



ANNUAL TOWN REPORT 2018/19

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Welcome to the Annual Report 2018/19

THE COUNCIL

Daventry Town Council was established in 2003, it is served by seventeen Town Councillors, covering seven wards; Abbey Central, Abbey North, Abbey South, Ashby Fields, Daneholme, Drayton and Hill Ward.

A Full Town Council Election is held every four years. The next election is scheduled for May 2022.

YOUR COUNCILLORS

Your councillors for the Council year 2018/19:

Cllr Lynn Jones	Drayton Ward	Mayor/Chairman
Cllr Mike Arnold	Hill Ward	Deputy Mayor/Vice Chairman
Cllr Alan Knape	Abbey Central	
Cllr Aiden Ramsey	Abbey Central	
Cllr Karen Tweedale	Abbey North Ward	
Cllr Dawn Branigan	Abbey South Ward	
Cllr Malcolm Ogle	Abbey South Ward	
Cllr Mark Wesley	Ashby Fields Ward	
Vacancy	Ashby Fields Ward (to be decided by co-option 29 th April)	
Cllr Ted Nicholl	Daneholme Ward	
Cllr Ron Fox	Drayton Ward	
Cllr Peter Luke	Drayton Ward	
Cllr Wendy Randall	Drayton Ward	
Cllr Lynne Taylor	Drayton Ward	
Cllr Carl Busby	Hill Ward	
Cllr Maureen Luke	Hill Ward	
Cllr Katie Thurston	Hill Ward	



COUNCIL SERVICES

- Allotments
- Care and Conservation of the War Memorial
- Christmas Lights
- Civic and Mayoral Engagements
- Community Engagement
 - Town Events
- Community Grants
 - Citizens Advice Daventry and District
 - Motorcycle Festival
- Community Safety
 - Sponsored PCSO
 - Town Ranger
 - CCTV Monitoring and Surveillance
- Daventry Museum
- Daventry Town Council Dial-A-Ride
- Town Centre Floral Displays
- Landscaping for both the Twinning and War Memorial Sites
- Partnership Working
- Statutory Consultee on Town Planning Matters

YOUR MAYOR/CHAIRMAN

The Mayor is elected annually by the Council and fulfils two important roles: firstly, to Chair the meetings of Council; and, secondly, he/she is the First Citizen of the Town.

As Chairman of Council they are responsible for seeing that the meetings are conducted in a seemly manner in accordance with the Council's approved Standing Orders and carry a casting vote in the event of a stalemate.

As First Citizen of the Town the Mayor acts as the principal ambassador of the Council and will attend approximately 100 engagements each year. This will include hosting annual events such as the welcoming of royalty and distinguished visitors to the Town, hosting receptions for local organisations, launching Council initiatives and visiting local groups and companies at their invitation often to mark a significant event such as the opening of a new building or the presentation of certificates.

The Mayor attends events, free of charge.

To invite the Mayor to your event, you need to complete a Mayor's Engagement Form; available from the Town Council offices or by emailing customerservices@daventrytowncouncil.gov.uk or you can download one from our website: <http://www.daventrytowncouncil.gov.uk/town-mayor.html>

MEMBERS ALLOWANCES AND EXPENSES

Davertry Town Council voted against awarding allowances to its members, but members are reimbursed expenditure incurred whilst on Council business.

The Mayor receives an annual allowance of £3000 to facilitate Mayoral/Civic duties.

COUNCIL MEETINGS

Town Council meetings are approved at the Annual Town meeting, to be held on 28th May 2019 and can be found on our website together with copies of Agendas, Minutes and Reports.

REPORT FROM THE MAYOR

Having served on the Council for over six years, this year was the first year I had the privilege of being Mayor of Daventry and Chair of Council.

The year has been marvellous; the Mayoral engagements I have attended have shown me repeatedly how much community spirit there is in the Town.

Community Events in the Town continue to grow, with the first Classic Car Show taking place in April, the Arts Festival in June, the Food Festival in September, Fireworks Display in November and Winter Fayre in December.

Davertry's Museum continues to thrive, thanks to an amazing group of volunteers and stewards that work to develop our Museum and give visitors a taste of Daventry's past by sharing their vast local knowledge through the exhibits or when stewarding.

Our Town Ranger and sponsored PCSO (Police Community Support Officer) have also contributed to improving the Town by working in tandem with the CCTV Control Room helping to make Daventry Town a safer place to live, work and visit. In fact Statistics show that shoplifting and anti-social behaviour in the Town have reduced since the scheme was implemented in April last year.

DTC Councillors and Officers continue to listen to residents, working on your behalf to improve the services offered in the Town. Although this is a time of uncertainty, in relation to proposed changes in local government for Northamptonshire, rest assured that Daventry Town Council will continue to put the best interest of its residents at the forefront of all that it does.

Thank you to everyone who made my year as Mayor truly memorable.

Cllr Lynn Jones
Mayor and Chairman of the Council

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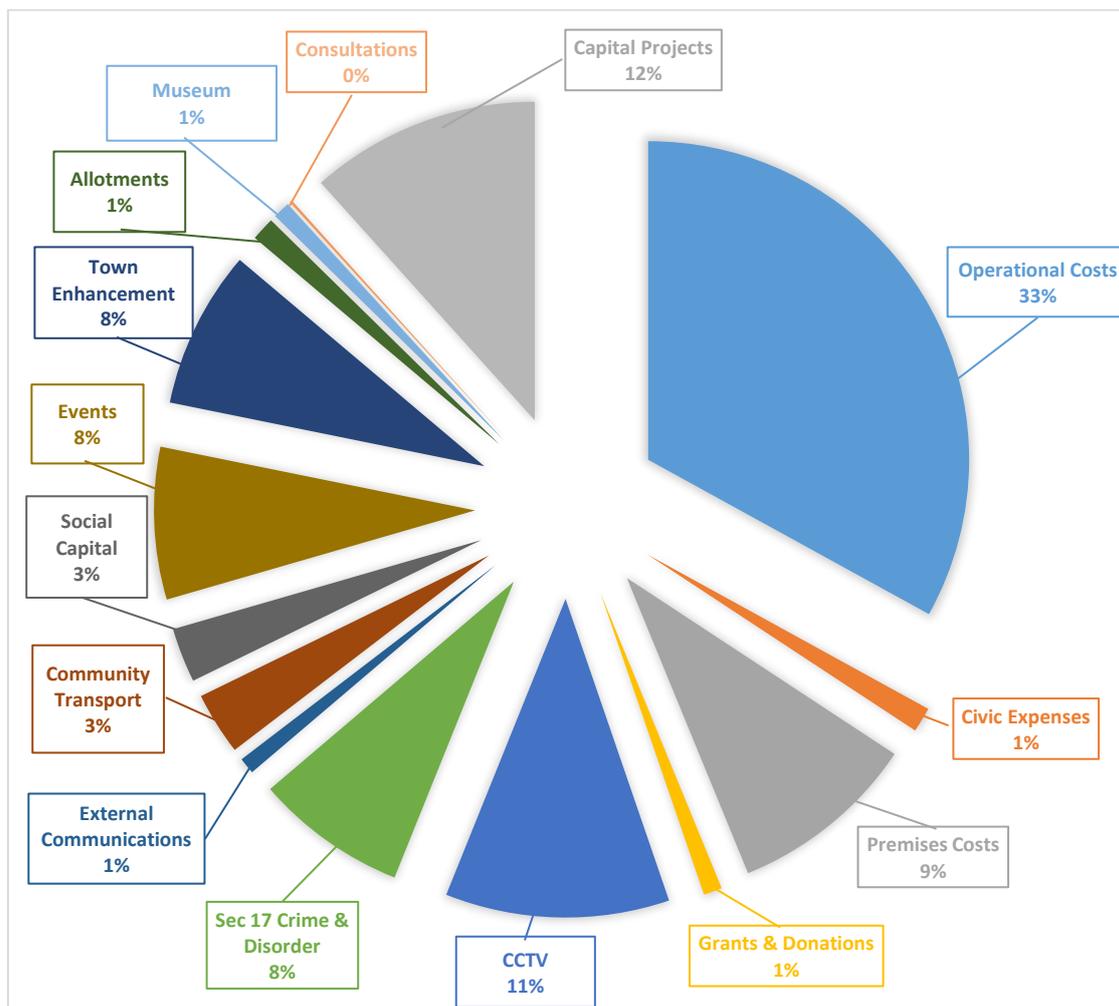
REPORT FROM FINANCE & POLICY COMMITTEE

The total income for 2018/19 was £476,787 which included monies raised from Allotment Rentals, Retail Radio Scheme, Grants, CIL and the Annual Precept which was £409,095. The total expenditure for the year was £474,063.

Monies received from the Community Infrastructure Levy totalled £54,914.

Town Council Expenditure 2018-19

(Audited figures for 2018/19 will be available September 2019)

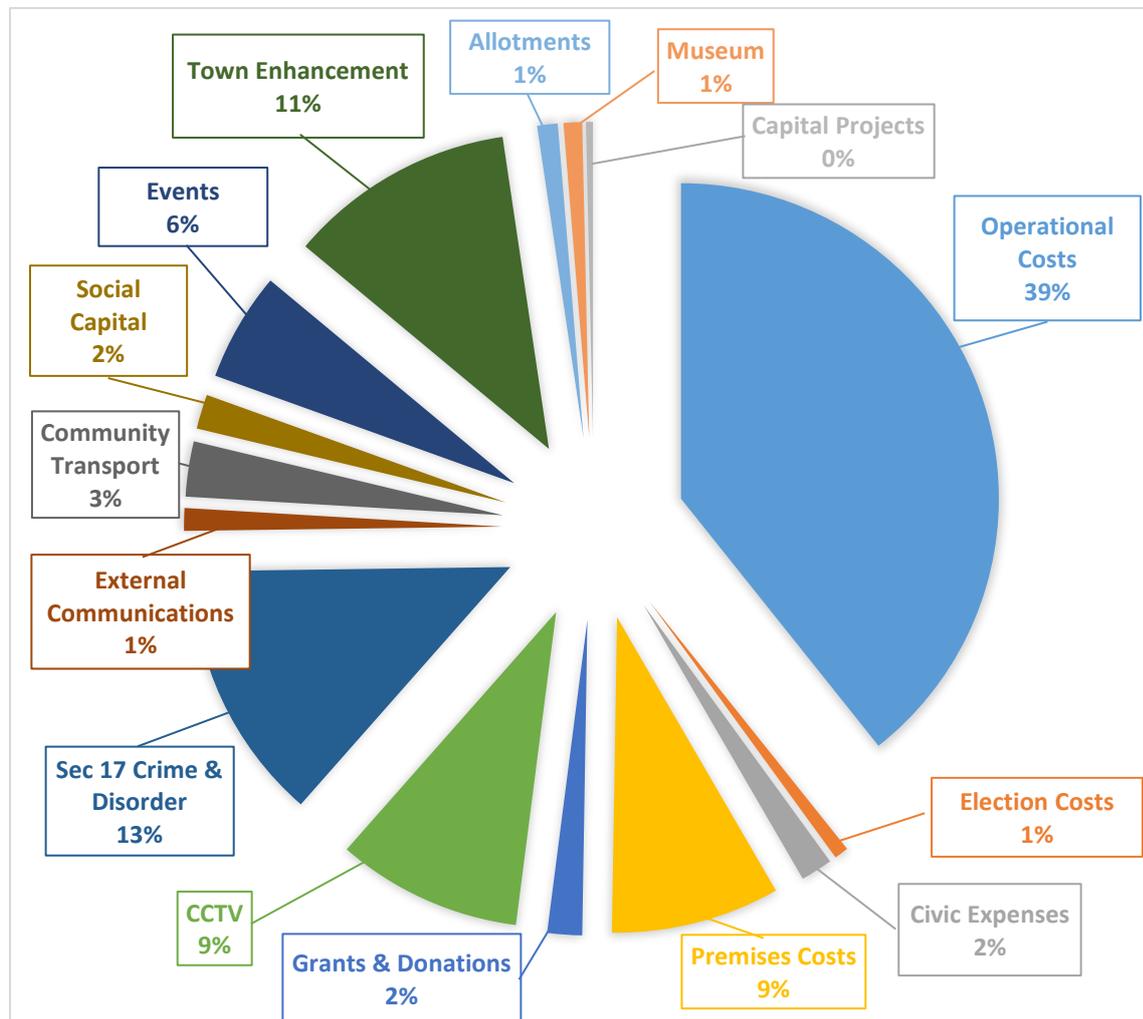


Draft final accounts, for the year ending 31st March 2019 will be presented at the Finance meeting to be held on Monday 13th May 2019, in readiness for approval at the Town Council meeting to be held on Tuesday 28th May 2019 and onward submission to the External Auditors.

Daventry Town Council's accounts are audited annually, in compliance with the Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015. The accounts for 2017/18 have been duly audited and certified by the external auditor with no matters arising.

REPORT FROM FINANCE & POLICY COMMITTEE

Town Council Budgeted Expenditure 2019-20



From July 2018, each committee reviewed their services, ambitions, operational needs and duties to support the community for 2019/20 and beyond.

Over the past 5 years, Daventry Town Council has changed to meet the needs of the Town and its community and now, due to cuts to services within the County, District and the Police, it faces new challenges. These new challenges bring with them a positive, as any new service the Council adopts has the positive effect of the Council being given the responsibility and power to ensure that Town matters are managed at a local level, enabling improved response to residents' concerns.

The Finance and Policy Committee reviewed each budget line identifying major increases and reductions that influenced the final precept proposal.

On consideration of the budget proposals submitted by each Committee and having due regard to the Council's duties and the needs of the community the Council approved the budget of £566,693 and a precept of £555,243 which based on base line figures for 2018/19 is an increase of £17.62 on a band D property (35.72%) on average £1.26 per week.

CRIME AND COMMUNITY SAFETY

Section 17 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 states that all relevant authorities have a duty to consider the impact of all their functions and decisions on crime and disorder in their local area.

In 2012 Daventry Town Council took the decision to accept the transfer of the CCTV asset from Daventry District Council, to ensure the CCTV service was retained and work with Northamptonshire Police to reduce crime and the fear of crime. To date the service has provided essential information in the apprehension and prosecution of offenders for crimes ranging from theft, anti-social behaviour, drink/drugs, criminal damage and assault.

In February 2018, Daventry Town Council took the key decision to sponsor a PCSO and employ a Community Ranger, to proactively work to reduce crime, create a safer community and increase civic pride.

Since April 2018, the PCSO and Community Ranger have been working collaboratively with the Town Council's CCTV control room, predominantly in the Town Centre; delivering a visible and reassuring presence, assisting the public and resolving issues.

COMMUNITY GRANTS

Daventry Town Council supports local groups and activities, awarding grants of up to £1000 for projects that benefit the Town and its community.

In the financial year 2018/19, Daventry Town Council has awarded the following grants:

Community Group	Amount Awarded
Daventry Tigers	£ 900.00
Daventry Hub	£ 600.00
Home-Start Daventry & South Northants	£ 906.40
Mayfield Park Sports Club	£ 1,000.00
Total Amount Awarded	£ 4,406.40

To apply for a grant you need to complete a grant application form; available from the Town Council offices or by emailing customerservices@daventrytowncouncil.gov.uk or you can download one from our website <http://www.daventrytowncouncil.gov.uk/finance.html>

COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

Daventry Town Council work in partnership with key local organisations to support some key community services, in 2018/19 awarding:

- £13,099 to Citizens' Advice, Daventry and District to train volunteers and ensure the retention of this much needed service in Daventry Town.

Daventry Town Council also work in partnership with, and provides key funding for:

- Police and Crime Commissioner (Northamptonshire) – Sponsored PCSO
- Northants Police – via CCTV for crime prevention and community safety
- DACT – via Daventry Town Dial-A-Ride

Cllr Alan Knappe
Chairman Finance and Policy Committee

REPORT FROM MUSEUM COMMITTEE

I have been extremely proud, over the last year, to have been Chair of the Museum Committee. The museum has grown from strength to strength and is a fantastic community resource for all to enjoy.

Footfall has steadily increased; in 2015 there were 1411 visitors, 1737 in 2016, 2255 for 2017 and 3270 for 2018. This increase is I believe due to the number of wide-reaching, community engagement activities and programme of events that the museum and volunteers have been developing, along with increased promotion of the museum within the town and informative exhibitions.

Alongside the permanent exhibits, the team of volunteers have treated the public to some wonderful temporary exhibitions throughout the year, these have included: the *100 years Celebration of the WI in Northamptonshire, Arts, Crafts and Collectables* and the *World War One Centenary Exhibition*, which included the Empty Chair Project; a poignant project which brought the Daventry community together to pay tribute to the 114 Daventry Soldiers who lost their lives during WWI.

The current exhibition, *Victorian Daventry – A Period of Change* is an excellent portrayal of what it would have been like to live during the Victorian era and has attracted several school and group visits.

I'm looking forward to seeing the rest of this year's exciting line up of exhibitions including the Archaeology exhibition, *Discoveries from Daventry and beyond*, and the World War Two exhibition, marking 80 years since the war started.

The museum's community engagement and outreach activities have included:

- School visits from Falconer's Hill Infants, Daventry Hill School and 200 year 7 pupils from The Parker E-Act.

- Community Group visits from Daventry Cubs, Beavers, Scouts, The Cube and Daventry Mind.
- Hosting Archaeology Finds Days
- British Science Week
- Volunteers' Week
- Theatre performances in the museum including, Tea with Oscar Wilde and Beastly Monsters and Monstrous Beasts.

The museum would not be able to operate without the help and support from our fantastic team of volunteers and we are very grateful to them for all their passion and hard work to keep the museum going.

Cllr Dawn Branigan
Chairman Museum Committee

REPORT FROM COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE

Daventry Town Council seeks to work with all Daventry organisations to create a lively and vibrant town, promoting civic pride and improving the quality of life for those who live, work and visit Daventry.

EVENTS CALENDAR FOR 2018/2019

APRIL - Bunting and flags put up in the Town Centre to celebrate and support Daventry and District Scouts St George's Day Parade. DTC actively took part in the parade, live tweeting and facebook video streaming to its followers for anyone who could not actively take part in the day itself.

MAY - Hanging Baskets and barrier baskets installed, bringing colour to the Town and lifting the spirits of everyone in anticipation of a warm summer.

JUNE - Motorcycle Festival, a popular annual event, supported by the Town Council. DTC took an active role with assisting with the marketing and PR for the event, as well as live tweeting and facebook video streaming the event to its followers and those who could not be in attendance.

JUNE – Daventry Arts Festival, a two-week programme giving everyone the opportunity to explore different art forms, such as oil painting, street art, poetry, knitting, astronomy, singing, bell ringing, theatre, cinema and of course, music. There was also an open-air craft market, which was attended by a variety of local crafters.

AUGUST – Daventry Allotment and Gardening Association Produce Show 2018, supported by the Town Council, attracted over 350 exhibits competing for first prize in a variety of categories (not forgetting the Children's competition which attracted a lot of exhibitors) as well as organising a Craft Market, attended by local craft traders.

DTC took an active role by promoting the event, by providing free face painting, live tweeting and were even featured on BBC Radio Northampton's 'Treasure Quest' as the treasure!

AUGUST – Daventry Town Council together with Daventry District Council, Daventry Fire and Rescue and Daventry Police, took part in a 'Day of Fun' on the Southbrook estate worked as part of Operation Unite. The aim of Operation Unite was to organise an educational fun day, attended by a variety of stakeholders, to engage with the community, in particular the young people of the Town, to raise awareness of the dangers of knife crime and anti-social behaviour. The event was attended by DTC Ranger and Town Sponsored PCSO and DTC's Events and Communications Officer (ECO) offered a free face-painting service.

SEPTEMBER - Daventry Town Council's Food Festival. Held for the second year and even though the weather was a little wet the event was enjoyed by all and will return in 2019 for its third year.

OCTOBER – Daventry Town Council's partnership working with various stakeholders in the town, as part of Operation Unite, saw the ECO return to a Halloween themed 'Day of Fun' on the Headlands, offering her face-painting skills to children and families in attendance.

NOVEMBER - Daventry Town Council Fireworks, held at the Parker E-Act Academy and the firework display was a resounding success. Thousands came to watch the fantastic firework display set to music by Daventry company MLE Pyrotechnics.

NOVEMBER – Daventry Town Council, working in partnership with The Holy Cross Church and The Royal British Legion organises, promotes and supports the Remembrance Day Parade, together with Armistice Day on 11th November.

NOVEMBER – Lantern Making Workshops held at the Daventry Scout Hut, in readiness for the Lantern Parade.

DECEMBER – The Winter Fayre celebrated the beginning of the festive season with free activities which included a magical Santa's grotto, Christmas Market, carousel and of course the Christmas donkeys. Concluding with the lantern parade and a fantastic carol service in the Holy Cross Church, accompanied by the very brilliant Daventry Brass Band.

Thank you to everyone who supported these events.

CHRISTMAS LIGHTS

Daventry town centre will be decorated with new Christmas lights this year. The town council has increased its current budget by £25k to purchase new lights for a new scheme to light up the High Street, Sheaf Street, New Street and Market Place.

ALLOTMENTS

Daventry Town Council continues to manage and maintain five allotment sites in the Town.

Anyone wishing to rent an allotment plot, can apply by completing an application form; available from the Town Council offices or by emailing customerservices@daventrytowncouncil.gov.uk or you can download one from our website: www.daventrytowncouncil.gov.uk/allotments.html

TOWN COUNCIL DIAL-A-RIDE SERVICE

Daventry Town Council, in partnership with Daventry Area Community Transport, allocates funding to provide a free Dial-A-Ride service in Daventry Town.

The service, using specially adapted tail-lift vehicles, runs every Tuesday and Friday for anyone in Daventry Town aged over 65 years.

To register for this free service call 01327 701665.

CITIZENS ADVICE, DAVENTRY AND DISTRICT

Daventry Town Council support the work of Citizens' Advice Daventry and District by providing funding for training and ensure the continuation of the service to residents of Daventry Town.

COMMUNITY SAFETY: CCTV – DTC RANGER – SPONSORED PCSO

Daventry Town Council manages CCTV provision in Daventry Town. These have been used in partnership with Daventry Police and the DTC Ranger and have proved pivotal in assisting and preventing various crimes, including retail crime.

The DTC Ranger position was implemented in April 2018 with the view of working in line with DTC's CCTV Control Room and the sponsored Town PCSO in order to make Daventry Town a safer place to live, work and visit.

Working directly for Daventry Town Council, the Ranger assists the Police teams in Daventry Town, and although they are not a police officer (and therefore do not have the same powers) they have been instrumental in reducing the number of anti-social behaviour incidents reported in the Town over the past 12 months.

The Ranger's duties include (but are not limited to) attending community meetings; reporting and preventing dog fouling; reporting and preventing fly-tipping, littering and canvassing; as well as acting as a welcoming host for both residents and visitors to the Town.

They are also responsible for youth engagement and acting as a deterrent for anti-social behaviour.

To stay up to date with the latest news from the DTC Ranger, you can follow them on Twitter: @DTCRanger.

In February 2018, Daventry Town Council agreed to sponsor a Police Community Support Officer (PCSO) and from 1st April 2018, Mia Ball assumed the position. Mia's role is to work predominantly in the Town Centre under the direction of Daventry and South Northants Neighbouring Policing Team and Daventry Town Council. Mia also

works alongside DTC's CCTV Control Room and the DTC Ranger, providing a frontline service focusing on the community; delivering a visible and reassuring presence to the Town as well as resolving any issues as and when they arise.

As a sponsored PCSO, this has no effect on the service our community receives from the core policing team – Mia has been brought on board to supplement and enhance the work of Northamptonshire Police, specifically for Daventry Town.

DTC initially agreed to sponsor a PCSO on the trial basis of 12 months. From April 2019, DTC will sponsor the PCSO to remain as a service in the Town for another 12 months and will consider the continuation of the sponsorship into 2020/2021.

To stay up to date with the latest news from Mia Ball, Daventry Town's Sponsored PCSO, you can follow her on Twitter: PCSOMia.

Cllr Lynne Taylor
Chairman Community Services Committee

REPORT FROM PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

In 2018/19 Daventry Town Council submitted comments on 110 planning applications, is a key consultee in the further development of Monksmoor Park Phase 3, the Monksmoor Country Park extension, Micklewell Park Phase 1, construction of 33 dwellings on land off Staverton Road, construction of 59 dwellings on site 8 Middlemore, proposed development of land to the south-west of Daventry Town, new building and car park at Daventry and District Sports Club, construction of 5 dwellings located at Hawkhill, redevelopment of Vicar Lane Service Station.

The Town Council is supportive of progressive development and works collaboratively with Developers and Daventry District Council Planning Authority on new proposals for the development of sites 1, 3 and 5 (Northampton County Council library site, Land at Eastern Way playing field and Chaucer Way Car Park), Daventry North-East Sustainable Urban Extension, Daventry South-west, Micklewell Park, Middlemore Site 8 and 3 commercial units off Leamington way.

The Town Council has also given its support for a new leisure area in Daventry town centre. Planning permission has been granted for a four-screen cinema, restaurants and public square with splash fountains on the current site of Daventry Library. The library has moved to Abbey House in St John's Square and demolition of the old library is expected to start in May, with work on the new development to follow.

Cllr Wendy Randall
Chairman Planning & Development