

# ***Werrington*** neighbourhood council

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TO THE RESIDENTS OF WERRINGTON



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### **AGENDA**

1. **CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME : VINCE MOON ( including Apologies for Absence )**
2. **PRESENTATION BY DARREN SHARPE, PETERBOROUGH CITY COUNCIL**
3. **OFFICER ANNUAL REPORTS ( Written reports in the Meeting Pack )**
  - 3.1 **CHAIR - VINCE MOON**
  - 3.2 **RECEIVING AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2024**
  - 3.3 **PLANNING REPORT - SALLY WEALD & TONY FORSTER**
  - 3.4 **HONORARY TREASURER'S REPORT- GEOFF SMITH  
( including the appointment of the Independent Examiner )**
4. **ELECTION OF WERRINGTON NEIGHBOURHOOD MEMBERS**
  - **There are ten elected positions on our Council. There are five vacancies needing to be appointed to at this meeting**
  - **Any nominations must have been submitted on the official form and in the possession of the Secretary by 3rd June 2025. ( Two of the existing members have submitted their nominations to continue )**
  - **Up to 6 co-opted members are appointed annually at Council Meetings.**
  - **Our six Ward Councillors are automatically installed as ex-officio members of the Council**
  - **If there are more nominations than vacancies, then an election will take place with Werrington residents attending the meeting able to vote**
5. **WERRINGTON AREA FORUM : SALLY WEALD**
6. **ANNUAL AWARDS**
  - **GOOD CITIZENSHIP YOUTH AWARD [ TBC ]**
  - **COMMUNITY CONTRIBUTION AWARDS ( 2 )**
  - **COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD**
  - **THE WERRINGTON AWARD**
7. **ANY OTHER URGENT BUSINESS ( and not covered by earlier agenda items )**
  - 7.1 **Matters to be considered under this item must be received by the Secretary no later than 6th June.**
  - 7.2 **Date of next WNC Meeting – Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> July 2025 at The Barn, 19.00.**

Since my last report Werrington Neighbourhood Council (WNC) has continued to have a strong influence in local affairs. The Werrington Neighbourhood Plan, whilst not directly a WNC project, has nevertheless been a major enterprise for many of our members. We were delighted that nearly two thousand residents came out to vote in the referendum and that ninety three per cent of these supported the plan. This vote not only gives the plan considerable force but also makes WNC's claim to be a voice for the community credible and should assist us so that we are able to continue to provide some of the services that a Parish Council would provide. All this at no financial cost to our residents. Many thanks to all those who came out to vote. You did us proud and we are very grateful for your support. However our small band of public spirited individuals, who volunteer their services and expertise free of charge, is diminishing. I know this is part of a national pattern but it still has to be a real concern and I wonder how long we can continue if the situation does not improve? I hope that my report will give examples of the good work that has been done by our members and show that we are a relevant and worthwhile body in the community that should be continue to be supported by it.



One of the main roles of WNC continues to be as an official planning consultee to Peterborough City Council (PCC) for the Werrington area. Tony Forster has been our planning lead, and along with Sally Weald and other members of our planning committee, they have scrutinized all planning applications in the Werrington area and have submitted suitable responses submitted where necessary as can be seen from the planning report. This can be particularly challenging especially where there is a split of views in the community. We have tried to be as even-handed as possible in these cases reflecting the views of both sides in our submissions. With few resources we can't hold consultations on every issue. Further, as an official consultee, we are not permitted to be a campaigning body with regard to any proposal.

The Environment Group has been led by Roger Proudfoot whose considerable knowledge and professional expertise we have been very lucky to have benefitted from in a number of projects this group has been working on. Sadly Roger, due to health issues, is stepping down from this position and we urgently need someone to take on this role in the future. Concern for the environment has long been a major part of WNC's activity and Roger's work has been highly regarded locally and recognised in the City as well as being noticed by national bodies.

We are represented on the Peterborough Parish Council Liaison Committee where, while not a parish council, we are identified as a body that represents the area. This enables us to know what Parish Councils are doing around Peterborough as well as being briefed by important local officials about current policies and issues. The new PCC Local Plan is currently being developed and this will identify possible sites for development 2024 - 2044. I recently attended the latest briefing for Parish Councils on this. Werrington is not greatly affected although there are concerns about possible development of sites in Brookside and the Werrington Centre that we are monitoring. Major possible developments in the Rural Peterborough area are also being considered. We made submissions to the recent public consultation on the Local Plan, as well as to the PCC Budgets consultation.

We have continued to take part in Community events and have had a stand at the Werrington Scout and Guide Carnival in the Werrington Primary School field. Our meetings are open to the public and there is an opportunity for input from the public. They are advertised in Spotlight and on social media websites. These have been held on Mondays or Tuesdays at the Barn in the Hodgson Centre and some have included outside speakers. We hope to continue meeting at the Barn. We are very grateful to PEDS (Personalised Eating Disorder Support Charity) who currently rent the building and with whom we have a friendly relationship, but it is still not clear how the PCC asset disposal programme will eventually affect this property.

We are very pleased that Belinda Coaten has been able to give us much needed secretarial support and she has played a vital central role in our organisation. Special mention should also be made of Elliot Hodgson who has made valuable contributions to the Neighbourhood Plan, as well as to a number of other planning matters. His expertise in these field has proved to be of great value and we greatly appreciate the input he has made on numerous occasions. Sally Weald also continues to do sterling work on a variety of issues as well doing a great job as our press secretary. Geoff Smith has continued to very professionally carry out his duties diligently as Treasurer but we urgently need someone to take over the treasurer position from Geoff, who has indicated a wish to pass on this position on for a number of years.

Further my thanks to all the current Neighbourhood Councillors for their attendance and support at the meetings and activities of the Council and its associated bodies. Last, but certainly not least, I should mention our appreciation of the assistance and support of the City Councillors, John and Judy Fox, Sandra Bond, Sarah Hillier and Ann Shaheed. Their involvement and encouragement has made a huge difference in enabling us to fulfil our role as a neighbourhood council working for the benefit of the community.

# WERRINGTON NEIGHBOURHOOD COUNCIL ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

HELD AT WERRINGTON PARISH VILLAGE CENTRE ON TUESDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2024

**PRESENT:** Belinda Coaten, Charles Coxon, Pauline Fury, Tony Forster, Ivan Hammond, Vince Moon, Roger Proudfoot, Geoff Smith, Sally Weald, Cllr Sandra Bond, Cllr John Fox, Cllr Judy Fox, Cllr Sarah Hillier, Cllr Ann Shaheed and residents of Werrington.

**APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:** Martin Greaves, Dan Tarver

**GUESTS:** Award Winners with their family and friends

## 1. CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME:

Vince Moon welcomed everyone as well as our new councillors. The apologies were accepted as above.

## 2. PETERBOROUGH ENVIRONMENT CITY TRUST CELEBRATING 30 YEARS - TONY COOK

Tony explained that PECT is an independent charity which requires funding. He provided an overview of his varied and interesting role, and shared that he especially enjoys the collaboration he has with Roger. He talked in depth on one of the projects delivered – Bud life, and also highlighted several other projects, including creating local wildflower areas – the site on John Clare recreation area and Itter Park, wild flower mazes in schools. His work also includes collaborating with corporate groups, to successfully manage sites. He enjoys sharing our heritage on the way we used to do things and connect to the environment compared to our super high tech environment today.

## 3. WERRINGTON ENVIRONMENT GROUP PRESENTATION - ROGER PROUDFOOT

Roger advised how Werrington is really well supported by both PECT and our local councillors, and together with funding received from Loxley Co-op, Waitrose and PECT. He provided an overview of activity for the last year with wildflower meadows at Werrington Rec, where there has been a reasonable amount of success. Roger felt that if we can get patches like that which are not used for recreation or there is room we can hopefully get the balance right. Unfortunately Environment activities have not been as active as normal, although there was big volunteer session in the autumn. Roger is currently looking at altering the grass cutting regime together with the local community. He is hoping to do a series of talks over the next 6 months or so, on the subject of wildflower gardening and is hopeful for a wildlife gardening module, plus a piece on climate change too. Anyone who wants to volunteer please let Roger know email is - .

Sobrite Pond to the north of Werrington was leased for 5 years by Network Rail, this has now ended and as a result it is rather neglected and overgrown. Peakirk have been in touch re funding sources to help carry on with the work in our patch. They are looking for partnership funding, anyone interested in getting involved then again get in touch with Roger, especially if you are in the north area of Werrington.

## 4. OFFICER ANNUAL REPORTS

**Chair** - Vince Moon presented an overview. For Vince's full report then please see Appendix 1.

Vince commended the work of Roger, for both his hard work and for doing a great job, he recognised that Werrington is very lucky to have him. He also reported that WNC is chugging along, although we have no secretary or vice chair, and Geoff is noble in carrying on the role of Treasurer, especially as he has indicated over the last few years he wants to step back so we are desperate for someone to take this on.

Vince also wanted to clarify a point in his written report, that his intention was not to say Geoff did a bad job!.

**Secretary** - Sally Weald

Sally highlighted that WNC are all volunteers doing our best with very few resources, recently there have been differences of opinion on several local matters with residents. She advised that WNC does not campaign on any particular issue. She expressed apologies if we have upset anyone along the way, WNC tries its best to please everyone, but this is not always possible.

Sally has been the leading force on The Werrington Plan, which is now nearing completion. The plan is the product of several years work based on residents input. The next stage will be a referendum. Vince urged everyone to vote on it, as this will ensure that any development in the future will enhance rather than detract from Werrington.

WNC has continued to use The Barn this year, and are hopeful that someone from the council will come along to advise on the asset transfer and what the future holds as to whether this facility can still be utilised for the benefit of the community.

Thanks were expressed to Spotlight for publicising activities, and to Sally for all her work on press and publicity.

Thanks also went to all council colleagues for their support and attendance.

Last years Minutes were approved by vote that these represented a true record. No one voted against and there were no abstentions.

## Planning Report – Sally Weald

Werrington Fields - For obvious reasons Tony cannot comment on this, so Sally provided an update. WNC has been involved in this right from the beginning. They fully appreciate the need for the open space but equally feel the need to support services and facilities within the community, and it is for this reason right from the word go .....

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## **Planning Report – Sally Weald ... continued**

have requested a 2.5 fence along the school perimeter, this stance remains after all this time. A larger area of fencing is not supported. Sally further clarified the area under discussion, the south area not to the right (which is under covenant). WNC actively maintains its support and has attended every meeting. Everything has recently stalled due to local elections and now that Councillor Jones has been appointed as the leader of Council we are asking for him to support this moving forward. Save Werrington Fields is a Campaign group, WNC is a representative group. This means we can express residents views and support activities.

## **Planning Report - Tony Forster**

Tony expressed that he feels as if he still learning and relying on Sally re the approach to planning. He is notified of all the planning applications, if it is routine WNC does not get involved, if it is something bigger then there is a discussion as to whether WNC should comment, e.g. Lambe's lawnmower site. All submitted comments are aimed at supporting local residents. Several recent applications have been contentious e.g. Ikea lockers and Staniland Way. The lockers were granted and Staniland Way is sadly an unresolved issue, with the owners repeatedly adjusting plans as to what they are proposing. The issues are loss of use of bus turning and other issues as to whether it is the right place. The state of Werrington centre continues to decline, John and Judy Fox are heavily involved in trying to resolve this issue which is not helped by complex ownership. WNC will continue to keep an eye on any developments to the situation.

## **Honorary Treasurers Report – Geoff Smith**

Geoff read his report. A copy of which can be found in Appendix 2. It was voted to keep the examiner of the accounts and to officially accept the report. This was proposed, seconded. No one voted against and there were no abstentions.

## **5. ELECTION OF WERRINGTON NEIGHBOURHOOD MEMBERS**

Currently there are 6 vacancies, which have been advertised across Spotlight plus social media. The current 5 members wish to continue so there is no requirement to have an election. The members are as follows:- Geoff Smith, Sally Weald, Martin Greaves, Tony Forster, Ivan Hammond.

All were reappointed as members. There is still a vacancy so if you would like to be part of WNC please contact the Chair. Co-opted opportunities are also available. It is an opportunity to come along and make Werrington a better place. If you are interested speak to members or email or message us via Facebook.

The 6 Ward councillors are ex officio members and offer great support, WNC operates as a partnership with everyone supporting one another.

## **6. WERRINGTON AREA FORUM – Sally Weald**

Sally provided an overview of the current legislation, there is national and local planning legislation and then there are neighbourhood plans which all parish councillors have. As Werrington does not have a Parish council an area forum has been established, this consists of 25 residents who are beholden to that forum as to what is being delivered. The Forum expired last November and so had to be formally redeclared. The steering group consists of Sally Weald, Vince Moon, Geoff Smith, Tony Forster [and Elliott Hodgson](#).

To date the draft plan has gone through numerous agencies and PCC. The plan will be a useful document in the future, with any planned development residents will have a reference point to back up any arguments, by citing the plan. Public consultation has taken place this year, resulting in 50 amendments, these are in the final stages of being updated/amended. Next steps will be final submission to PCC for consultation and an independent examination, feedback from these will be reviewed, and then a referendum will be called.

Sally requested all attendees to take two things away with them. Firstly, to spread the word about this as it has become apparent that many thought that this plan was written by the City Council. The message needs to be spread that this is not the case, it has been written by residents with contains their views. Secondly, we need people to pitch up to a referendum, this will hopefully be towards the end of this year/ early next year. Thankfully the general election being called in July and not the autumn which means that it has thankfully been taken out of the larger political agenda. And finally, please spread the word that if you care about the local community we live in come and vote and encourage others to do so too.

Each year funding has to be applied for which is £10K, so far this has been spend on consultancy and promotional materials, the full funding has not been spent, and will therefore be returned.

The following were proposed and seconded to continue in their roles with no votes against or any abstentions:-

Vince Moon - Chair, Sally Weald – Secretary. Geoff Smith – Treasurer. Plus Tony Forster and Elliott Hodgson. Anyone interested was also invited to join the steering committee, or alternatively join the plan mailing list. Please let Sally know your email address if you would like to do this.

## **7. AWARDS – Vince made the following Awards :-**

**Werrington Show** - to recognise their commitment, hard work and resilience in ensuring that this very longstanding Werrington event/tradition remains at the heart of the annual calendar for all local residents to come together and enjoy. In addition, their proactive work which led to the creation of Werrington's very first scarecrow trail. This has subsequently become another great addition to the village and community.

## 7. AWARDS - Vince made the following Awards .... continued

**Werrington & District Flower Club** - to recognize all of the groups achievements in keeping this group alive, for not just individual members over the years to come together and share a passion through ongoing learning, but also for the whole of the Werrington community to enjoy their creative skills for us to mark and remember special events over the years, like the Jubilee at the Village Hall and other local and national events throughout the calendar in the Church.

**Steve Lane** - in recognition of the length of outstanding and dedicated work here in Werrington, this was often behind the scenes, involving a lot of time and effort in supporting various issues, ideas and initiatives within the community over numerous years as one of our much valued Ward Councillors.

**Sylvia Roberts** - a much deserved and long overdue recognition of her services to junior football in our area, namely Gunthorpe Harriers Football Club's. For many years since the club's inception in 1989 Sylvia has been its Secretary and main focal point of its administration and well-being. She has been the main driving force behind this and has pretty much done everything both in the club's administration and in maintaining the grounds and facilities. She is probably one of the longest serving and most experienced and respected Secretary's in the local soccer scene.

**Sally Weald** – Sally deserved the Werrington Award for all she has done locally; her work in the Werrington Forum where she has been the main driving force in the production of the Neighbourhood Plan that is now nearing completion; her huge role in WNC as a former secretary and now press secretary, plus taking on many other tasks when the need occurred, but also for her involvement with other groups and roles including WCA, History Group, Church, a School Governor to name but a few. She has been a real 'mover and shaker' in the community who has benefitted Werrington in many different ways.

**Dan (Daniel) Tarver** - In recognition of his ongoing positive attitude, resilience and hard work whilst dealing with his own personal health challenges and for successfully serving the local community in two very different ways, both on the sports field as a local football referee and within the local church. Dan was unable to attend our AGM so the presentation was made by Councillors John & Judy Fox (who have sponsored the Good Citizenship Youth Award for many years) at the Werrington Carnival.

## 8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business and there were no further questions from the floor.

Vince **closed the meeting at 8.50pm**

## APPENDIX 1

### **CHAIR'S ANNUAL REPORT 2024**

The last 12 months has been a busy period for Werrington Neighbourhood Council (WNC) and we have continued to provide residents with many of the services that a Parish Council would provide, but at no cost to them. This is only possible because a small band of public spirited individuals volunteer their services and expertise free of charge, but some of us are aging while few new recruits are stepping forward to share the load. There has to be a real concern that we are rapidly reaching a point where this may no longer be possible. Some may well feel that this does not matter and Werrington does not need such a body. I hope that my report will give a flavour of the services that WNC has been involved with providing and the disappearance of such an organisation would be a real lost to the community.

WNC continues to be an official planning consultee to Peterborough City Council (PCC). To this end Tony Forster has been our planning lead, ably assisted by Sally Weald on a number of occasions, as well as the rest of our planning committee. All planning applications in the Werrington area are scrutinized and suitable responses submitted where necessary. Using the data gathered from community surveys along with keeping informed from various media outlets together with a membership that has representatives from across Werrington we try to give an effective voice to views in our locality. This has been particularly challenging recently as a couple of major issues has produced a split of views in the community. We have tried to be as even-handed as possible in these cases reflecting the views of both sides in our submissions. We don't have the resources to hold consultations on every issue nor are we allowed to act as a campaigning body with regard to any proposal. We're volunteers doing our best for the community but on planning matters it is not always possible to please all the people all the time.

The involvement of our members with the Werrington Neighbourhood Forum has continued and this body is near to completing the Neighbourhood Plan for Werrington. The Plan is based on the responses we received from the community in consultations and will provide additional protection for the features people identified as being important characteristics of our area when any new developments are considered. It is likely to be put to a public referendum sometime in the next 12 months. I would strongly urge all residents to vote for this document. It is the culmination of several year's hard work and special thanks should be given to Sally Weald who has been the driving force behind this project.

As we are not funded by local or national government we have to raise any money we need for projects ourselves. Thanks to Sally, we have been successful on obtaining a number of grants to this end and examples of the work this has enabled can be seen in our Environment Group Report. Our special thanks are due to Waitrose, the Co-operative Group and Central Co-operative for their support for these activities. The Environment Group is led by Roger Proudfoot whose considerable knowledge and professional expertise we are very lucky to benefit from in a number of projects this group is working on.

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## **APPENDIX 1 - CHAIR'S ANNUAL REPORT 2024 .... continued**

Although not a Parish Council we are represented on the Peterborough Parish Council Liaison Committee. This enables us to know what Parish Councils are doing around Peterborough as well as being briefed by important local officials about developments and the provision of services in the area. Recently, for example, 3 WNC members attended a meeting at the Town Hall explaining the process for producing a new PCC Local Plan.

We have continued to take part in Community events and have had stands at the Werrington Scout and Guide Festival in the Werrington Primary School field and also at the switching-on the Christmas tree lights ceremony on the village green. Our meetings are open to the public and there is an opportunity for input from the public. They are advertised in Spotlight and on social media websites. These have been held on Mondays or Tuesdays at The Barn in the Hodgson Centre and some have included outside speakers. For example, Councillor Andy Coles gave us a talk about the City Council budget. We hope to continue meeting at The Barn but are awaiting to hear how the PCC asset disposal programme affects this property.

A special welcome to Belinda Coaten who has provided some much appreciated secretarial assistance to us recently. At the moment the roles of Secretary, Treasurer and Vice Chair all need filling and it is difficult to see how we can continue in the future without filling these vital posts. Anyone over 18 and resident in Werrington is welcome to attend our lively and informative meetings.

So my thanks to all the current Neighbourhood Councillors for their attendance and support at the meetings and activities of the Council and its associated bodies. Also our appreciation of the assistance and regular attendance of the City Councillors, John and Judy Fox and Sandra Bond. Also thanks for the input and support from the departing City Councillors; Steve Lane and Bryan Tyler. We welcome and look forward to working with our new councillors; Sarah Hillier and Ann Shaheed in the future.

**Vince Moon CHAIR**

**21/5/2024**

## **APPENDIX 2**

### **HONORARY TREASURER'S 2024 ANNUAL REPORT**

#### **GEOFF SMITH REPORTS**

The signed **Annual Statement of Accounts** is featured overleaf and is based on our books having once again been thoroughly and professionally inspected and approved by our Independent Examiner - Richard Collingridge. As on all previous occasions these accounts cover our finances over the calendar year ending on 31st December 2023. Incorporated in these examined accounts is the schedule below summarising the various amounts that are ring-fenced for specific projects and work which grants have been obtained for. These are therefore presented to the AGM as an approved true and fair view of the current state of our accounts.

#### **Our present financial position**

Since the closing of last year's accounts, and onwards into the current financial year i.e. from 1st January, further grants have been secured by Sally - another big 'well done' to her for this. One is from the Co-Op Local Community Fund, who have supported us considerably over the last few years, and we have already received the first part of this in the sum of £529.62 with more to come. PECT are the other donors and they have paid us £356. The total income received is therefore £885.62. Payments have been made for promotional items and environmental project materials totalling £117.98 which leaves us with a current total credit balance in our current account of **£4,968.90**. As usual there are payments yet to be made for this year's AGM and last year's accounts ( as featured overleaf ) will provide an indication of what's to come in this respect. We are, as they say, still ' hanging on in there ' but further economies on expenditure will almost certainly have to be made if we are to continue to exist - and there isn't much left to do this on as little or no expenses are claimed by our members who are all volunteers.

It should be noted that the Werrington Area Forum is independent of the WNC as are its accounts and I am also its current Treasurer - the financial situation of this group is featured in a separate report by Sally - and that we no longer administer the Werrington Neighbourhood Watch Cluster Group's funds as they have now organised their own bank account and so are independent of us .

Finally it falls on me to make a proposal for the appointment of the Independent Examiner for the current financial year and I **would recommend Richard Collingridge be appointed** to this role once again - I have asked him if he is willing to continue in providing this essential service ( something he has done for over 25 years ) and he has confirmed he is happy to do so.

In closing I would once again sincerely thank and pay tribute to Sally for all her hard work and efforts in both securing a number of vital grants to support our various environmental initiatives and also on the Neighbourhood Plan together with many other official duties such as planning. Also thanks to our Chair, Vince Moon, and fellow WNC members for their continued commitment and support. Councillors John and Judy Fox have continued with their support in meeting the costs incurred of our Good Citizenship Youth Award and we are most grateful to them for this. In addition we are most grateful to the Werrington Community Association (WCA) for their much valued and appreciated support in paying our annual insurance premium.

**THE INDEPENDENTLY EXAMINED ANNUAL STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS 2023 FOLLOW OVERLEAF ...**



## ANNUAL STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS YEAR-ENDING 31<sup>st</sup> DECEMBER, 2023

### CURRENT ACCOUNT

OPENING BANK BALANCE carried over from 31<sup>st</sup> December 2022 = £ 4,835 . 17\* + CASH-IN HAND (CIH) = £ 4.52  
THE CLOSING BANK BALANCE as at 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023 = £ 4,201 . 26\* + CASH-IN HAND (CIH) = £ 2.53  
(\* Inclusive of amounts held in trust for other groups, residual CLF allocations and other grants/donations)

### INCOME & EXPENDITURE 2023

#### 1. CURRENT ACCOUNT

##### A. EXPENDITURE DETAILS

	£	p
INSURANCE PREMIUM (ZURICH)	297	.92
TRANSFER OF FUNDS TO N/HOOD WATCH CLUSTER GROUP	755	.74
ENVIRONMENTAL PROJECTS (ROGER PROUDFOOT)	608	.46
BANK TRANSFERS (CASH-IN-HAND - SEE TWO PAYMENTS BELOW)	350	.00

[A] TOTAL EXPENDITURE = £ 2,012 . 12

##### B. INCOME DETAILS

	£	p
INSURANCE PREMIUM (WCA)	297	.92
JUST GIVING DONATION	4	.00
WAITROSE GRANT FUNDING	1,000	.00
EASYFUNDRAISING INCOME	15	.00
CLRS J & J FOX - GCYC SPONSORSHIP	60	.00

[B] TOTAL INCOME = £ 1,378 . 21

**DEBIT BALANCE:** Income less Expenditure [A minus B ABOVE] = £ 633 . 91\* (\* AS AT 31<sup>st</sup> DECEMBER 2023)

SUMMARY: CREDIT BALANCE CARRIED OVER FROM 2022 OF £ 4,835 . 17 LESS £ 633 . 91

= TOTAL CURRENT ACCOUNT CREDIT BALANCE AS AT 31<sup>st</sup> DECEMBER 2023 CARRIED FORWARD TO 2024 = £ 4,201 . 26\*

(\* NOTE: THIS SUM DOES NOT INCLUDE THE CASH-IN-HAND AS DETAILED BELOW)

SEE OVERLEAF FOR A SCHEDULE OF RING-FENCED AMOUNTS THAT ARE INCLUDED IN THE ABOVE TOTAL SUM

#### 2. CASH PAYMENTS

##### A. EXPENDITURE DETAILS

	£	p
SUBSCRIPTION (WCA)	5	.00
AGM REFRESHMENTS (COUNCIL MEETINGS)	15	.00
WERRINGTON FORUM REFRESHMENTS	35	.00
POSTAGE	4	.10
EXAMINERS HONORARIA PURCHASES	30	.00
PRINTING	30	.00
ANNUAL AWARDS - CERTIFICATE FRAMES	32	.93
GOOD CITIZENSHIP YOUTH AWARD - CASH PAYMENT	50	.00
GOOD CITIZENSHIP YOUTH AWARD - SHIELD ENGRAVING (2)	10	.00
GOOD CITIZENSHIP YOUTH AWARD - NEW SHIELD	50	.00
NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH CLUSTER GROUP	50	.00
BULB PURCHASES	39	.96

[A] TOTAL EXPENDITURE = £ 351.99

##### B. INCOME DETAILS

	£	p
CREDIT CARRIED OVER FROM 2022	4	.52
TRANSFER No.1 FROM CURRENT ACCOUNT	250	.00
TRANSFER No.2 FROM CURRENT ACCOUNT	100	.00

[B] TOTAL INCOME = £ 354.52

**CASH-IN-HAND CREDIT BALANCE:** Income B LESS Expenditure A [B minus A ABOVE] = £ 2.53\* (\* AS AT 31<sup>st</sup> DECEMBER 2023) C/F

### ADDITIONAL ACCOUNTS

THE FOLLOWING EXTANT ACCOUNTS ARE **NOT INCLUDED** IN THE TOTAL CURRENT ACCOUNT BALANCES SHOWN ABOVE.

1. THE WERRINGTON VILLAGE SIGN ACCOUNT : 2023 Opening Balance = £67.35 Interest received = £0.58 Closing Credit Balance = £ 67.93
2. MISCELLANEOUS ACCOUNT : 2023 Opening Balance = £7.17 Interest received = £0.12 Closing Credit Balance = £ 7.29

TOTAL ADDITIONAL CREDIT BALANCE [1 + 2 ABOVE = c/f to 2024] = £ 75.22 OVERALL TOTAL FUNDS C/F TO 2024 = £ 4,276 . 48

### DECLARATION

I hereby declare that to the best of my knowledge and belief that these accounts represent a true and fair view of the Werrington Neighbourhood Council's present financial position for the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023.

Signed:   
GEOFFREY R SMITH MRSPh  
HONORARY TREASURER

Dated: 14<sup>th</sup> May 2024

Signed:   
RICHARD COLLINGRIDGE  
INDEPENDENT EXAMINER

Dated: 14<sup>th</sup> May 2024

## SUMMARY OF RING-FENCED AMOUNTS

TOTAL CREDIT BALANCE IN CURRENT ACCOUNT AT YEAR-END 31-12-23 = £ 4,201.26

**DETAILS OF RING-FENCED AMOUNTS [ included in the above Bank Balance ] :**

#### 1. SPECIFIC PROJECTS

- 1.1 CO-OP COMMUNITY FUND DONATION = £ 232 . 57
- 1.2 WAITROSE DONATIONS 2022-23 = £ 1,204 . 74
- 1.3 WAITROSE DONATIONS 2022-23 = £ 1,000 . 00
- 1.4 JUST GIVING FUNDED MURAL REPAIRS = £ 4 . 28

TOTAL AMOUNT [ 1.1 - 1.4 ] = £ 2,441 . 59

#### 2. GENERAL - NOT CURRENTLY ASSIGNED AND CAN BE RE-ALLOCATED [ \* SEE BELOW ]

TOTAL AMOUNT AVAILABLE [ IN WHOLE OR PART ] = £ 540 . 15

[ \* PREVIOUS VILLAGE SIGN RENOVATION FUND OF £800 - PART USED FOR PAYING BALANCE ON COMMEMORATIVE PLAQUE COST IN THE SUM OF £259.85. A DONATION OF £500 WAS RECEIVED FROM THE WERRINGTON COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION IN 2022 TOWARDS THE TOTAL COST OF £759.85 ]

**TOTAL OVERALL RING-FENCED AMOUNT [ ABOVE ITEMS 1 + 2 ] = £ 2,981 . 74**

### APPORTIONMENT

TOTAL CREDIT BALANCE IN CURRENT ACCOUNT AT YEAR-END 31-12-23 = £ 4,201 . 26

**TOTAL RING-FENCED AMOUNT AS AT 31-12-23 = £ 2,981 . 74**

**BALANCE REMAINING IN GENERAL ACCOUNT = £ 1,219 . 52**



# PLANNING REPORT 2025

SALLY WEALD AND TONY FORSTER

During 2024 Werrington Neighbourhood Council reviewed 36 planning Applications ( 25% lower than the previous 12 months ). Of these applications: 6 were tree applications, 17 were extensions or garages, 4 were commercial, 2 were for new houses and 9 were other applications including solar panels. Comments were submitted on seven of these applications.

**Butchers Arms Micro Pub:** This application has attracted wide ranging views. It is great that a new business has opened in an otherwise empty unit but the extended opening hours with outside seating has created concerns over disturbance for the closeby residents. Certain conditions imposed by the Planning Dept have been upheld by an Appeal Inspector.

**Werrington Centre:** The lack of improvement continues to raise concerns especially with the continuing anti-social behaviour. As indicated in last year's report, an application for a care home was turned down for many reasons in early 2024. Two applications for shop units, a sports bar and a taxi office in early 2025 on the Ploughman site were turned down mainly on the basis of lack of parking provision and the usage of the adjacent car park access road.

**Fence adjacent to Ken Stimpson Academy:** It is disappointing that the City Council still has not been able to conclude the decision about how much of this area will be handed to the Academy as part of the Academisation Order and how much will be fenced. This decision process continues to be problematic with the issues of the land ownership, the longstanding community access, the loss of community land, the visual impact of the fence, the responsibility for the fence cost, the needs of the Academy verses the community use and the political implications. WNC spoke at the Cabinet meeting and the scrutiny committee against the fencing of the whole area to the south of the Academy giving support to the compromise of four football pitches. WNC also attended the further two Council meetings in early 2025. Further progress, consideration and negotiation on the part of the City Council is now awaited.

The long awaited **City Council draft Local Plan** was published in Spring 2025. A lot of time and consideration has been given to the review and final submission both from a Werrington perspective and a wider City view – with thanks to those involved in that. In amongst the many comments, reference was made to the high density housing allocation for Werrington Centre and Brookside. Any subsequent changes to the draft Local Plan following the consultation period will be awaited with interest.

## WERRINGTON AREA FORUM REPORT 2024-25

**SALLY WEALD REPORTS :** The Werrington Neighbourhood Plan has had a highly successful 2024/25. Following the formal public consultation in January/February 2024 slight amendments had to be made to the Plan. The complex requests from City Council and the Environment Agency were eventually resolved to everyone's satisfaction and the Plan was formally submitted to Peterborough City Council in September 2025. The final formal consultation undertaken by the City Council gave very few problems and likewise the final examination by an Independent Examiner also went through with only minor comments. Following the final adjustments the Plan went to the resident's referendum in February 2025. There was a great response from Werrington Residents with 21.1% of Werrington residents taking part in the referendum with over 93% voting in favour of the Plan.

Following its adoption by the City Council the Plan is now part of the statutory development plan for Peterborough, and will be used (alongside local and national policy) to determine planning applications in the Werrington neighbourhood area. For an urban area to get a Plan in place is such a great achievement and sends a strong message about the character and strength of the Werrington community. It was a long journey over the last six years delayed by COVID, lack of funding, sporadic support from the City Council, difficult requests presented by the City Council and certain Agencies and just the complexity of understanding and managing the process. Ultimately there was great team work especially from Elliot, Geoff, Sally, Tony and Vince who were supported by all the other members of the Area Forum. Thanks are due to all of these ... BUT the biggest thanks must go to the Werrington residents who support the questionnaires, consultations and the ultimate referendum.

The Area Forum will continue to exist to address any problems and to get involved in any opportunities PLUS in just four years we will be doing it all again when the Plan starts to undergo its review.

**Financial Report:** Whilst £10,000 funding was available from the government, it was never enough to support the professional advice needed from consultants and the cost of publicity and design. Thanks are given for the assistance and goodwill from designers, print suppliers and advertisers over the years especially to 28 Designs. The only money given back to the government was the Consultant's contingency fees earmarked for any problems in the last rounds of consultation which wasn't needed.

See page 12 for the final financial summary provided by the Treasurer, Geoff Smith

# HONORARY TREASURER'S 2025 ANNUAL REPORT

## GEOFF SMITH REPORTS

The signed **Annual Statement of Accounts** is featured overleaf and is based on our books having been thoroughly and professionally inspected and approved by our Independent Examiner - Richard Collingridge. These accounts cover our finances over the calendar year ending on 31st December 2024. Incorporated in these examined accounts are various amounts that are ring-fenced for specific projects and work which grants and donations have been obtained for undertaking community and environmental projects. These accounts are therefore presented to the AGM as an approved true and fair view of the current state of our finances and I am most grateful to Richard Collingridge for his help and assistance once again.

**Our present financial position** - I would now comment on our current financial position since the closing of last year's accounts, and onwards into our current financial year i.e. as from 1st January of this year. I have provided update reports on our accounts at all of the WNC meetings held this year and it has been noted that there has been little movement to report on. Only two payments have been issued to date the first being £125 for one of our environmental projects ( wildflower seeds ) as yet un-cashed and the other being £55 to the Werrington Neighbourhood Watch Cluster Group being reimbursement due to them for un-cashed cheques issued on their behalf some time ago - this now ends our arrangement with them whereby I acted as their Treasurer whilst they were without their own bank and we held and managed their funds for them. I should mention that as well as no longer acting as their Treasurer I finally stood down from my local Neighbourhood Watch involvement having played an active role for over 35 years.

**Our latest credit balance in our current account therefore now totals £3,973.37 ( £3,848.37 once the outstanding cheque has been presented ).**

In addition you will see from the Annual Statement overleaf that we have a sum of £76.30 held in some small separate historical accounts. We also currently have a £16.77 cash-in-hand balance having received £60 as a cash donation from Cllrs John & Judy Fox for our 2025 Good Citizenship Youth Award and having paid out for the Independent Examiners honoraria of £30.50.

A summary of the Ring-fenced amounts **as at 31st December 2024** is as follows :

TOTAL CREDIT BALANCE IN CURRENT ACCOUNT AT YEAR-END 31-12-24	= £ 4,028 . 37
<b>TOTAL RING-FENCED AMOUNT AS AT 31-12-24</b>	<b>= £ 2,880 . 90</b>
BALANCE REMAINING IN GENERAL ACCOUNT AT YEAR-END 31-12-24	= £ 1,147 . 47

Payments made as from the **1st January 2025** to date give updated totals of :

TOTAL CREDIT BALANCE IN CURRENT ACCOUNT AT YEAR-END 31-12-24	= £ 3,848 . 37
<b>TOTAL RING-FENCED AMOUNT TO DATE</b>	<b>= £ 2,755 . 90</b>

I now turn to the requisite **appointment of an Independent Examiner** and recommend and propose that our current Independent Examiner, **Richard Collingridge**, be re-appointed to undertake this vital role for us once again until our next Annual General Meeting in 2026 - he has confirmed his willingness to continue in providing this essential service which he has now done with due diligence for over 26 years, so my personal thanks to him.

I am also acting as the Treasurer of the Werrington Area Forum and for your information I have included in subsequent pages the final financial statement produced for this group.

In closing I would once again like to express my sincere thanks and appreciation to several people. To Vince Moon who has now joined the ranks of one of our longest serving Chairs ( not far behind me now ! ) and who has done it so well. To Sally for all her fantastic work in continuing to secure a number of vital grants and donations in support of our various environmental projects and also on the successful completion of the Neighbourhood Plan together with her planning involvements. To fellow WNC members for their continued commitment and support especially to Belinda for helping with secretarial duties. To our Ward Councillors for their continued help and support and John and Judy for continuing to sponsor the Good Citizenship Youth Award. In addition we are most grateful to the Werrington Community Association (WCA) for their continued much valued and appreciated support in paying our annual insurance premium ( our biggest routine outlay ), and finally to PEDS for our continued presence and use of The Barn.





## ANNUAL STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS YEAR-ENDING 31st DECEMBER 2024

### CURRENT ACCOUNT

OPENING BANK BALANCE carried over from 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023 = £ 4,201 . 26\* + CASH-IN HAND (CIH) = £ 2.53

THE CLOSING BANK BALANCE as at 31<sup>st</sup> December 2024 = £ 4,028 . 37\* + CASH-IN HAND (CIH) = £37.29

(\* inclusive of amounts held in trust for other groups, residual CLF allocations and other grants/donations)

### INCOME & EXPENDITURE 2024

#### 1. CURRENT ACCOUNT

##### A. EXPENDITURE DETAILS

	£	p
INSURANCE PREMIUM ( ZURICH )	297	. 92
ENVIRONMENTAL PROJECTS [ ROGER PROUDFOOT ]	307	. 02
ENVIRONMENTAL PROJECTS [ SALLY WEALD ]	78	. 00
PETERBOROUGH CITY COUNCIL [ NEW BENCH ]	1,596	. 00
BANK TRANSFERS ( CASH-IN-HAND - SEE TWO PAYMENTS BELOW )	100	. 00

[A] TOTAL EXPENDITURE = £ 2,378 . 94

##### B. INCOME DETAILS

	£	p
INSURANCE PREMIUM ( WCA )	297	. 92
PECT GRANT FUNDING	356	. 00
CO-OP GRANT FUNDING	1,524	. 18
EASYFUNDRAISING INCOME	27	. 95

[B] TOTAL INCOME = £ 2,206 . 05

**DEBIT BALANCE** : Income less Expenditure [ A MINUS B ABOVE ] = £ 172 . 89\* (\* AS AT 31<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER 2024 )

SUMMARY : CREDIT BALANCE CARRIED OVER FROM 2023 OF £ 4,201 . 26 LESS £ 172 . 89

= TOTAL CURRENT ACCOUNT CREDIT BALANCE AS AT 31<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER 2024 CARRIED FORWARD TO 2025 = £ 4,028 . 37 \*

[ \* NOTE : THIS SUM DOES NOT INCLUDE THE CASH-IN-HAND AS DETAILED BELOW ]

SEE OVERLEAF FOR A SCHEDULE OF RING-FENCED AMOUNTS THAT ARE INCLUDED IN THE ABOVE TOTAL SUM

#### 2. CASH PAYMENTS

##### A. EXPENDITURE DETAILS

	£	p
SUBSCRIPTION ( WCA )	5	. 00
AGM REFRESHMENTS ( PAULINE FURY )	15	. 00
POSTAGE	6	. 65
EXAMINERS HONORARIA PURCHASES	29	. 75
PRINTING [ A4 PAPER ]	4	. 20
ANNUAL AWARDS - CERTIFICATE FRAMES	9	. 64
GOOD CITIZENSHIP YOUTH AWARD - CASH PAYMENT	50	. 00
GOOD CITIZENSHIP YOUTH AWARD - SHIELD ENGRAVING	5	. 00

[A] TOTAL EXPENDITURE = £ 125.24

##### B. INCOME DETAILS

	£	p
CREDIT CARRIED OVER FROM 2023	2	. 53
TRANSFER FROM CURRENT ACCOUNT	100	. 00
CLLRS J & J FOX - GCYC SPONSORSHIP	60	. 00

[B] TOTAL INCOME = £ 162.53

**CASH-IN-HAND CREDIT BALANCE** : Income B LESS Expenditure A [ B minus A ABOVE ] = £ 37.29\* (\* AS AT 31<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER 2024 ) C/F

TOTAL CREDIT BALANCES C/F TO 2025 = £ 4,065.66 [ CURRENT ACCOUNT CREDIT BALANCE £4,028.37 + CASH-IN-HAND £37.29 ]

### ADDITIONAL ACCOUNTS

THE FOLLOWING EXTANT ACCOUNTS ARE **NOT INCLUDED** IN THE TOTAL CURRENT ACCOUNT BALANCES SHOWN ABOVE.

1. THE WERRINGTON VILLAGE SIGN ACCOUNT : 2024 Opening Balance = £67.93 Interest received = £0.96 Closing Credit Balance = £ 68.89
2. MISCELLANEOUS ACCOUNT : 2024 Opening Balance = £7.29 Interest received = £0.12 Closing Credit Balance = £ 7.41

TOTAL ADDITIONAL CREDIT BALANCE ( 1 + 2 ABOVE = c/f to 2025 ) = £76.30

TOTAL FUNDS C/F TO 2025 = £ 4,065.66 + £76.30 = £ 4,141.96

### DECLARATION

I hereby declare that to the best of my knowledge and belief that these accounts represent a true and fair view of the Werrington Neighbourhood Council's present financial position for the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> December 2024.

Signed :

*Geoffrey R. Smith*  
GEOFFREY R SMITH MRSPH  
HONORARY TREASURER

Dated : 20th May 2025

Signed :

*Richard Collingridge*  
RICHARD COLLINGRIDGE  
INDEPENDENT EXAMINER

Dated : 20th May 2025

**GEOFF SMITH REPORTS** .... The following table shows the final payments made and the balance returned at the end of this project. Our sincere thanks to the Werrington Community Association for their help with these arrangements.

**WERRINGTON AREA FORUM FINANCE RECORD  
FINAL TRANCHE (6)**

CHEQUE Number	CASH PAID	DATE ISSUED	PAYMENT DESCRIPTION ( BRIEF )	AMOUNT £      p *	RUNNING TOTAL	RECEIVED FROM / PAID BY WCA
TR 6	BANK TRANSFER	17-07 2024	INCOME OPENING BALANCE ( TR6 )	1,882 . 00	TRANCHE 6 PAID TO WCA	TR6
-	n/a	WCA *	MILL HOUSE STUDIOS - WEBSITE	50 . 00	1,832 . 00	* All to the WERRINGTON COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION [ WCA ] ( Jackie Sidney ) by email for payment direct
-	n/a	WCA *	MEETINGS, REFRESHMENTS, PUBLICITY & ADMINISTRATION	171 . 22	1,660 . 78	
-	n/a	WCA *	ADMINISTRATION & PROMOTION	119 . 61	1,541 . 17	
-	n/a	WCA *	DESIGN SERVICES	70 . 00	1,471 . 17	
-	n/a	WCA *	PRINTING [ TWENTY8DESIGN ]	405 . 00	1,066 . 17	
-	n/a	WCA *	REFERENDUM BANNER	42 . 00	1,024 . 17	
			FINAL CLOSING BALANCE ( TR6 )	857 . 83	1,024 . 17	PAID BACK TO GROUNDWORK UK BY WCA
2025			END OF PROJECT		NIL	



**ENVIRONMENT GROUP ANNUAL REPORT 2025**

A BIG THANK YOU TO ROGER PROUDFOOT ...

The mission and work of the Werrington Environment Group continues to be that of active involvement in the conservation and enhancement of the natural environment of Werrington for the wellbeing of both residents and wildlife.

We would wish to place on record our grateful thanks to Roger for all of his hard work in leading this group in very difficult personal circumstances.

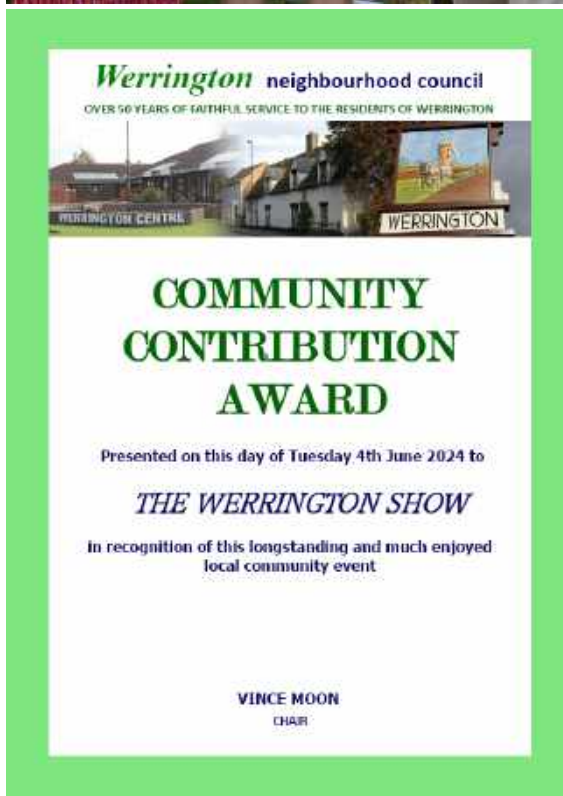
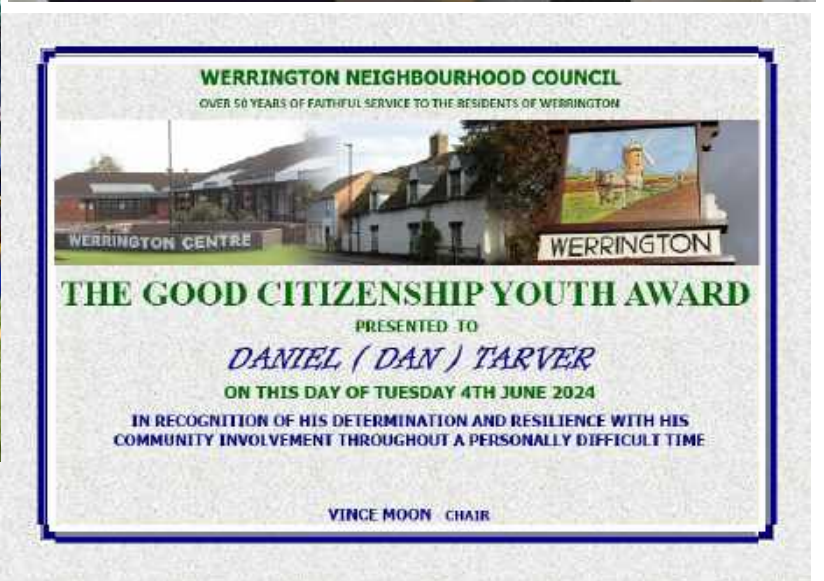
Over this last twelve months the Environment Group have continued to develop the wildlife area with three community events: the removal of hemlock and planting of trees at the Paddocks and the removal of ragwort at the Recreation Ground. Many thanks to the residents who came to help, the Woodland Trust for the donation of trees, to the Co Op for the fruit trees, and to PECT for the financial help and Tony Forster ( from PECT ) for his help and assistance. All very much appreciated





# PHOTO GALLERY

PRESENTATION PHOTOGRAPHS TAKEN AT THE 2024 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING



... AND THERE ARE MORE OVERLEAF

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## COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD

Presented on this day of Tuesday 4th June 2024 to

**STEVE LANE**

In recognition of his outstanding service to our community and its environment

VINCE MOON  
CHAIR



## Werrington neighbourhood council

OVER 50 YEARS OF FAITHFUL SERVICE TO THE RESIDENTS OF WERRINGTON



## COMMUNITY ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

presented on this day of Tuesday 4th June 2024 to

**SYLVIA ROBERTS**

In recognition of the many years of devoted service as the Secretary of Gunthorpe Harriers Football Club in providing a safe and enjoyable environment for the development of local junior and youth soccer players.

VINCE MOON  
CHAIR



## COMMUNITY CONTRIBUTION AWARD

Presented on this day of Tuesday 4th June 2024 to the

**WERRINGTON & DISTRICT FLOWER CLUB**

In recognition of their outstanding service to the community and in supporting local events for over 40 years

VINCE MOON  
CHAIR



... AND THERE'S MORE OVERLEAF



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