



**Annual Report
2008-09**

Middlewich Town Council

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Mayor's report

This is my second year as Mayor and it has been a very interesting and rewarding year for the Town and myself. I have attended many functions and events over the year and raised money for St Luke's Hospice; the final fundraiser being my 40 mile walk from work to home along the Shropshire Union canal.

The canals in Middlewich have featured heavily in our projects this civic year, including our support for Cheshire's Year of the Gardens by hosting the floating gardens at Town Wharf. This was one of the Town Council's flagship projects over the weekend of the Folk & Boat Festival, which attracted many people to our canal side and showed what could be gained from developing the Wharf Buildings in the future.

With the completion of the canal towpath; a partnership project, with, Middlewich Vision, Weaver Valley, British Waterways, WREN and Congleton Borough, many of you who have already walked the route will appreciate the enormous changes to the access and the surfacing, and agree what a wonderful asset this now is for the town.

The Canal & Salt project highlighted another part of our heritage and brought to life many aspects of the town, demonstrating how the town has developed over the years. This project helps us to study and celebrate another chapter in our history, following on from the Roman and Norman heritage projects.

This year's Norman festival weekend was the highlight of my civic year; meeting the Mayor of Venables for a civic reception on the Friday, along with the families from the village of Venables, and the descendents of Gilbert de Venables our Norman master of the time. Saturday was the festival parade and the civic ball and on the Sunday we held the civic service on Harbutt's Field. I would like to thank everyone who took part especially our uniformed groups; Rainbows Brownies and Guides, Beavers, Cubs & Scouts and the Boys Brigade.

There were a number of firsts this year for the town, including the Transport Festival in July, which we hope will be an annual event, winning the Cheshire Community Pride Award for the Bullring and the Christmas Parade with the Reindeer being escorted through town to the Bullring by all our young people.

The Christmas Event on the Friday again brought all our primary schools together to form a choir to sing for us at St Michael and All Angels Church and they were followed on the Saturday by the Birmingham Gospel Choir. We look forward very much to them visiting us again

That is all of what has happened, now we look forward to the future, with a new Cheshire East Council and the opportunity to build new partnerships. Thanks must go to the Staff of Middlewich Town Council and Middlewich Vision, and especially to Dave Thompson for organising the events and helping me with raising money for my charity this year. Finally my best wishes to Pam Farrell who will be taking over as Mayor this coming year.

Councillor Paul Edwards

Income and Expenditure

INCOME	2007-08	2008-09
Totals from R&P Book		
Precept	230,685.00	242,349.00
Interest	5,772.73	3,465.36
Grants	97,900.00	62,638.00
Vision Projects	81,784.24	7,769.00
Events	8,753.02	2,455.78
Sales/Misc		8,099.58
	424,894.99	326,776.72
EXPENDITURE		
Salaries and On costs	128,318.19	151,658.70
Gen Admin	24,638.99	26,562.12
Envionmt, Comm Pride, Cemetery	83,167.70	43,179.26
Vision Projects	60,899.02	69,610.52
Section 137	32,536.64	36,930.44
Events Budget	30,601.76	12,367.52
Festivals & Heritage		61,229.15
VAT adjustment		17,260.90
Total	360,162.30	401,607.71

Grants paid

List of Grants paid to Community Organisations and Groups under Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972

Grant paid to	Amount
Middlewich Concerts Society	300.00
St Mary's Catholic Primary School	100.00
Citizen's Advice Bureau (Mw outreach)	3,000.00
Mw Comm & Youth Project junior sessions	4,000.00
Middlewich Cricket Club	500.00
SADS Support group	500.00
Middlewich Show Society	200.00
Wych Centre	594.00
Congleton District Dial-a-Ride	500.00
Middlewich Boy's Brigade	225.00
Middlewich Youth Theatre	250.00
Middlewich Folk & Boat Festival	2,000.00
Middlewich Comm & Youth proj (07-08)	1,000.00
SMAART Bell-ringing team	100.00
Middlewich Singers	120.00
Total	13,389.00

Contact details for Officers and Members 2008-09

The Town Council Office and Chamber:

Victoria Building
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Websites:

www.middlewich.org.uk
www.middlewich-heritage.org.uk

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Dave Thompson. Town Centre Events Manager
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Members of the Town Council

Members can be contacted through the Office, but their direct contact details are set out below: (all STD codes are 01606)

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CE against the names of Cllrs Edwards, McGrory and Parsons recognises that these Members of the Town Council are also the Middlewich representatives on Cheshire East Borough Council

At the time of the report, Cllr Paul Edwards is the Town Mayor. The Deputy Mayor is Cllr Pam Farrell, who will take up office on 18th May 2009 at the Town Council Meeting and Mayor-making ceremony in the Civic hall at 7.15pm.