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Annual Report 2021-22

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INTRODUCTION

On 25 February 2020 the City Council's traditional Shrovetide Pancake Races took place. Little did we know this would be the last civic event for almost two years to not be touched in some way by COVID, and neither did we know that it would be the final 'normal' civic event for our late Town Crier, Ken Knowles. Few families and individuals emerge from the past two years untouched by COVID and its implications, but let us hope that the normal life we previously enjoyed is returning for good.

A full programme of civic events took place from the Autumn of 2021, with the welcome return of important and historic events, albeit with COVID related precautions in place as necessary. It was especially poignant to hold the full Act of Remembrance together with a large crowd at the Garden of Remembrance on Sunday 14 November. Welcoming old friends to civic events, making new ones at such events and on Civic engagements was also especially rewarding.

This year also saw the retirement of Revd Ian Hayter from his Wade Street Church ministry. We are very pleased that Ian will not be completely retiring though; he will reprise his role as Mayor's Chaplain for 2022/23 (the sixth occasion he has served in this role) and will continue in his role as a Dozener at the Court of Arraye.

You may have seen that considerable work has been undertaken on many of our public open spaces during the year and there is more detail in this report. There have also been a number of improvements to the City Council's property, notably its community centres, and phase 1 of the redevelopment of the Samuel Johnson Birthplace Museum continues to progress, with phase two already in development.

There is a lot of information in this report, and it can be easy to forget the City Council is the smallest of the three councils serving the City of Lichfield, with only 13 full time equivalent employees and a Band D council tax for 2022/23 of £68.76.

There are a number of projects already being progressed in 2022 and we look forward to an active civic year, to seeing you at our events or visiting the Birthplace Museum, taking part in activities at City Council owned Community Centres or simply enjoying the surroundings in the City Council's open spaces.

Dates of meetings, contact details for City councillors and much more information about the Council and the City are available on our website at www.lichfield.gov.uk.



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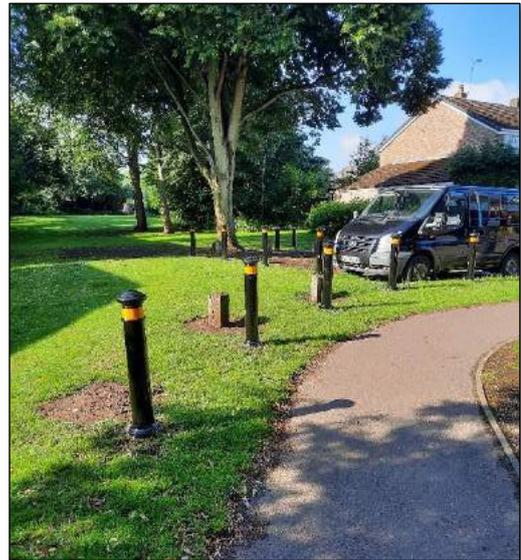
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OPEN SPACES

2021/22 was an extremely busy year for the City Council's Open Spaces function, with Nigel Boden assuming the role of Open Spaces Officer on 1 April. Work began with considerable improvement at Ash Grove; trees that were previously encroaching on nearby properties were given a crown lift, resulting in a lighter and safer environment for local residents.

In addition and to prevent vehicle access to the site, new bollards were installed. The Open Spaces Officer received letters of thanks from residents as they had been concerned about the vulnerability of this area for some time.



Another major project was the considerable work undertaken at Festival Gardens. Phase 1 began in late October with the trees around Trunkfield Brook being dead wooded, crown lifted and thinned in line with tree surgeon and Arboricultural Officer recommendations, and to allow access for machinery to desilt the Brook. Following further advice from the Arboricultural Officer, a number of small cherry trees that had been planted too close to each other, to the pathway and to adjacent specimen trees, were removed.

The next phase was the much-needed de-silting of the Brook and to that end a meeting was held with contractors and LDC's Arboricultural Officer to agree a method statement for this work to ensure the root system of the adjacent trees was protected. An independent Ecological report on the Brook concluded *'that there was no evidence of crayfish and no other ecological concerns in relation to the proposed works. Desilting the watercourse is much needed and will be an ecological benefit.'* The resulting silt was left on the banks of the Brook, in line with best practice.

Phase three included further tree work, with crown lifts, thinning and dead wood removal as appropriate. Significant reduction to shrubs and hedges adjacent to the bridge over Trunkfield Brook was also undertaken.

The photographs below were taken from the bridge eight weeks apart, clearly demonstrating the impact of the overall project.



The opportunity was also taken to cut back many shrubs and remove some trees on the Friary Clock Tower open space. Trees/bushes have become overgrown over the past few years, with views of the Clock Tower obscured and the trees/bushes not forming an attractive entrance to the City. This delicate balance of cutting back and reshaping was carried out following advice from LDC's Arboricultural Officer and experienced tree surgeons.

At approximately the same time, the 250w floodlights that light the clock tower of an evening were replaced with LED alternatives that consume far less electricity. The overgrown shrubs had largely hidden the fourth floodlight housing, the light itself having been inoperative for more than 20 years. With the clearing of the shrubs, the fourth light was reinstated and this entrance to the City is now greatly improved both by day and by night.

The volunteer clock winders were consulted at each stage of the work carried out on the clock tower open space and the thanks of the City Council for their positive input into this work, and of course for their continued service, is duly recorded here.



The 'wilding' area at Festival Gardens will be significantly improved for 2022. Significant discussion has taken place with LDC's Operational Services team and experts in the provision of wildflower meadows to produce what is hoped will be an impressive display in 2022, a display that will be improved upon in future years as the project develops. Several areas have been turned and sown with wildflower seeds during April.

The trees along Pool Walk received significant pruning and dead wooding, plus crown lifts and removal of epicormic growth where necessary. This main route across the City is very well used and the completed work has attracted a number of positive comments.

At the request of Lichfield District Tourism Association, one of the benches at Speakers Corner has been dedicated to the memory of Lichfield's Town Crier, the late Ken Knowles. The Open Spaces Officer refurbished the bench and installed a plaque donated by the LDТА.



The Bund at Nether Stowe is now settling well into its surroundings with the wildflower mix that was planted in 2020 providing an impressive display in its first season. As a result, there have been a lot of positive comments from residents. Unfortunately, the bedding plants that were planted earlier in the year in readiness for spring disappeared after just a few days, but it is hoped that the wildflowers will more than compensate with an annual display.

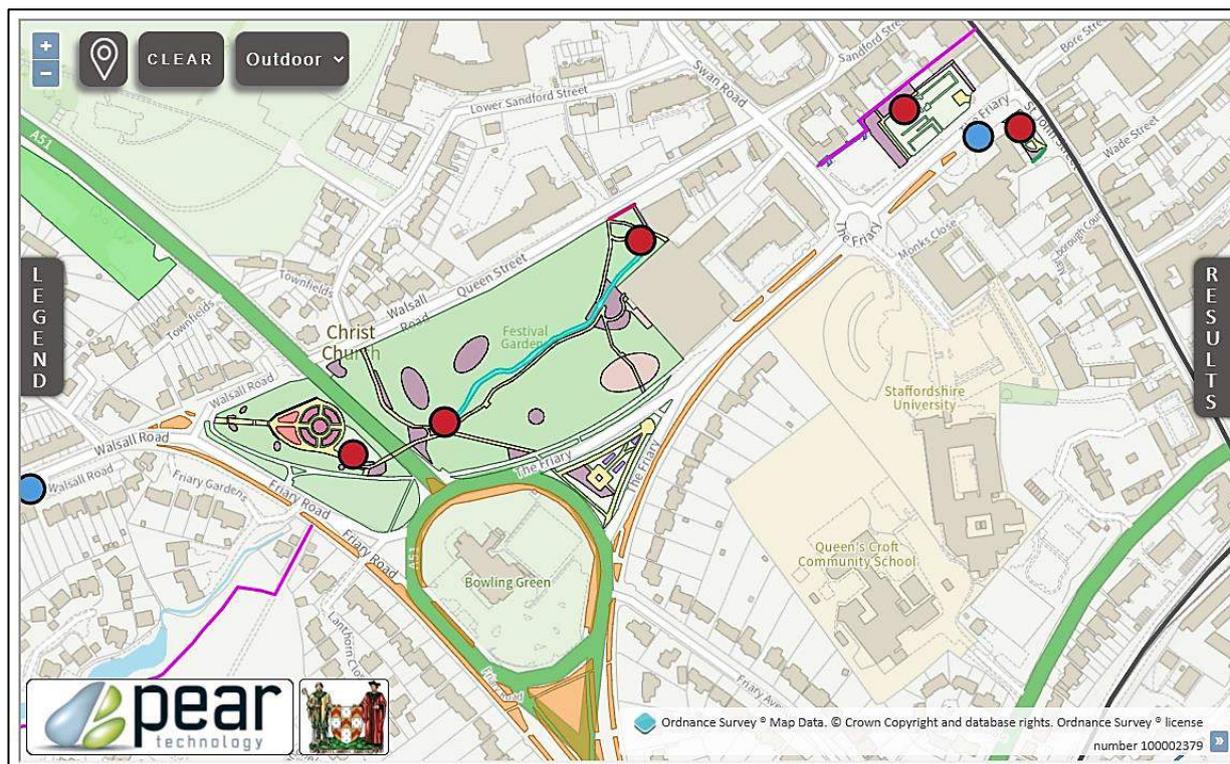
In addition to Trunkfield Brook, the City Council also manages Curborough Brook which runs through Open Space 10 at Nether Stowe. During early 2022, the hedge that forms the boundary

between the open space and Nether Stowe School was cut back significantly to allow access for contractors to desilt this brook in a similar manner to that undertaken at Festival Gardens. Results were similarly impressive to those achieved at Festival Gardens, as is shown by the photographs below. The Brook serves as the emergency overflow for Stowe Pool and it is therefore vital to ensure it is free flowing.

The first photograph below shows the brook after the vegetation was cleared adjacent to the pathway, the second photograph was taken after the hedge cutting and de-silting of the Brook.



The City Council’s open spaces mapping went ‘live’ in January 2022. This interactive map allows residents and officers alike to view City Council owned and managed land. The mapping can be found within the ‘Open Spaces’ section of the City Council’s website at www.lichfield.gov.uk



During February 2022, three storms within one week represented a significant test of the work undertaken to ensure the safety of the City Council’s open spaces. Despite wind speeds exceeding 50mph, only four incidents have been identified on City Council land:

- A tree fell from the closed churchyard of St Chads onto the cycleway at Nether Stowe (pictured). This was reported late on the afternoon of February 16 and was cleared before 8am on February 17
- A fallen tree at St Michaels – this fell into the road and caused an obstruction; it was cleared by Highways though LCC’s tree surgeon was also on route at the time
- A fallen tree along open space 26 at Tamworth Road. The tree was removed the morning after the incident was reported. This particular tree was scheduled to be removed as part of the wider tree work on that open space that took place during the week of 22 February and is mentioned elsewhere in this report.
- A mature and very large ash tree fell on the pathway to the Gazebo, causing damage to neighbouring fences. The site is extremely difficult for vehicles to access, but mechanical assistance of a tractor and trailer was required due to the size of the tree. The City Council’s tree surgeons were on site almost immediately after the tree had been reported, the path

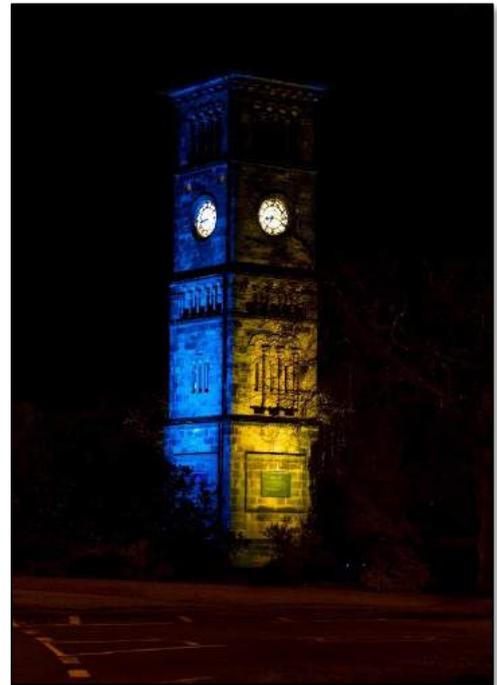


was closed and removal of the tree took six hours and a team of seven with all timber and the root ball removed. Work to repair the fences and level the path was progressed and completed shortly afterwards.

On 17 March the Friary Clock Tower joined the District Council House in Frog Lane, The Hub and Lichfield Library at St Mary's in the Market Square, The Garrick Theatre and former Angel Croft Hotel in Beacon Street in being lit in support of Ukraine.

A significant number of other projects have been progressed during the year including:

- A failing cherry tree covered in ivy and presenting a danger to passers-by and the adjacent car park was removed from the Friary Remains site
- Tree work completed at several sites on Boley Park, including Cappers Lane, Cornfield Drive, Haymoor, Ryknild St to Austincote Lane and Maple Grove
- Improved display at Cappers Lane roundabout
- Extensive tree work on the former canal land on Tamworth Rd (from London Rd bridge to Cricket Lane). The work undertaken followed site meetings with ward members, LHCRT and the District Council's Arboricultural Officer.
- Extensive tree work to Open Space 15d (Lillington Close/Swinfen Broun Rd), to include assessment of the scotch pine and thinning of the dense trees along Swinfen Broun Rd.
- Thinning and crown lifting to trees situated on open space 58 (Manor Rise)
- A number of replacement waste bins have been installed
- The hedge running along the eastern boundary of open space 10 (Nether Stowe) has been cut back and reshaped. At the same time, the vegetation adjacent to the brook was also cleared in readiness for further work detailed elsewhere in this report. Further tree work was undertaken adjacent to the cycle path to clear branches from pathway lights and remove dead wood.
- An inspection of the public footpath that runs through St Michael's Churchyard revealed the path was in need of significant repair. A new tarmac path has been laid which will help local residents who use this route on a regular basis
- Removal of leaning cherry on Tamworth Road
- The play area adjacent to Curborough Community Centre and the hopscotch matting in front of the Centre have been repaired, generating positive comments from users.
- Clearance work has been completed at Dovehouse Fields to assist the Community Association who manage this former allotment site. The area had become somewhat overgrown during the pandemic and following a complaint from a nearby resident and discussions with representatives from the Community Association, it was agreed that LDC's Operational Services would be asked to assist. The clearance around the edge of the site enables easier future maintenance.
- Shrubs cleared along the boundary of Friary Remains following the discovery of potential rough sleeping and/or drug dealing activity
- Roadway repairs to the entrance to Christian Fields which is in LCC ownership.



GUILDHALL & COMMUNITY HALLS

The Council owns Darwin Hall, Cruck House, Curborough Community Centre and Boley Park Community Hall. All community facilities are now returning to normal following the relaxation of COVID-19 restrictions and bookings are increasing as user confidence returns. During the pandemic these buildings were of great benefit to those who could use them; childcare settings providing the much-needed care for the children of key workers, for example. All community halls adopted COVID-safe procedures.

Darwin Hall, Curborough Community Centre and Cruck House are operated by management committees under licence from the Council. The Committees manage the buildings, paying the running costs and receiving income from lettings, but with the Council being responsible for maintaining the fabric of the buildings and larger projects as necessary. All three facilities are extremely popular and well run, and the City Council would like to take this opportunity to thank all members of the management committees, staff and volunteers. The City Council assumed control of Boley Park Community Hall in 2016 after key members of the management committee stepped down after many years' service. A new constitution was devised to allow Council officers to act as volunteers in the capacity of Treasurer and Secretary, with City Council appointed trustees.

During 2021/22 minor repairs were carried out to the roof and guttering at Boley Park Community Hall, but it will be 2022/23 when more readily visible improvements will be progressed with the installation of new front and rear doors and surrounding screens. The existing provision is nearing the end of its life, is poorly insulated and reflects standards that were appropriate when the hall was constructed but are significantly below those applied today. The repair and refurbishment of the floor in the main hall is also scheduled for Autumn 2022.

As part of the City Council's Repairs and Renewals programme, all ground floor windows at Curborough Community Centre were replaced with modern, well insulated aluminium alternatives. The opportunity was also taken to replace the remaining external doors that were not replaced during an earlier project.

The new windows in particular have made a considerable difference as the aged polycarbonate covering some of the previous windows has been removed; before and after photographs to the right highlight the difference. The clerestory windows remain in reasonable condition, but their replacement will be progressed in the short to medium term.



The outdoor space at the centre has also seen significant improvement, with work to the garden area led by Curborough Community Association and part funded by the City Council via Community Infrastructure Levy. This has resulted in new accessible pathways across the adjacent open space and into as well as around the garden area itself. New waste bins have also been installed around the Centre and adjacent open space to replace the previous, ageing and often vandalised, provision. Finally, significant work has been undertaken to the trees bordering the Centre, cutting them back towards the boundary and reducing the impact of the trees on the roof of the building.



Another element of the City Council's Repairs and Renewals programme, the improvement of the Cruck House annexe, was also completed during 2021/22. Unfortunately, this work was delayed from 2020/21 due to the pandemic, but a positive start on site was made during the summer of 2021, with proposals to replace the 1960's style toilet annexe and entrance to Cruck House with a better insulated, more accessible, modern alternative that was designed to be in keeping with the Grade II listed host building.

There were some difficulties, notably in regard to the drainage provision and the inherent complications of working in a relatively confined space. It also became clear that while the improvement to the annexe was going to have a significant positive impact on that part of the

building, such improvements made the remainder of the building look tired, notably the floor and the lighting scheme. It was decided that the improvement scheme be extended to include these upgrades to the host building and the result has received positive comments from a number of individuals and groups.

As a result of this work, Cruck House now boasts a stepless entry from street level to the main hall (the floor level of the annexe being gradually graded upwards allowing the removal of the previous step), a fully accessible disabled toilet with modern fixtures, an additional toilet, again with modern fixtures and a contemporary but sympathetic lighting scheme throughout. Curborough Community Association, who manage Cruck House on the Council's behalf, were consulted on the process throughout and have also added their own improvements, notably an alarm and CCTV.

The refurbished Cruck House was opened by the Mayor, Councillor Robert Yardley on 21 October 2021. A series of 'before and after' photographs follow overleaf.

During 2022/23 it is hoped that significant improvements can be made to Darwin Hall, the relatively complex nature of the construction of the Hall requires more specialist advice and this is being progressed at the time of preparing this report.

The Council also owns and manages the Guildhall which is let for private and commercial events and for use by local organisations. It serves as the main venue for concerts organised by Lichfield Arts and is a popular venue for wedding receptions and civil wedding ceremonies.

The Guildhall has seen considerable improvement over the past few years, notably the renovation of the main hall to include new flooring, floor to ceiling redecoration, and improved lighting that was undertaken during 2020/21. During 2021/22 the improvements made have been perhaps less dramatic but are nevertheless notable. The ground floor corridor has been redecorated, replacing the previous magnolia with more modern colours. At the same time, the ageing lighting along the corridor was replaced with LED alternatives that generate much more light at greatly reduced cost, and the flooring in the ground floor toilets has been replaced. The corridor is used as the main entrance to the building and as the entrance point for the Guildhall cells, which are open to visitors during summer weekends and to pre-arranged group visits. To enhance the experience, the City Council's Museums and Heritage Officer progressed the creation of a series of storyboards that provide the history of the several royal charters that have been granted to the city over the centuries; these were installed in February 2022.

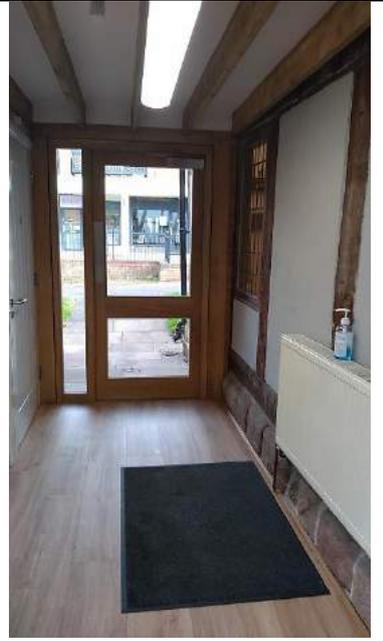
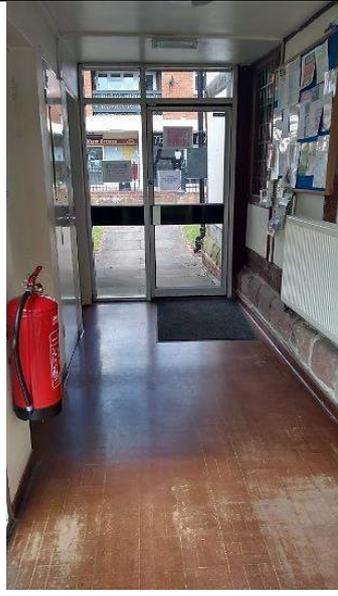
An architect's Quinquennial Inspection (QI) was carried out at the Guildhall during February 2022. The resulting report was generally very positive but did include some concerns as to the condition of elements of the Guildhall roof and recommended further investigation. This will be undertaken during 2022/23, but the significant work undertaken to the building during the past five years was clearly reflected in the architect's report.

The five yearly cycle of QI's across the City Council's property portfolio has informed the significant work undertaken over that period. Given the nature of the Council's property – often buildings that are either very well used, listed, or both, there will always be a significant demand for maintenance and improvement. As we enter the second cycle of architect inspections the focus is shifting more towards maintenance of existing standards, rather than the rectification of significant defects or the replacement of aged building elements.

Before



After





SAMUEL JOHNSON BIRTHPLACE MUSEUM

The Samuel Johnson Birthplace Museum was closed at the start of the 2021-22 period due to coronavirus-related national restrictions. The bookshop reopened on April 12 and the Museum followed on May 17.

The Attendant team welcomed 10,607 visitors in 2021-22. This figure represents a 50% decrease overall on visitors since the last full period of opening before the pandemic. However, visitor numbers in March 2022 were only 20% lower than March 2019, indicating increasing visitor confidence.

A strong online audience was built throughout the pandemic and remains while the Museum has re-opened. Digital visitor numbers totalled 30,358, which includes any direct engagement with the Museum's social media, website, e-newsletter, or blog. The measurable online 'reach' numbered over 960,000 times that the Museum was seen on social media or in a 'Google' search. Online engagement over the past year included content commemorating the 200th anniversary of the death of Hester Thrale Piozzi, and the Museum took over the Twitter feed of the Literary Houses Group throughout May 2021. On Monday 31 May the Museum held 'Ballad Tales: stories from Samuel Johnson's Time' with the Lichfield Storytellers, a technically ambitious online ticketed event broadcast live from the Birthplace.

In-person events were gradually reintroduced throughout the year, starting in the May 2021 half-term with an activity trail for families, based on uplifting words and phrases from the Dictionary.

Hand-on craft activities returned for the summer holidays in August. Carefully planned to be Covid-secure, the theme for the summer was 'Lichfield Legends'.

Volunteers started to return to their roles from June, with behind-the-scenes work including collection documentation and condition checking work, collection care and cleaning, preparing future temporary displays and preparations for future family events.

The Birthplace Museum had a presence on the Market Square with a stall to promote the Museum in July and at the Chamber of Trade and Commerce Christmas Fair in. Many local people, including some who had not visited before, stopped to speak to costumed Attendants to find out more about forthcoming events.

The Birthplace Bookclub resumed in-person meetings in August, with 2021 marking the 20th anniversary of the group. In November the group was invited to submit questions for a recording of Radio 4's 'Bookclub' and member and Museum volunteer Mandy Griffiths took part in the programme which was broadcast on Sunday 7 November. The Museum's writing group re-convened in September, and the Latin groups resumed in January.



Johnson's Birthday Celebrations took place on Saturday 19 September. In addition to the Civic events on the Market Square, a programme of activities in the Museum followed the national Heritage Open Day festival's 'Edible England' theme. This included a free slice of Birthday cake for visitors, floral displays, Storytelling with Museum Attendant Christine Genders, performances by the Lichfield Poets, a family trail and craft activities were held in a gazebo outside the Museum on Market Street. The Guildhall Cells were also open for visits. 172 visitors attended the Birthplace Museum. On the same day, the Birthplace contributed Dictionary definitions to a climate-themed trail as part of 'Ecofest' held at Wade Street Church.



From 23 – 26 October, the Birthplace hosted the L2F Festival of Folk Art Competition exhibition of finalists, with entrants from across the country. The Museum was also a venue for small performances and workshops on Saturday 23 October, with over 100 visitors. The Birthplace team also took part in the annual L2F procession, celebrating arts and heritage organisations from the area.

Museum volunteers led family activities for the half term holidays on Thursday 28 October and the Birthplace participated in Visit Lichfield's 'Trick or treat' tour.

The Birthplace was invited to take part in Black History Month at the Hub at St Mary's, as part of 'Face: an exhibition in honour of Francis Barber'. Sue Bray delivered a talk about Barber on Wednesday 13 October alongside a poetry workshop organised by the Kwanzaa Collective.



Christmas was a busy period of events and activities. A hand-crafted Angel Trail for families started on November 19 and on Sunday November 21 the Museum had a stall to engage local audiences at the well-attended Chamber of Trade and Commerce Christmas Fair.

The Museum's seasonal event programme began with late-night opening for the Christmas Light switch on, with activities and mulled wine for sale. Visitor numbers were lower than previous years due to the weather, but the following weekend's Johnson Family Christmas event on Sunday 5 December was a great success. Over 150 visitors attended the event which included festive sea shanties from the Lichfield Lighthouse Company on Market Street (pictured), storytelling, readings from the Lichfield Poets, crafts and refreshments. Museum Attendant Kevin Lynch provided a display of his colourful handmade automata throughout the holidays.



The Museum's library spaces re-opened to researchers, with visits including an expert on watercolourist John Louis Petit and a researcher from the University of Texas spending a week consulting the Anna Seward letters. In December the podcast 'IABLEd' about disability, chronic illness, and health aired an episode on Samuel Johnson, having worked in collaboration with the Birthplace for their research. Additions to the Museum collection included the Johnson Society funding the purchase of copies of the Yale edition of the Works of Johnson to complete the Birthplace set, and a loan of a 19th century satirical print gifted to the society by their President, cartoonist Posy Simmonds. Some documents relating to Samuel's father Michael Johnson, and a miniature edition of the Dictionary were donated by members of the public.

Higher Education Partnerships continued, with a student from the University of Birmingham undertaking a work placement in Summer 2021, and support for the on-going Collaborative Doctoral Award Partnership between the Museum and Keele University. Working in partnership with Keele, an 'Understanding Archives' study skills day for postgraduate researchers was delivered on Friday 25 March. Fully funded to cover the costs of Guildhall venue hire and Museum staff time, the event invited PhD students from across the UK to a day of talks from leading academics in the Book History field, using items from the Birthplace collection.

Guided Tours and school visits gradually returned, with bookings including: a visit for the John Buchan Society, in collaboration with the Johnson Society; a bespoke Johnson city tour delivered for students from Derby University; a primary school visit for Year 2 pupils from St Josephs' Catholic Primary School; a tour for a group from the Friary School in honour of World Book Day, and an A-Level Dictionary Workshop for students from De Ferrers Academy in Burton.

DEVELOPMENT PROJECT

Work continued throughout 2021-22 on the Museum development project, which aims to improve access and facilities at the museum, and to refresh some displays.

Museum design company 'Vertigo' were appointed in April 2021 to create a new interactive display for Michael Johnson's workroom, to be installed in 2022, and have worked closely with expert book binding conservator Arthur Green to develop the displays. Planning applications for a toilet 'pod' to be installed in the Museum yard were approved in December 2021. Plans for disabled access to the ground floor of the Museum were put forward but not supported by Staffordshire County Council's Highway's department, and further discussions are underway.

From September 20 to November 1 Johnson's Birthplace was rewired. Work was carried out in close liaison with architects and saw very minimal disturbance of any historic fabric. The Museum bookshop remained open to visitors during the work, and special events were able to take place. Although rewiring was largely a 'behind the scenes' piece of maintenance, many rooms have benefited from new lighting.

GUILDHALL CELLS

The Old Guildhall Prison Cell displays are also run by the Birthplace Museum team, with a team of volunteer welcomers. The cells opened in summer 2021 for the first time since the 2019 season. New volunteers joined the team, and 460 visitors were welcomed by over six open days in August. In 2022, the cells will return to their usual opening hours of Saturdays from April to September.

MARKETS AND MARKET SQUARE

Following COVID-19 restrictions, non-essential traders were able to return to Lichfield General Market from Tuesday 13 April 2021. Traders from all three market days were keen to return and there was a noticeable increase in footfall.

Market Square bookings on non-market days have become popular once again, especially during the warmer months. The COVID testing tent and van became a regular on both Mondays and Thursdays due to popular demand within the local community over the summer of 2021.

The Hub at St. Mary's booked the Market Square for five Sundays during July and August 2021 for their 'Summer Sundae' events featuring live entertainment, outside bar and seating on Market Square. The events were a great success and it is hoped that the City Council and the Hub can repeat these arrangements in the future.

The provision of City Council supplied stalls at LCC markets on Friday and Saturday was removed during the COVID-19 pandemic. The nature of the City Council owned stalls made them less adaptable to social distancing regulations and with third parties erecting and dismantling the stalls and the usual practice of leaving stalls unattended overnight on Fridays, the possibility of COVID-19 transmission was increased. With traders providing, erecting and dismantling their own stalls, the risk of surface transmission was reduced and far greater flexibility applied to the layout of the Square. The prevailing rents for Friday and Saturday markets were reduced in line with existing Tuesday market rents (where City Council owned stalls were not previously supplied) in order that the pricing structure remained fair. The stall supply contract expired in January 2022 and following careful consideration at the April 2021 meeting of the Council, it was resolved that a new contract would not be sought.

With the ending of COVID restrictions and the appointment of a new Markets Officer, the City council is aiming to reintroduce 'Community Days' on the Square; these were piloted in 2019 and afforded local charities and other support organisations the opportunity to promote themselves and their services to the people of the City free of charge. The pilot events were well received and we look forward to making such events a regular fixture on the Square.

Markets Working Group

The City Council's cross-party Markets Working Group was very active during 2021/22, having been given delegated authority by Council to vary incentives and conditions that allowed a much speedier response to an ever-evolving COVID-19 situation, but also investigating ways in which policies and procedures on the Market could be streamlined. The Working Group is also

investigating possibilities for an increased use of Pool Walk as a market space, both for regular traders and for specific one-off events.

Producers' Market

The Producers' Market which takes place on the Square on the first Sunday of every month (except January) was piloted in 2020 and is now an established and extremely popular local event amongst traders and residents alike. The Producers' Market is managed on behalf of the City Council by CJ's Events Ltd and usually consists of between 27 and 30 stalls on the Square.



Social Media

Social media numbers and engagements are increasing weekly with more enquires coming through this medium. As we come to the spring and summer months with more events going on in Lichfield, the market officer will be promoting via Twitter and Facebook with photographs, traders' goods, special offers and promotions, new additions and more.

The instant nature of social media makes the page a great asset in advising of latest developments with the Market and Market Square, be they of a positive nature such as new traders, special offers or the Community Day mentioned above, or indeed of a negative nature such as informing traders and customers of cancellations due to bad weather.

The Facebook page can be viewed at www.facebook.com/lichfieldmarkets and includes general market information, historical information and photographs of current stalls. Visitors to the page also have the option to immediately call or message the markets team. The Markets Twitter page is @LichfieldMarket



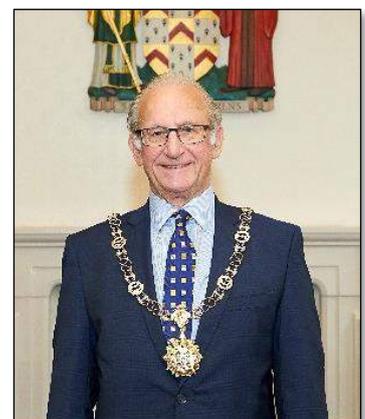
On 18 May 2021, while driving to work for the Tuesday market, Dennis Wasserman who had been the City Council's Market Officer via arrangement with CJ's Events, died unexpectedly at the age of 53. Although only with the City Council for a short time, Dennis was an integral part of our market operation, highly respected by Traders and Officers alike.

CIVIC EVENTS

At the Annual Council meeting on Monday 17 May, Councillor Robert Yardley was invested as Mayor for the forthcoming year with Councillor Miss Jayne Marks as Mayoress. The Deputy Mayor was Councillor Jamie Checkland, the Deputy Mayoress Mrs Stephanie Checkland. The Sheriff was Mr Peter Hitchman and Sheriff's Lady Mrs Pat Peters. The meeting was conducted with strict adherence to social distancing that was in place at the time. Sadly, due to ongoing COVID-19 restrictions there was no banquet after the meeting.

In accepting the office, the Mayor thanked his fellow councillors for their support and stated that it was a great honour and privilege to be elected. He also paid tribute to the work of the outgoing Mayor, Councillor Deborah Baker, and Sheriff, Dr Daryl Brown, who had together raised just under £10,000 for their chosen charities; Lichfield and Hatherton Canal Restoration Trust, St. Giles Hospice and Lichfield Voluntary Transport for the Disabled.

The Mayor proudly announced his appointment of Army Cadet LCPL James Carter and Mayor's Chaplain, Revd Ian Hayter for his forthcoming year in office. Following the investiture of the new Civic Team, the retiring Mayor, Mayor's Consort and Sheriff were presented with replica badges of office.



The Johnson Birthday Celebrations were held on Market Square on Saturday 18 September to mark 312 years since the birth of Lichfield's most famous son. In keeping with tradition, just after midday, the Mayor placed a laurel chaplet on the statue of Dr Samuel Johnson after which St. Michael's choir sang Johnson's last prayer.

Following the low-key event held during COVID restrictions in 2020, it was good to return this well attended and historic event to normality.

On 11 September the Sheriff, Mr. Peter Hitchman, and Sheriff's Lady, Mrs. Pat Peters undertook the perambulation of the boundaries of the City to fulfil the command of Queen Mary's charter of 1553. The Sheriff and Sheriff's Lady left the City in a magnificent horse-drawn carriage.



Alighting from the carriage at The Pinfold, the Sheriff and Sheriff's lady were then chauffeured around the City by the Clerk of the Course, Mr Nick Sedgwick, visiting landowners along the route.

Returning to the carriage for the entrance to the City, The Sheriff and Sheriff's Lady were escorted by the Sword and Mace Bearers and greeted by Revd. Canon Andrew Stead on the traditional return via The Close.



Following discussions earlier in the year it had been agreed that the event would not be the normal 'Sheriff's Ride' due to uncertainties regarding COVID-19 and potential organisational difficulties. As the largest and most resource intensive event organised by the City Council, an

early decision on its format for 2021 needed to be taken, but it was agreed that – should restrictions allow at the time – a Sheriff's Banquet would be held in the Guildhall following the Sheriff's return to the City.

The Banquet was a resounding success, with approximately 90 guests, including the Mayor and Mayoress, Deputy Mayor and Mayoress, Chair and Vice Chair of Lichfield District Council, and the Chairman of Staffordshire County Council. Guests gathered in the Guildhall to celebrate the fulfilment of the Charter command and to celebrate the role of Sheriff, with many positive comments received both during and after the event.

The evening was however tinged with sadness as news emerged during the event of the death of Mr Peter Barrett, Chairman of Lichfield Twinning Association, and former City Councillor, Mayor and Sheriff, who had been scheduled to attend and who was greatly missed.

The wider future of the Sheriff's Ride is being discussed by a specially created cross-party group called the Sheriff's Ride Working Party. The increasing costs of the full event are being analysed with discussion as to possible alternative sources for funding and sponsorship being investigated in addition to the possibility of the event being scaled down on a more permanent basis but still respecting the original Charter command.

The annual Remembrance Service was held in the Cathedral on Sunday 14 November. Following the Cathedral service, Deputy Lieutenant of Staffordshire Colonel Adrian Walton MBE TD, accompanied by the Mayor, led the civic party into the Remembrance Gardens to observe the national two minutes silence and then perform the wreath laying ceremony, after which the Dean of Lichfield, the Very Reverend Adrian Dorber gave the blessing.



During their year in office, the Mayor and Sheriff jointly hosted seven events to raise money for their nominated charities; We Love Lichfield and Friends to Friends, raising around £9,000.

The Mayor's Chaplain for 2021/22 was Reverend Ian Hayter, the fifth occasion that he has taken on this role during his long and distinguished tenure at Wade Street Church. Ian retired from his ministry in February 2022 but continued with his Chaplain role until May and will serve in this role again in 2022/23. Ian is a much admired and respected member of the community, his wisdom, faith and good humour have touched many residents and visitors to Lichfield over the years and his ministry at Wade Street Church will be missed by many.

To mark his retirement, the Mayor presented Revd Hayter with an engraved silver salver on behalf of the City Council at the traditional Sunday Lunch charity event held after the Service at Wade St Church on 23 January. The inscription reads:

'Presented to The Reverend Ian Hayter on the occasion of his retirement, by the Mayor of Lichfield, Councillor Robert Yardley on behalf of the Councillors and Officers of Lichfield City Council.

Thank you for your ministry, your guidance and friendship.

January 2022

Simon Peter said to them 'I am going fishing...' (John 21:3)



Ian has been a long-standing friend to the Council, holding the title of Mayor's Chaplain five times and Dozener for Beacon Street at St George's Court every year since 1997. The Councillors and Officers of the City Council wish Ian a long and happy retirement from his Wade Street Church ministry, but are very pleased that his involvement in Council life will continue, notably as Mayor's Chaplain once again in 2022/23.

The Mayor for 2022/23 is Councillor Jamie Checkland, Deputy Mayor Councillor Paul Jones, and Sheriff Councillor Janice Greaves.

OUTSIDE BODIES

The City Council's Grants Committee meets each February to consider applications from local groups. At its meeting of February 2022, the Committee recommended grants totalling £28,750 to the following organisations as indicated below. Applications for grants from 2022/23 funds will open later in the year. Any group wishing for further information can either visit the City Council's website or email enquiries@lichfield.gov.uk.

No	Organisation	Amount
1	South East Staffordshire Citizens Advice Bureau	£5,500
2	Lichfield District Arts Association	£4,100
3	Lichfield Greenhill Bower	£3,000
4	Curborough Community Centre	£2,076
5	Erasmus Darwin Foundation	£1,500
6	Lichfield District Council – Proms in the Park	£2,000
7	Lichfield Festival	£1,250
8	Lichfield Litter Legends	£1,000
9	The Hub at St Mary's	£500
10	Voluntary Transport for the Disabled	£1,100
11	City of Lichfield Concert Band	£500
12	Lichfield Bowling Club	£500
13	Open Door of Hope	£445
14	Dovehouse Community Gardens	£300
15	Speakers' Corner Lichfield	£96
16	Kendall & Wall Charitable Trust	£250
17	Lichfield Re Cycle	£300
18	Lichfield Festival of Music	£100
19	Monks Walk Group	£300
20	Lichfield Hockey Club	£1,000
21	Lichfield Talking News (and Community Care)	£1,000
22	MHA Communities South Staffordshire	£672
23	Lichfield Running Club	£226
24	One Lichfield	£500
25	Lichfield Repair & Share Café	£300
26	Forest Harvest	£250
	TOTAL	£28,750

TWINNING

The project between the primary school “Ecole Chatelain” and Lichfield’s Chadsmead Primary School went well. 23 pupils from Ste. Foy, aged between 8 and 11 years old introduced themselves to their Lichfield counterparts. They sent class photos and described themselves in English to their new Lichfield pen friends. Chadsmead school pupils drew pictures of themselves and included letters about their lives in response to the French school.

The Mayor of Limburg, Dr. Marius Hahn, was re-elected on 28th March by Limburg city’s 26753 electorate for another 6 years in office, beating his rival candidate, Headteacher Stefan Laux, by 53.93%. He started his new term in office officially in December 2021. The 45 seats of the newly elected Limburg council were allocated in the following months after the election.

For many years, Limburg City Council had sent a daily national and local newspaper to Lichfield, which was used by some language teachers and displayed in the Lichfield library. However, due to the Covid situation and the reluctance in sharing of newspapers by many different people, it was decided to receive the Limburg newspapers digitally instead. All secondary schools who teach German as a foreign language had been contacted to see if this would make it easier for them to include articles from the Limburg papers in their curriculum, thus drawing more attention to Lichfield’s twin town to a larger group of young people. The language department of Lichfield’s King Edward VI school started using the daily digital newspapers from Limburg for their German lessons this year. These are being forwarded to the school each day by the Twinning Officer. The Cathedral School has also shown an interest in the papers.

Each year, Lichfield Camera Club competes against its twin town counterpart in Limburg. Both clubs take it in turns to choose a subject and this year Limburg selected “River Landscapes”. The Lichfield club won overall on points, with the best single image being awarded to a Limburg participant. Photos and the results of the competition can be found on the Lichfield Camera Club website. (lichfieldcameraclub.org)

Remembering the devastating floods in Germany in July, we were thankful to hear that our friends in Limburg and surrounding area had been safe and unaffected by this disaster, whilst Cologne, which is not too far away, was indeed flooded. Numerous enquiries from concerned Lichfeldians were received by the City Council and on social media and the thoughtful well-wishes were very much appreciated by Limburg City Council, as well as Limburg’s Twinning Association.

A new online project started between Lichfield’s Saxon Hill Academy and Limburg’s Astrid-Lindgren-Schule during the last school lockdown. Saxon Hill Academy pupils have started learning a little German and practised some greetings in German, introducing themselves and their city and sharing some of their favourite music, including comparing and singing Christmas songs, during their first video calls with the Limburg partner school, which take place every 3 to 4 weeks.



In the photograph, Astrid-Lindgren pupils are shown preparing for the online connection to Lichfield’s Saxon Hill Academy.

Mr. Peter Barrett, President of the Lichfield Twinning Association and former Mayor and Sheriff of the City died unexpectedly and his funeral took place on 15th October 2021 at Wade Street Church and St. Michael's Churchyard, amongst a small congregation of close friends and family.

On 12 November, a 2-hour ring twinning online meeting was held by the 3 twin towns of Limburg, Ste. Foy and Lichfield. The Chairs of all 3 Twinning Associations and council staff covered various subjects around all aspects of Twinning.

Limburg City Council held a remembrance service for their 88 covid victims in its district as part of their council meeting on 14th February. They also included the twin towns in this service and remembered the 371 people (source: Staffordshire County Council), who lost their lives to Covid since the start of the pandemic in the Lichfield District.



Due to increasing COVID cases and ongoing restrictions on gatherings in Germany, Limburg City Council had to cancel this year's international twinning celebrations for a third time. Originally, it was due to take place in September 2020 and again in October 2021 and was then postponed until April 2022. The Limburg Mayor very much regretted this decision but was unable to proceed with the extensive preparations for the festivities under these circumstances.

A new date has not yet been set and Limburg City Council will re-evaluate the situation in due course. The International Twinning Walking weekend, due to be held in Lichfield in June, was also cancelled due to Covid. For the same reason, the planned yearly week-long internship of 2 Limburg Council public office apprentices in Lichfield during the Easter holidays was also cancelled. The possibility of having to quarantine in Lichfield host families and the lack of close contact work placements made it difficult to put together a meaningful work experience.

The Limburg Twinning Association has offered a "fun sports week" to youngsters from Lichfield in the summer holidays. Five young people between the ages of 12 and 15 years old, plus one supervisor, are invited to Limburg from 29 August to 2 September 2022. Fun activities include water skiing, climbing, skating and graffiti, to name but a few. Accommodation in their lovely youth hostel and the week-long programme will be paid for by the Limburg Twinning Association, leaving only the travel costs and travel insurance to be borne by the individual participant. The registration deadline was 30 April 2022.

This September will see the 30th anniversary of the ring twinning agreement between Lichfield, Limburg and Sainte Foy-les-Lyon. For this reason, there is a photo competition with cash prizes to be won. Photos of Lichfield can be entered for free, please contact the Twinning Officer for more details. The competition is open until 1st September 2022.

At their AGM on 14th March 2022, the Twinning Association Committee were unable to fill the vacant position of Chairman. Please forward any nominations to either the Twinning Officer or the secretary of the Lichfield Twinning Association.

CHRISTMAS LIGHTS

The Christmas lights Switch On event took place on Sunday 28 November. This was the first time the event had been held since 2019.

For the first time, tabletop football was held on the square enticing shoppers to take part in a light-hearted competition for a much-coveted selection box. CJ's Events provided a total of 21 festive stalls around the City and being mindful of crowd circulation these were spread throughout Market Street and the Three Spires shopping precinct.

Live entertainment began on the Switch on Stage with Liberty Jamboree Shine and Sign Choir who are part of the Liberty Arts theatre group. The charities aim is the inclusion into society of young adults who are vulnerable because of their disabilities, encouraging them to communicate and perform.

A brief break from the music allowed Adrian Holmes, Master of Ceremonies for the day, to interview Sebbie Hall. Sebbie raised over £40,000 for charity by carrying out random acts of kindness for strangers. At the end of his interview Sebbie continued with his acts of kindness by handing out Reindeer food to all the children in the crowd.

The entertainment then continued on stage with Jordan Adams. This performance was particularly important to Jordan as he was born and raised in Lichfield and had always wanted to take part in this event. As the weather turned more inclement, 50 members of the Lichfield Rock Choir took to the stage to perform a selection of contemporary Christmas songs including 'Let it Snow' in the snow! The afternoon concluded with traditional carols sung by Christchurch school choir.

The Mayor, Cllr Robert Yardley, helped by Lewis Upton (aged 6) & Dylan Stansbie (aged 5) then officially switched the lights on at 5.00pm. The new light curtain over the Market square looked particularly impressive in the snow. A final visit from Father Christmas to wish everyone a Happy Christmas sent everyone home feeling festive.





PLANNING

The District Council is the Planning Authority, but the City Council is consulted on all planning applications submitted for the city area.

The City Council's Planning Committee consists of all 28 Councillors. For many years the Committee met at regular intervals to make recommendations to Lichfield District Council regarding Planning applications that had been recently submitted.

COVID-19 restrictions from March 2020 meant the Committee could no longer meet in person. In consultation with the Chair and Deputy Chair it was agreed that authority from Council would be sought to allow ward members representing the area in which any planning application originated to discuss those applications between themselves and make recommendations to the Chair of the Committee that would then be submitted by officers under delegated authority. This authority was put in place by Council in May 2020 for a period of 12 months.

This system worked extremely well and saw a streamlining of LCC's planning related processes that was perhaps unexpected. While comments are submitted on a relatively ad-hoc basis rather than being centred on one meeting, there continue to be 'agendas' circulated in line with the approved calendar of meetings, with recommendations published in place of the Minutes of the meeting. Continuing to publish an 'agenda' allows other matters to be officially reported and commented upon, such as Traffic Regulation Orders for example.

There have been many favourable comments regarding current arrangements and while only intended to be temporary, the benefits were such that the Chair, Deputy Chair and Town Clerk jointly presented draft revised Planning Committee terms of reference for the consideration of the Council at its April meeting that centred on this new way of working.

The new terms of reference provide a good system of delegation with comments being endorsed at a subsequent Council meeting. The ability to hold a full meeting for any major plans that affect the whole city, or where there is no agreement at Ward level, or upon request from the public, remains.

LICHFIELD CITY NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN (LCNP) AND COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE LEVY (CIL)

Neighbourhood Planning was introduced by government as part of its Localism agenda and is a way for communities to decide the future of the places where they live and work in conformity with the strategic policies in the Local Plan (as developed and adopted by Lichfield District Council).

The Lichfield City Neighbourhood Plan referendum was held in February 2018 and become part of the Planning framework for the City.

The LCNP focuses on economic and employment issues rather than housing. The City is well positioned to increase its economic base, with a highly skilled workforce and excellent road and rail links. The City also boasts numerous attributes and attractions that encourage tourism.

Where a Parish Council has a neighbourhood plan in place, it receives 25% of Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) contributions from a developer as opposed to 15% without a Neighbourhood Plan. The existence of an adopted Neighbourhood Plan ensures as much CIL money as possible is retained by the Parish in which the development is taking place, to be spent in consultation with residents and in accordance with the priorities laid out in the Neighbourhood Plan.

There are many competing demands for this funding and a small cross-party working party of City Councillors has been established to consider how this money is allocated. The City Council has received a total of approximately £76,000 in CIL monies and has allocated approximately £54,000 of that amount.

Some of the projects where CIL has been allocated are:

- Provision of new City Centre signage
- Improvements to Curborough Community Centre, including the installation of new CCTV, a contribution to replacement external doors and the improvements to the outdoor space to make it more accessible as developed by Curborough Community Association
- Contribution to the cost of replacing City Council owned footway lighting with LED alternatives

- Support the aims of the Lichfield and Hatherton Canals Restoration Trust through infrastructure support
- Assist in facilitating the occupation of Sandfields Pumping station by Lichfield Waterworks Trust via funding support in partnership with Lichfield District Council
- Improvements to Boley Park Community Hall, notably the installation of new front and rear doors and surrounding screens
- Refurbishment/replacement of selected City centre plaques
- New displays within the Michael Johnson Workroom at the Samuel Johnson Birthplace Museum

Residents are strongly encouraged to have their say on CIL allocations and are invited to make written submissions to the Town Clerk at the City Council Offices, Donegal House, Bore St, Lichfield WS13 6LU or by email to enquiries@lichfield.gov.uk to assist in informing this process.

The Lichfield City Neighbourhood Plan can be downloaded from the City Council's website at: https://www.lichfield.gov.uk/Neighbourhood_Plan_1085.aspx.

ELECTORAL MATTERS

Following the resignation of Cllr Richard Rathbone (Liberal Democrat), a by election was held on 6 May 2021 resulting in the vacant position being filled by Bob Harrison representing the Conservative party. Councillor Harrison became an Independent member of the City Council in April 2022. The political composition of the council is now 16 Conservative, 7 Liberal Democrat, 4 Labour and 1 Independent. The next local elections are scheduled to be held in May 2023, at which time all 28 seats on the City Council will be contested.

FINANCE

The budget set by the Council in January for the 2022/23 financial year was for a council tax of £68.76 for a Band D property, a 2% increase on 2021/22 levels.

The comparison between 2021/22 and 2022/23 budgets is detailed overleaf.

<u>Net Expenditure</u>	BUDGET 2021/22 £	BUDGET 2022/23 £
SERVICE AREAS		
<i>Parks and Footpaths</i>	243,614	243,202
<i>Guildhall</i>	141,179	131,416
<i>Community Centres</i>	16,273	19,038
<i>Markets</i>	33,757	6,833
<i>Civic</i>	96,189	98,003
<i>Grant Aid/Partnerships</i>	51,428	51,926
<i>Arts/Tourism/Twinning</i>	67,609	74,825
<i>Johnson Birthplace Museum</i>	120,148	123,773
<i>Democratic Services</i>	101,041	101,962
<i>Investment Interest</i>	-3,600	-2,050
<i>Loan Charges</i>	0	0
<i>Agency</i>	-13,604	-13,478
Total Service Cost	£854,034	£835,450
<i>Repairs and Renewals</i>	156,777	192,508
<i>Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL)</i>	0	-93,030
SUB TOTALS	£1,010,811	£934,928
PRECEPT	£816,400	£835,450
To/(From) Balances	(£194,411)	(£99,478)

<u>Balances and Reserves</u>	BUDGET 2021/22 £	BUDGET 2022/23 £
<i>Opening Balance (1 April)</i>	2,470,848	£2,439,407
<i>To/(From) balances</i>	(194,411)	(99,478)
<i>Closing Balance</i>	£2,276,437	£2,339,929
<u>Closing balance held as:</u>		
<i>Capital Reserve -Repairs/Renewals</i>	1,569,674	1,358,195
<i>Grant Aid Reserve</i>	0	11,570
<i>Parish Election Reserve</i>	34,048	55,000
<i>CIL Reserve</i>	43,078	196,111
<i>General Revenue Reserves</i>	629,605	719,053
TOTAL BALANCES AND RESERVES	£2,276,437	£2,339,929

<u>Council Tax Analysis</u>	ACTUAL 2021/22	BUDGET 2022/23
<i>Precept</i>	£816,400	£835,450
<i>Apportioned Tax Base</i>	£12,110.3	£12,150.2
RESULTANT BAND D TAX	£67.41	£68.76

CITY COUNCIL MISSION STATEMENT:

‘To improve the quality of life of residents of Lichfield City’

TO BE ACHIEVED BY:

- Making best use of the resources and powers available to us to provide high-quality cost-effective services to help meet the needs and wishes of the residents
- Assisting and encouraging other bodies to provide such services

KEY OBJECTIVES:

- 1 To help residents enjoy high-quality social, recreational, and cultural facilities, and to maintain or improve the standard of these facilities
- 2 To encourage and promote the economic and commercial vitality of the city
- 3 To protect and improve the high-quality environment of the city and promote sustainable development to meet the needs of present and future generations
- 4 To preserve the ancient traditions and unique identity of the city
- 5 To represent the views and wishes of the citizens of Lichfield and to promote the interests of the city for the betterment of the local community
- 6 To help to create a socially inclusive and caring community which embraces all its residents, irrespective of age, gender, culture, income, race or religion, and which seeks to develop their well-being, knowledge, understanding, and mutual co-operation.

Together with these broad objectives the City Council has several specific objectives for the forthcoming financial year, a number of which are detailed below.

SPECIFIC AIMS AND OBJECTIVES 2022/23

AIM	RESPONSIBILITY	OBJECTIVES	TARGET DATE	ACTIONS
Resident Satisfaction/Facilities	Museums and Heritage Officer	Implement phase 1 and 2 of the redevelopment project at Samuel Johnson Birthplace Museum	March 2023	To facilitate disabled access, provide toilets on site, complete external repair and redecoration, modernise and improve the displays and setting offered to visitors while preserving the nature of the Grade I listed building
Improve Community Centre Facilities	Town Clerk	Replacement doors/screens Boley Park Community Hall	Summer 2022	Replacement of ageing front and rear doors and surrounding screens
Improve Community Centre Facilities	Town Clerk	Improvements to Darwin Hall	March 2023	Repairs to roof combined with investigation into causes and remedies relating to other site issues.
Improve Community Centre Facilities	Town Clerk	Repairs/resanding and polishing to main hall floor – Boley Park Community Hall	December 2022	Existing flooring is in poor repair, repairs and repolishing to be carried out.
Resident Satisfaction/Increase Tourism	Deputy Town Clerk/Markets Officer	Review Markets operation	Ongoing	Expand Market/event provision through utilising Pool Walk and/or Market Square
Improve City council owned Facilities	Town Clerk	Minor renovations to Friary Clock Tower	Summer 2022	Repairs and renovations as recommended in recent architect report, includes repairs to rainwater goods, minor repointing etc
Comply with Legislation/Guidelines (Health & Safety)	Deputy Town Clerk	Provide an updated employee Health & Safety handbook	Ongoing	Work in partnership with H&S consultants to update documentation as necessary; new policies to be put to Council for adoption in a timely manner

Comply with Legislation/Guidelines (Transparency)	Town Clerk	Ensure transparency information is up to date, compliant and proportionate	Ongoing	Existing transparency information to be reviewed, newly available relevant information to be uploaded to the LCC website in a timely manner.
Open Spaces	Open Spaces Officer	Wildflower meadow pilot at Festival Gardens	Spring 2023	Progress pilot site and identify further sites for potential inclusion in 2023 if successful
Improvements to City Council Owned facilities	Town Clerk	Architect Quinquennial Inspection – Guildhall/Donegal House	Autumn 2022	Scheduled five yearly inspection; urgent matters arising to be addressed and more minor matters scheduled across the quinquennial period
Improvements to City Council owned Facilities	Town Clerk	LCC Server upgrade and security enhancements	Ongoing/Summer 2022	Upgrade of existing server provision and increased security for LCC data

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