

MARTIN TAYLOR-SMITH, MAYOR OF LUDLOW
AND THE COUNCIL OF 2009- 2010

‘YOU ASKED, WE LISTENED AND WE DID’

In 2009 / 10, Ludlow Town Council has initiated a host of changes and improvements that will serve Ludlow well for the future. One of the most noticeable improvement is the new market.



The Buttercross has also begun its transformation – the first phase ground level works have revitalized this key historic building.

The Linney consultation has taken place, and subject to government funding work will commence in 2010.



At Henley Road Cemetery, drainage works have been completed and improvement to the toilet facilities, paths and signage will soon commence.

In 2009 /10, the chairmen of the committees responsible for making the decisions that shape the work of the Council were:

Cllr Martin Taylor-Smith chairman of Policy and Finance Committee, was responsible for policy and budget recommendations to Council.

Cllr Tony Pound chaired Services Committee, a committee with delegated powers relating to all the council’s amenity areas including The Linney and Wheeler Road, Henley Road Cemetery, and Ludlow Market.

Cllr Jeffrey Wilcox chaired Representational Committee, a committee with delegated powers to comment to Shropshire Council on planning matters, award Project Support Grants to local organisations and comment on parking in Ludlow and traffic issues

Working Groups were also very active in 2009/10, including Ludlow’s Town Plan Working Group chaired by Susan McCormack. Communications Working Group chaired consecutively by Cllrs Amanda Pope and Viv Parry, and Christmas Lights Working Group chaired consecutively by Cllrs Amanda Pope and Roma Jackson.

As the Mayor, Martin’s energy and presence have helped to guide the Town Council to make measurable improvements and deliver fantastic results in 2009/10.



Life buoys have been installed at intervals along the Teme

Financial Systems

- Problems with accounts overcome by investment of new software.
- Payroll outsourced to Shropshire Council
- Computerised market receipts.

Henley Road Cemetery

- A development plan for the cemetery compiled.
- Certificated training for masons and grave diggers organised.

The Linney Riverside Park

- Linney play park consultation and an application for funding submitted.
- Flood defence work being undertaken on the Linney.
- Linney car park meter installed which has self-financed maintenance such as re-surfacing.

Assets & Property

- Asset Management review.
- Buttercross building – funding approved by English Heritage and contractors engaged to complete work required.

Relocation of Town Council Staff

- Evacuation from the Buttercross to the Stable Block, Corve Street Ludlow.
- External Auditor compiled an adverse Report. Risk Assessments have been put in place. Staff training undertaken.

New Market stalls

- Tender for a new market successful. New market established November 2009.

Working in partnership with other organisations

- Events Safety Advisory Group has been established.

Developing Effective Communications

- Website Development.

Christmas Lights in Ludlow

- Christmas Lights. Ludlow Town Development Trust provided a grant of £2,500 to extend greener/more ecological lights to Corve Street/Broad Street.

Youth facilities

- Skate park. Successful bid on funding for £20,000.