

Environmental Affairs Committee Annual Report 2010.

The Environmental Affairs Committee has, as usual, been busy this year.

Fourteen members of the Town Council serve on this committee.

At the beginning of the year it was decided to embark on a three year rolling programme to improve the town's Christmas decorations, the first phase of this project it was decided to purchase and install thirty two miniature Christmas trees which were positioned above the shops in Monnow street. It is hoped that this year it will be possible to purchase new icicle lights for Monnow street.

In regard to floral decorations; the committee decided to continue the the planting theme of Henry V within the town with the addition of more traditional plants to add more colour to the scheme.

The committee worked in partnership with the Plant and Grow group which is part of the Attik the young people's centre. A project was agreed with the young people who are involved in this group to reclaim a piece of waste land in the bus station. This proved to be a great success through their very hard work. Where once weeds thrived and rubbish was dumped, an attractive area now greets people at one of the gateways to the town.

The main ambition of the committee over the past year was to enhance the area between the old Monnow Bridge and the Millennium Field.

Again, working in partnership with the Monmouthshire County Council and the Tidy Towns project, the committee has installed two picnic tables and a litter bin on the grassed area adjacent to the car park in Blestium street, as well as three benches along the bank of the river Monnow. It is also proposed to plant trees in the Blestium street car park as well as on land adjacent to the sports ground.

Once again this year the Committee has supported the A N O B' S Old Monmouth Quay project, through a match funding agreement to purchase five stone benches which will overlook the Wye.

We supported the Transition Monmouth group on Green Travel day by providing funds for leaflets to be printed. We also awarded grants to different organisations so that they could upgrade their properties so as to make them more environmentally friendly.

We continue to provide more dog waste bins as well as litter bins in various areas of the town, and we have set up a group to investigate the problem of litter.

A working group has been formed to investigate the possibilities of the Town Council taking on additional responsibilities. The areas they investigating are; allotments and the land adjacent to the riverbanks.

In the coming year the committee is committed to improving the environment of the Town, whether this is in partnership with other organisations or as a sole provider.

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