak and Netherfield Hill
- Is responsible for the maintenance of over 250 street lights
- Owns and repairs the seven bus shelters in Battle and Netherfield
- Is a statutory consultee for all planning applications referred to it by Rother District Council
- Provides grants to local voluntary organisations
- Hosts the Annual Parish Assembly and facilitates civic events
- Staffs and manages the Town's Tourist Information Point year-round
- Authorises the issue of Street Collection Permits
- Works closely with Beautiful Battle to improve floral displays throughout Battle
- Employs three administrative staff, three grounds maintenance staff and a cleaner
- Publishes a newsletter twice per year, as well as this Annual Report
- Receives, via the local council tax (precept) £2.75 per week from a Band D Council Taxpayer to meet the cost of these services

Chairman's Report

In reflection of the past year, our vibrant town has been flourishing, thanks to the incredible efforts of our **dedicated community members**. During the 2023 Parish Assembly, we took a moment to acknowledge the outstanding contributions of the **Battle Food Bank volunteers**, whose unwavering support ensures that our fellow residents in need receive essential food, toiletries, and practical assistance on a weekly basis.

A special commendation was also extended to **Tamzin Gray**, a pivotal figure behind our spectacular **Christmas events** for many years. From orchestrating lively parades to illuminating the grotto at the Memorial Hall, and coordinating late-night shopping, Tamzin's tireless efforts have played a key role in making these occasions truly memorable.



Our gratitude extends to the members of our Council, staff, and officers who tirelessly care for our residents and town. As we embarked on a new four-year term in May, we collectively embraced a new strapline that encapsulates our shared vision: "**Make Battle A Better Place to Live, Work, and Visit**". For our younger community members, we also strive to create an environment that encourages them to Make Battle A Better Place to Live, **Learn**, and Visit.

Celebrating Community Spirit and Progress

The newly elected Council has seamlessly integrated the commendable work of its predecessor and is **committed to making our parish greener and more ecologically aware**. Further details about the activities and aspirations of our Committees, Sub-Committees and Task and Finish Groups, ranging from small, manageable projects to larger-scale initiatives, can be found later in this report. Residents **have been invited to actively participate in Task and Finish Groups and Sub-Committees**, collaborating with Councillors to propel these projects forward. During the upcoming Parish Assembly, we will share progress updates on these initiatives and **eagerly welcome positive ideas and suggestions from our engaged community**.

As Chairman of the Town Council and Town Mayor, I have had the **privilege of leading the town** in various civic events, presenting awards, extending warm welcomes to visitors, and visiting nursing homes, schools, and charity events. A heartwarming highlight was my visit to Saxonwood Nursing Home, witnessing the culmination of a project with Claverham Community College. The collaboration between students and residents resulted in meaningful connections, fostering friendships and prompting one student to reflect on **valuing family conversations over screen time**.

Teaming up with former Mayor, Margaret Kiloh, we organised a joint **Charity Quiz at the Memorial Hall**, raising nearly £2,000 for Demelza Hospice at Home for Children and Tyume Valley Schools in Africa. We extend our sincere **thanks to everyone who supported this enjoyable event**.

As we look ahead, the Town Council is committed to facilitating collaborations with schools, businesses, the Chamber of Commerce, and various groups and societies to continue supporting our wonderful residents. Together, we aim to make Battle an even better place for all. **Thank you for being part of our thriving community!**

CLlr Vikki Cook, Chairman

Town Clerk's Report

As I reflect on the past year, I would like to extend my thanks to those residents that had **served Battle so diligently, accomplished so much**, and decided, for varied personal reasons, not to stand for re-election in May 2023: Claire Davies, Glenna Favell, Jill Gyngell, Margaret Howell, Margaret Kiloh, Alan Russell and Hazel Sharman. Many of these wonderful people continue to serve Battle on Council Sub-Committees and Task & Finish Groups, or with other organisations in the town.

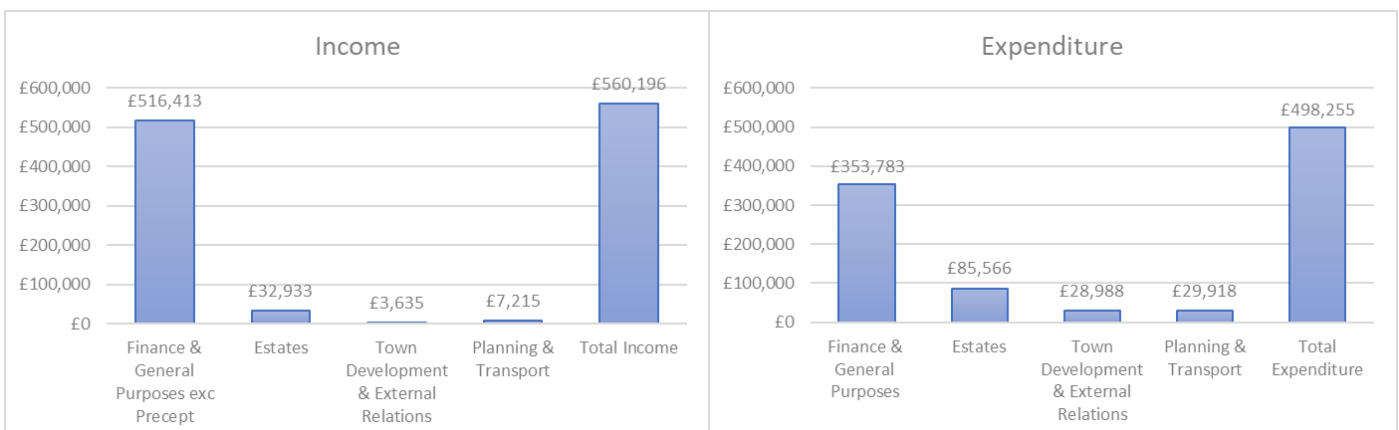


The Council has gained, either through the election or subsequent co-option, new and returning Councillors: Andrew Brown, Bernard Brown, Darren Buss, Marie-Lousie Neill, Andy Ratcliffe, David Silk and Chelsey Sprong. It is already apparent that, with new people also comes **fresh opinions and ideas to enhance the services within our town**. I am extremely grateful to all our Councillors for their personal support and conscientious work.

My heartfelt thanks also go to our Team of staff. All have now been with the Council for over one year, and some for more years that we wish to remember! I am sure that many of you will have acknowledged the **great efforts made by the grounds staff**: Adrian maintains the pitches and open spaces at the recreation grounds; Steve attends to the allotments and repairs to benches around the town; and Shania keeps the cemetery looking respectful for all visitors. In the offices, I am joined by Jane, often the first point of contact for visitors and is ably **responsible for the cemetery, street lighting and allotment matters**, and Beata, who has already improved our communications with residents, continues to work on website accessibility and other methods to ensure that Council is able to **reach all members of our community**.

An integral part of my role, as Responsible Finance Officer, is to prepare financial information to Council to allow discussion and, sometimes challenging, decisions to be made on **budgets and proposed projects**.

The total income and expenditure for 2022-23 is detailed below:



Please do contact me if you have any questions.

We look forward to working together for the betterment of Battle.

Carol Harris, Town Clerk

Finance and General Purposes Committee (F&GP):



- F&GP is one of the Standing Committees of Battle Town Council comprising Chairman (Councillor Vikki Cook) and Vice Chairman (Councillor Andrew Barton) of the Council; Chairmen of the three Standing Committees: Councillor Bernard Brown (Estates) Councillor Sue Burton (Town Development and External Relations). Councillor Dale Wheeler (Planning and Transport); and Councillor David Russell. **All meetings are clerked by Carol Harris who is also the Responsible Finance Officer.**
- The Finance and General Purposes Committee oversees several Sub-Committees: The **Personnel Sub-Committee** focuses on **personnel policy and staff management issues**, including the annual reviews of staff salaries; **The Marketing Sub-Committee** is currently finalising an **Exhibitions Policy for the Almonry** and a **Marketing Strategy** for venues and spaces within the estates of the Civil Parish including: the Almonry and gardens, the Chapel and Ceremonies Room, the Pavilion, the Recreation Grounds, and the Station Master's House; **The Climate and Ecology Sub-Committee** reports to F&GP on matters related to climate and ecology.
- Additionally, the **Devolution Task & Finish Group** reports to F&GP regarding devolution services from Rother District Council.

Navigating Challenges with Resilience and Community Support

- We meet on the fourth Tuesday of alternate months, but in the past year have had additional meetings **to agree the Annual Precept for 2024-25.**
- In November, standing committees **submitted project funding requests** but escalating **utility costs, personnel shortages and the need to utilise reserves for unforeseen project expenses** (such as rebuilding the wall bordering Tills Courtyard) led to the **postponement of several projects.** Despite the challenging task, we appreciate the time and careful consideration given by councillors and staff resulting in a presentable budget but one that shows a significantly higher than the previous year's increase in the precept, adding to overall disappointment.
- Councillors and staff have attended bespoke **training for Budgeting, Climate Literacy, and Civility and Respect** in addition to individual training. As Chairman, I thank those who have attended these valuable sessions.
- Councillors and staff have embraced technology, often holding **consultation response meetings** online as well as hybrid meetings for those not able to attend in person.
- We have **welcomed members of the public to our meetings and listened to their comments and responded to their questions.**
- In conclusion, our **Responsible Finance Officer is to be thanked for her diligence** in sending our budget reports for each meeting and **keeping a tight rein on the finances.**
- **Costs have been kept as low as possible** in the production and distribution of this Annual Report.

We appreciate your continued support as we navigate fiscal challenges with resilience.

CLr Vikki Cook

Some of the things that we did in 2023/24

Estates Committee: Enhancing Our Community and Natural Heritage

- Secured approval of funding from Rother District Council's allocation of Community Infrastructure Levy for the **Pavilion** of up to £400K and, with a dedicated Task & Finish Group, developed a comprehensive **business plan** for ongoing development and implementation.
- Conducted investigations into the **cemetery chapel roof**, sourced pallets of suitable provenance to **build compost bins** at the cemetery and carried out the **annual memorial inspection**.
- Commissioned a comprehensive **ecology and wildlife assessment** of the Amenity Field and maintained the Ten Sixty Six roundabout and sections of both Recreation Grounds as wildlife meadows.
- Facilitated and funded various activities for the benefit of residents using Council's assets: including the Junior Park Run and seasonal **Guided Walks at the Cemetery** (sponsored by Haines Funeral Directors).
- Commissioning and implemented a **tree condition survey** alongside the formulation of a tree felling policy. Tree works undertaken included the reduction of the cedar tree at St. Mary's Churchyard.
- Allotment plot offered to **Wild About Battle** in order to establish a **community-run allotment site**.



CLlr Bernard Brown

We remain dedicated to community engagement, preserving heritage and embracing eco friendly practices for a resilient and vibrant Battle

Town Development & External Relations Committee: Fostering Community Spirit

- Planned and supported events, including a reception for the **Battle Twinning Association**, **Battle in Bloom** competition winners' celebration and **Remembrance Day**.
- Hosted the display of **Christmas lights and trees**, illuminating the town during the festive season. **Our thanks are extended to all our donors and sponsors** who contributed.
- Engaged in the invigorating **'New Year, New You'** event in January, connecting with residents and gathering feedback on Council work.
- Aspiring to promote youth engagement with a **Youth Forum**, already gaining traction with promising participation.
- Conducted **sociable litter picks**, reflecting a collective commitment to maintaining the town's smart appearance.
- **Continued commitment to engaging residents** through various channels: weekly e-bulletins, seasonal newsletters, social media posts, and monthly press releases.
- Ensured accessibility to relevant information through **regular updates on the Council's website**.
- Committed to **environmental responsibility, reducing carbon footprints** by adopting FSC approved paper for all printing. Inclusion of the FSC logo on the last page symbolises our commitment to sustainable practices.



CLlr Sue Burton

Planning & Transport Committee: Local Insight, Informed Decisions

- As a statutory consultee, we review and comment on planning applications within the parish, and provide comments to Rother District Council (RDC), the Local Planning Authority. **Assessments are based on our collective local knowledge, Battle Civil Parish Neighbourhood Plan**, and its referenced documents: Battle Civil Parish Design Guidelines, the High Weald Housing Design Guide, and The High Weald Colour Study.
- The Committee collectively and individually attend training courses. This year they have been provided by East Sussex Association of Local Authorities (ESALC), the Society of Local Council Clerks (SLCC), and RDC. **Attendance at planning-related conferences and involvement in consultations reflect our commitment to staying well-informed.**
- Recently, we implemented a postcard system for planning applications, **to encourage applicants to attend meetings** and understand the process and reasons for the Council's support or objection.
- Our focus extends to **reviewing planning breaches** and supporting **Judicial Reviews of unauthorised development when necessary.**
- The **Neighbourhood Plan Implementation Monitoring & Review (NP IM&R) Sub-Committee** reports to us, overseeing the effective utilisation of the Plan and proposing necessary adjustments.



We remain dedicated to informed decision-making, efficient planning processes and enhancing community connectivity

- We **engage with rail groups and actively participate in local initiatives**, such as the AGM of Battle Area Community Transport, and consultations with East Sussex Highways Local Transport Plan 4, Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL), National Planning Policy Framework, and the proposed Battle Hill crossing.
- Our ongoing collaboration with the local footpaths advisor, East Sussex County Council (ESCC), and other organisations underscores our commitment to **enhancing connectivity for walkers and cyclists.** Several projects are in the planning stage to deliver improvements.
- The **lower car park in Mount Street** was repaired recently; it has been agreed in principle, that a **small area in Netherfield will be hard-surfaced** to create additional parking; **speeding, as always, is under review** and we have applied for a licence to install **evidence-gathering equipment** to support this.

CLlr Dale Wheeler

Climate & Ecology Sub-Committee: Trailblazing for Change

- **Declared a Climate and Ecological Emergency on 23 June 2023.**
- **Secured a grant of £5,061 from Sussex Lund** to enhance nature on the Recreation Ground and Guild Shaw.
- Implemented **water conservation measures** with the installation of water butts at the Cemetery.
- Produced a statement reflecting a comprehensive approach to address environmental issues at the local level, adopted on 20 February 2024.

CLlr Sue Burton



Big Plans - Looking forward to delivering in 2024/25

- A significant project on the horizon is the construction of **a new pavilion on the site of the old one**. Once we secure all necessary funding, we will eagerly share updates with the entire community.
- June will mark the **80th year since the D-Day landings**. The Beacon atop Kingsmead will be lit at 9:15pm, joining other Beacons across the land. Stay tuned for e-bulletin updates.

We are committed to preserving our town's history and landmarks, ensuring they continue to stand as testaments to Battle's enduring spirit.

Battle in Bloom - July 2024

The Battle in Bloom competition aims to inspire a strong sense of pride of place. **We hope you'll be inspired to enter**. Please visit www.battletowncouncil.gov.uk to download an entry form or collect one from the Almonry. Entry forms must be returned by Friday 21 June. Judging happens during the first week of July and all entrants are invited to an **Award Evening at the Almonry** which we anticipate will be held on 18 July.

East Sussex County Council Report, Cllr Kathryn Field

- The County Council's portion of Council Tax will rise by 4.99%. This includes a 2% precept for Adult Social Care.
- Children's Services has been inspected by Ofsted and been judged Good with Outstanding features; the outstanding feature is services for Looked After Children.
- Adult Social Care is due to have a Care Quality Commission inspection later in the year.
- Since the last Assembly a new highway contractor has been appointed: Balfour Beatty, approx 4,000 pot holes have been mended since the beginning of the year to the time of writing.

District Council Report, Cllr Sue Burton, Cllr Vikki Cook, Cllr Kathryn Field

- Councillors continue to campaign for a move forward with the Blackfriars development and the spine road.
- A 12-week consultation on the Local Plan should open in April 2024.
- Improvements are being planned to the website to make it more accessible and user friendly.
- Funding has been awarded for Electric Vehicle Charging Points in Mount Street and Market Road car parks.

Update from Huw Merrimam, MP for Bexhill and Battle

Just before Christmas, I visited Claverham Community College with the Secretary of State for Education. I had been involved in the project at the early planning stage when the school contacted me as the original design was not going to deliver a hall big enough for all the students to sit their exams. Thankfully, our plea to the then Secretary of State saw the plans revised to make them fit for purpose. The building works well for the students and is now future-proofed for generations to come. The tour by student leaders brought home what a difference the new facilities have made to their school experience and opportunities for learning.

The Almonry - more than just a venue

"Not a lot of people know that..." as the legendary Michael Caine would say. It's a curious reality that sometimes, visitors learn more about our town than we, its residents, do. To bridge this gap, last year we inaugurated a **Tourist Information Point at the Almonry**, which is also home to the Town Council offices.



To make our heritage more accessible, we produced **a film featuring local actors**, now with subtitles, unravelling the Almonry's centuries-old history. The film delves into its quirks, superstitions, and hidden tales. Each room downstairs has an informative leaflet, shedding light on its purpose, unique features such as clocks, witches' marks, or mysterious storage spaces – intriguing details that **invite you to come and discover the building for yourself**.

Promotional leaflets for **local events and noteworthy places** in and around our parish can be found in 'The Parlour' (otherwise known as the reception area). Currently on view is the Town Model, a 1/250 scaled-down representation of Battle, showing all details of topography, houses, trees and various buildings. All shopfronts were detailed to the correct colour schemes when it was created in 1989. It's a thing of wonder - come and discover Battle in miniature!

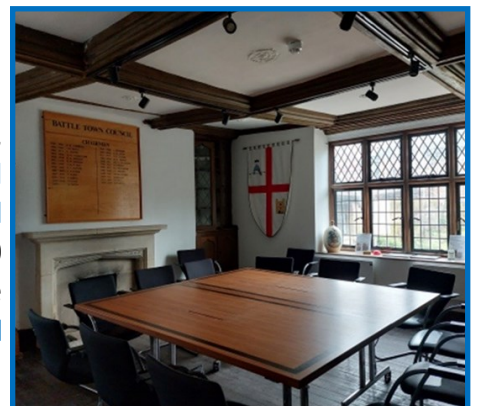
Unveiling Battle's Hidden Charms - A Tourist Information Experience

The Tourist Information Point is **open from 11am to 2pm, Mondays to Saturdays**, with volunteers manning the desk on Saturdays. We not only provide information but also share captivating local stories. **Come along and meet us**; we're always delighted to narrate our town's tale and hear yours! And afterwards, explore local history at the **Battle Museum** (open from April to November) in the Almonry grounds and enjoy **the award-winning gardens** which provide an oasis of calm in which to sit or wander.

Battle is blessed with diverse venues for gatherings, meetings, and celebrations, and the Almonry is no exception. **The Chamber**, presently utilised for Council meetings, **is available for hire by local groups and organisations**. It is a modern meeting room with **wifi and a large screen for presentations**. It is able to accommodate up to 30 people (depending on seating style). The versatile space, can be arranged for table discussions or cinema-style seating. **It's an ideal setting for small conferences or training sessions**.

The **Hall and Buttery**, complemented by a small kitchen, courtyard and rear garden, offer a **flexible space for various occasions**. Whether it's training sessions, special events, baby namings, civil weddings, wakes or family gatherings, the Hall and Buttery provide a warm and accommodating ambiance. The maximum capacity is 60.

In the near future, we will be able to extend our offerings to include the **picturesque rear garden with its charming arbour**; creating an enchanting backdrop for photography or filming. **For further information email: enquiries@battletowncouncil.gov.uk**



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You are invited to attend the Annual Battle Parish Assembly
Wednesday 17 April at 7pm, Battle Memorial Hall, Battle, TN33 0HQ

The Assembly serves as a platform for residents to voice their ideas, concerns and suggestions

All residents are invited to attend **Battle's Annual Parish Assembly on Wednesday 17th April**, an event organised by Battle Town Council to discuss **matters of local importance** and **encourage community engagement**.

The Assembly is an **opportunity for residents to actively participate** in the decision-making process of our town. Your presence and input are invaluable to the continued growth and prosperity of Battle.

Please send in any questions and suggestions for discussion, giving at least **one week's notice** in order to give us time to undertake any necessary research and give as full an answer as possible. **We look forward to your attendance and encourage you to bring your ideas.**

Refreshments from 7pm

The agenda will start at 7:30pm and includes:

A welcome from the Mayor

Presentations of this year's Community Awards

The Town Council's Annual report

Reports by County and District Councillors

Informative presentations, questions and discussions on:

- **The Pavilion**
- **The Almonry Gates**
- **Station Master's House**
- **Battle Emergency Plan**
- **Shared Use Path**
- **Harrier Lane Footpath Extension**
- **Youth Forum**
- **Battle Millennium Town Clock**

We will conclude the Assembly with brief closing remarks at 9pm.

Our thanks to Saxonwood WI for the welcome refreshments.

Please come using active travel (walk, cycle, bus) if possible.

Please do not park in the road unless a blue badge holder.

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