

Bampton Town Council Newsletter

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BAMPTON CHARTER FAIR 2009

Many people have said this was one of the best fairs in recent years, no doubt helped by the mild and dry weather. Bampton Charter Fair happens because of a huge amount of time given up by a lot of people in the organisation of the event to make it all happen so smoothly. So a huge **Thank you** to –



- Bampton Town Councillors and the Town Clerk who carried the ultimate responsibility and organised the whole infra-structure of the Fair, such as car parking, road closures, marshalling, insurance, fun-fair, First Aid, security, etc.
- Kelley Beeston, who has continued to run the Street Market, with more stalls than ever before, and to oversee all the finances.
- Exmoor Rotary Club who this year took over responsibility for organising all the live music, street entertainments, the Craft Fair in the church, local producers and traditional skills at the riverside, the Pony Sale and Auction, and the publicity, web-site, and programme.
- Sue and Jess Harvey for again allowing Luttrell Farm to be used for the auction.
- Bampton Scouts and Bampton Football Club for manning the two car parking areas (which should have helped to top-up their finances!)
- All those who helped out as marshals and stewards on the day to 'man the barricades' and to provide reassurance to visitors.
- All those who gave time to help on the Information stall, run by Bampton Society, and all those who helped to sell programmes.
- All those who helped erect and take down tents, gazebos, flags, banners, and signs.
- All the local businesses who sponsored the events advertised in the programme and helped to sell them– this provided money towards the all-day music and the street entertainments.



- The Police who provided such a visible presence on the day providing low-key effective management of the crowds.
- St John Ambulance who provided First Aid facilities all day.
- Mid Devon District Council operatives who again did a fantastic job clearing up the litter and detritus making Bampton tidy again before most of us had got up the next morning.

In view of the numbers the Fair is now attracting, more local volunteers are needed to help act as stewards on the day, just for an hour or two.

So please put next year's date, October 28th, in your new 2010 diary – if you can help, please do.

BAMPTON'S RESPONSE TO MID DEVON DISTRICT COUNCIL'S DEVELOPMENT PLAN

Thank you to all the residents who submitted their responses following the exhibition of the plan in the Community Hall. In all 56 responses were received which were sent to the Planning Inspector along with the Town Council's detailed submission. Further responses were sent direct and we understand that the Inspector's Report will be published in the Spring. We can only hope that the Inspector will listen to the voices of the people of Bampton about the future of their Town.

PLAYGROUND MAKEOVER

A Safety Inspection recently carried out on the Station Road playground showed that some of the equipment is badly in need of replacement. Sadly the slide had to be closed off for safety reasons. There's a possibility of funding for a Makeover of the playground, so anyone who uses the playground and would like to be involved in deciding layout, etc. should contact THE PLAYGROUND ACTION GROUP c/o bamptontownclerk@hotmail.co.uk.

On the subject of play, the Ball Park is making progress – planning permission is being sought for this Multi-use Games area between the School and the Millennium Green.

ROAD CLOSURE

From 5th - 8th January Western Power will be working in the Back Street/Fore Street area and a 3-way traffic light system will be operating.

ADOPT A RED TELEPHONE BOX



BT is withdrawing the telephone service from the Red Box in Briton Street and Bampton Town Council has agreed to "adopt" the box. This has happened all over the country and there have been various ideas for making use of them – as an information kiosk; as a mini

Art Gallery; as part of a flower planting scheme. If you have an idea for making use of the box (minus the telephone equipment) Bampton Town Council would be interested to hear from you.

NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

1st December, 5th January and 2nd February

BAMPTON'S COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS Friday December 4th

Come and share some community festive spirit! - retail businesses will be selling Christmas gifts and licensed premises will be promoting some Christmas cheer. You may prefer a warming tea or coffee at Bawdens with a free mince pie! Wherever you go, you'll find some very special offers in town and stallholders in the Toucan & Seddons.

Visit **Father Christmas and his Sleigh** from 5pm in Brook Street and join in or listen to Carol Singers from Bampton School and Morebath Church at 6pm for the lighting of the **GIANT CHRISTMAS TREE** (on Serenger's island next to the pharmacy) with decorations made by Bampton School and Riverside Rascals

Collect a free raffle ticket on the night from each open business for multiple chances to win over £50 worth of vouchers and a bottle of Champagne



RURAL BEAT NEWS



Recently we have noticed that there has been an increase in thefts from Sheds and Outbuildings in the more isolated rural areas. Although you live in an area of low crime we do not want anyone else becoming a victim and would rather prevent this by giving you some simple advice to make your premises secure. We would always encourage all members of the community to sign up to the Community Messaging service or schemes such as Neighbourhood Watch or Farm Watch. We offer free crime prevention visits and property marking for your valuables. We want you to feel safe and to do this we need you to feel confident you have taken the correct steps to keep thieves at bay. We are your community Police officers and are here to help.

You Said, We Did

It has been brought to our attention that young drivers have been using the High Street, Bampton to use their motorbikes and cars in Anti-Social Manner.

Recently we dealt with a young male driver who was using his car in High Street in an unacceptable manner. He was spoken to by Police and issued with a Section 59 Warning.

Section 59 of the Police Reform Act 2002 refers to vehicles being used in a manner, which causes alarm, distress or annoyance. Where a vehicle is being used in this way, or otherwise amounts to careless or inconsiderate driving a Constable/Community Support Officer has the power to seize the vehicle but only after warning the person. If, after the warning has been given, the driving continues or is repeated then the vehicle can be seized.

In light of the above we will continue to monitor this area and Police this type of behaviour seriously. We request that you report any such incidents that you feel are anti social or unacceptable use of vehicles.

Please feel free to contact PCSO 30197 Martin Malin on 0845 2 777 444 or Email:

Tiverton@devonandcornwall.pnn.police.co.uk

For all up to date news and listings of events please take a look at the new Rural Neighbourhood team website:
www.devonandcornwallpolice.co.uk