

Romsey Town Council

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BUILDING & TOWN COMMITTEE

Agenda for the meeting on Tuesday 6th December 2022 at 7.30p.m.

1. **APOLOGIES**
2. **DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**
3. **MINUTES**
To receive the Building and Town Committee Meeting 18th October 2022
Matters Arising
4. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**
5. **ARCHIVIST REPORT**
6. **ROMSEY VOLUNTEER'S CEREMONIAL FLAG**
Update
7. **REVIEW OF BOOKINGS**
To review latest Bookings Graph
8. **FINANCE REPORT**
To receive latest Finance Report
9. **BUILDING MANAGER'S REPORT**
Work completed/Work in Progress 2022/23
Work Proposed 2022/23
10. **BUSINESS, EVENTS & TOURISM OFFICER'S REPORT**
11. **EARMARKED RESERVE PROVISIONAL PROJECT LIST POST MAY 2023 ELECTIONS**
To identify a list of realistic projects
12. **MAYOR'S AWARD SCHEME**
RECOMMENDATION: the following are recommended to Full Council for a Mayor's Award:
 1. Romsey Carnival Committee – Queen's Jubilee Celebrations
 2. Ian Richards – Over 40 years of erecting town summer bunting
 3. Romsey Foodbank
 4. Design of the Piazza in the Market Place
13. **NEW VOTING REQUIREMENTS – ELECTION 4TH MAY 2023**
Change to voting requirements – Cllr. D. Baverstock to report
14. **ROMSEY INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS**
Update
15. **ROMSEY FUTURE**
Update
16. **GRANTS**
None

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BUILDING & TOWN COMMITTEE MEETING

Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday 18th October 2022

In the Chair: Councillor S. Wilkinson

Attendance:

A. Cllr. D. Baverstock
P. Cllr. J. Burnage
-. Cllr. J. Cairney
P. Cllr. M. Cooper
P Cllr. I. Culley
A Cllr. N. Gwynne

P. Cllr. J. Critchley
A. Cllr. K. Dunleavy
P. Cllr. J. Parker
P. Cllr. C. Wise
P. Cllr. S. Wilkinson

Clerk: Judith Giles
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Present:

Debbie Forder – Events Manager
Howard Brisland – Building Manager
Suzi Shilling – Business, Events & Tourism Officer

1. APOLOGIES

Cllr. D. Baverstock, Cllr. K. Dunleavy and Cllr. N. Gwynne

2. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

None

3. MINUTES

The minutes of the Building & Town Committee Meeting held on 16th August 2022 were confirmed as a correct record.

PROPOSED: Cllr. J. Burnage

SECONDED: Cllr. J. Critchley

CARRIED

Matters Arising –

Agenda Item 6. Review of Bookings. Cllr. M. Cooper said he has reported parking problems to HCC when weddings take place in the Town Hall. HCC agreed to suspend parking for weddings, however cannot be responsible if someone removes bollards and ignores parking restrictions.

Agenda Item 13. Cllr. M. Cooper updated request for dropped kerb in Whitenap Lane. Cllr M. Cooper and Cllr Adams-King, the Romsey Rural Division Councillor, have agreed to fund £1,000 each from their devolved County Council budgets and this is, in part, funding a design and viability study by HCC. Romsey Extra PC has pledged a £4,000 from its CIL funding pot. When the cost is known Cllr. M Cooper will report back to the Council. He suggested that Romsey Town Council might wish to contribute from its own CIL funds as one half of the crossing point was within the current town boundary. A timetable has not yet been published. Romsey Extra Parish Council will manage the project. Cllr. C. Wise reported she met with Kevin Harrington, TVBC, Parks and Countryside Manager, Community and Leisure, who confirmed the possibility of a Splash Park will be considered when the Sports Centre redevelopment is announced. Cllr. J. Critchley reported there is currently no update on advertising located on fencing at development - Cupernham Lane/Winchester Hill.

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4. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – None**
5. **ARCHIVIST REPORT – (Appendix 1)**
Received and noted.
6. **REVIEW OF BOOKINGS**
The Events Manager reported bookings continue to be on the increase, in particular weddings. 30 weddings booked for 2022-23 and 13 wedding already booked for 2023-24.
7. **FINANCE REPORT**
The Chief Officer presented Month 5. No areas of concern.
8. **BUILDING MANAGER'S REPORT (Appendix 2)**
Noted. The Building Manager demonstrated the new sound and lighting system in the Council Chamber. The Committee congratulated the Building Manager on the improved system. The Building Manager and Chief Officer investigated the ownership of the black finger post markers in Romsey. Both TVBC and HCC report they do not come under their ownership. In view of this, RTC will take responsibility and arrange for quotes to refurbish. Chief Officer to add to RTC inventory and inform TVBC and HCC they are now taking ownership of the black finger post markers in Romsey. Cllr. I. Culley raised concerns regarding the cost for the energy to the Christmas Lights. The Building Manager confirmed lights have been replaced over the last few years to new low wattage LED's and the cost is minimal.
9. **EXTERIOR DECORATIONS AND ROOF REPAIRS**
RECOMMENDATION: to approve Lifetime Construction to carry out external decorations and repairs to Town Hall roof at a cost of £65,000. Costs are already budgeted for in 2022-23 budget
RESOLUTION NO. 22/17
It was **RESOLVED** to approve Lifetime Construction to carry out external decorations and repairs to Town Hall roof at a cost of £65,000. Costs are already budgeted for in 2022-23 budget
PROPOSED: Cllr. J. Parker
SECONDED: Cllr. I. Culley
CARRIED
10. **GREEN ENERGY**
The Building Manager and Business, Events & Tourism Officer reported their attendance at Green Community Energy Event. They gave an outline of the setting up of Dragonfly Power a community power company by Transition Town Romsey. In essence this is a mutual where we would have Solar Panels on the Town Hall roof supplying a greater pool and we would get a percentage of our power at a vastly reduced rate. The Committee asked them to pursue this on behalf of RTC and report back to the next meeting.

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11. BUSINESS, EVENTS AND TOURISM OFFICER REPORT (Appendix 3)

Noted. A discussion was held with regards to the demise of ShopAppy. The Committee congratulated the Business, Events and Tourism Officer for her report.

12. MAYOR'S AWARD SCHEME

It was agreed to go ahead with the Mayor's Award Scheme using criteria presented to the Committee.

13. ROMSEY INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS

Cllr Cooper reported that the scheduled road re-construction and re-surfacing between the Plaza roundabout and Winchester Hill by HCC had been programmed for the current quarter. This work has been deferred as Southern Water need to upgrade the main sewer in Winchester Road. As the sewer work involves deep trenching and is complicated by the presence of several other underground services Southern Water wish to close the road, possibly in the new year, for up to 14 weeks. HCC recognises the importance of this main link between the town centre and the suburbs of Tadburn and Cupernham and are attempting to negotiate a works programme which has less impact on the town's traffic flows.

14. ROMSEY FUTURE

Next meeting to be held in November 2022.

15. GRANTS

CITIZEN'S ADVICE TEST VALLEY – ROMSEY BRANCH

RESOLUTION NO. 22/18

It was **RESOLVED** to grant £500 to Citizen's Advice Test Valley – Romsey Branch

PROPOSED: Cllr. J. Burnage

SECONDED: Cllr. I. Culley

CARRIED

Meeting closed 8.57p.m.

Chairman's Report for Romsey Local History Society Appendix 1 Autumn 2021-Autumn 2022

In Autumn 2021 we returned to holding meetings in the Town Hall and enjoyed talks on Mottisfont, medieval graffiti and the clothes worn by the Mayflower pilgrims. At the start of 2022 we used Zoom for our evening meetings and were able to draw on a number of speakers from some distance from Romsey including, of course, one of our members from the 1970s Mike Heyworth from York who gave us a very interesting talk on the problems of protecting portable antiquities. Alex Langlands, now at Swansea, gave us a talk on excavations at Old Sarum. We have also enjoyed a number of talks from our local members and supporters including Frank Green, Roger Leech, Chris Woolgar and Terry Proctor as well as newer members like Ronnie Munday and Sybil Warner. Phoebe Merrick's slide shows on areas of Romsey and the surroundings continue to draw large audiences who correct us on the dates of the photos when necessary.

At the request of those who enjoy them we have continued the Zoom chat meetings on the third Thursday of each month when Barbara Burbridge has explained how to understand early deeds and their terminology as well as giving the detailed history of Church Street and Shirley Rogers gave an interesting account of Romsey library building. We have contributions from other members on a variety of topics planned for the autumn and winter.

Workshop meetings especially on Monday mornings are well attended with a number of people attending to do regular research on their own projects. We continue to receive donations and loans of pictures and archives to add to our collection. The most recent donations were the records of Romsey Rotary Club and an order of service for the Commemoration Service for Queen Elizabeth II in Romsey Abbey on 18th September. We are now having regular meetings on the first Thursday of the month for the Survey of Romsey group and are discovering that we have a great many documents already transcribed which can be used. The buildings of Romsey are extremely varied and the people who inhabited them even more so. At the request of some researchers dealing with original documents we propose to run the "How to read old handwriting course" again in the Autumn on Zoom as this worked so well last year.

Work still continues on conserving the Town Hall archives and the system of wrapping pictures but having a label with a thumbnail photo is proving extremely useful.

Work is also still being done on reviewing the archaeological excavations done in Romsey. During this last year we have had carbon-14 dates established for several pieces of charcoal from the iron smelting layers found

in the excavation behind No 4 Market Place and proved conclusively that the iron smelting does date from the 7th and 8th centuries. We also had a bone from the base of the water channel dated to the mid 7th century but as it may have been washed out of the channel sides it does not provide a secure date for the channel itself. The records of the excavations held at Chilcomb House are also yielding more information as we reread them in detail and can compare them. We are currently reviewing the work done on the Saxon Project in an effort to make it available on the internet. Much work was done and we feel that we ought to make it more widely available. We hope to make this public this Autumn.

At the request of Romsey Town Council we used our collection of old photographs to mount an exhibition on Romsey and Royalty assembled by Phoebe Merrick and Janet Kearns which was on display for the 4 days of the Platinum Jubilee holiday and attracted a great deal of interest from partakers in the great Jubilee tea party/picnic as well as shoppers and visitors.

We must express our thanks to Janet Cairney for acting as our Treasurer since 2016 and continuing for many years after her wish to resign due to having other commitments. We now have a new programme secretary and treasurer in Julia Benn and we thank her very much for stepping in to these tasks. However, Julia would prefer to concentrate on the programme so if there are any people with financial expertise who would be willing to take on being treasurer we would be very grateful.

The 2023 programme seeks to satisfy both the people who like Zoom meetings and those who prefer physical meetings as we generally intend to run Monday evening lectures in the Town Hall and Thursday evenings as Zoom. We will experiment with trying combined meetings but we will have to couple our Zoom capabilities with the Town Hall projection system which may not be easy.

We hope members will continue to enjoy our talks and slide shows and we would welcome more members participating in our research on the buildings and streets of Romsey. We would also appreciate help with running our computer and IT system which is essential to enable us to store our archives, and all the research which has already been done. However, if you would like to join the committee but don't feel able to take on a specific task you will still be welcome.

Mary Harris, chairman

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Building Manager Report to Building and Town Committee 18th October 2022.

1. **Council Chamber** PA and Lighting replacement. This is now complete. Some remedial decoration is still underway in-house. Apart from the benefits from the vastly improved services we can offer the new lighting will use 10Kw less electricity.
2. **Church Place Bench** The new bench has been delivered and installed. The comments from the public whilst we were installing it were all very positive.
3. **Tadburn Notice Board** A replacement has been purchased. Delivery has been delayed. Will install upon receipt.
4. **Allotments** Have implemented, in conjunction with the Committee, new cashless payments to reduce the load upon the Office Team in handling cash and cheques and exuberant bank charges. Working with the Committee I have purchased a new notice board for the display of the Rules.
5. **Bench Seats** The new bench for the corner of Chambers Ave/Botley Rd. The Contractor ROCON will be installing w/c 10th Oct.
6. **Garden** A bike rack has been installed. There is no longer any excuse to bring cycles into the building and contravening the Fire Regulations.
7. **Merger RTC/RE** I attended a meeting on 26th September regarding the merger of assets. No difficulties were found in adding the RE Assets into the RTC systems.
8. **Exterior Decorations** A competitive tender exercise has been run with Lifetime Construction coming out clear favorites. Work to be completed in two phases now for decoration and repairs with the rear roof replacement next April. All with the budget set aside.
9. **Town Way Markers** Following the last meeting I have submitted a request to HCC for the refurbishment of the Finger Post Way Markers around the Town. They deny responsibility and have said it has been passed to a third party. TVBC have already said it is HCC.

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10. **Court Room Ventilation**

We have an opportunity to purchase a little used £4K air scrubber from Countess Mountbatten House for a donation. There would be some additional costs but mostly in house work to install.
This would provide an "Airborne Disease" safe environment.
- 11 **Green Energy**

On 8th September I attended a Green Energy event in the Crossfield Hall. See separate agenda item.
12. **Security**

We have signed up to the Governments latest Security Advice initiative <https://www.protectuk.police.uk/>. This replaces all previous schemes. This is the first port of call rather than the Counter Terrorism Officer as before.

Monthly Report to Building and Town Committee

Well doesn't time go fast! I am now into my fourth month here and am still meeting many new people and businesses.

In working closely with Romsey Chamber of Commerce and Industry I was kindly invited to be on the Executive Board representing Romsey TC.

Food Fair was successful with many stall traders reporting record sales and some stalls even sold out. Shops, cafes, and restaurants all reported an exceptional Sunday and were really busy with good takings. Everyone I spoke to were happy.

Romsey Future community event was well attended from start to finish and gave me a great insight and understanding of the views from residents.

Highlights to discuss in the meeting:

RTC and Hampshire Police are to introduce a new 'ShopWatch' in the town in a bid to reduce crime.

ShopAppy's 12-month contract has now completed. Shops I have spoken to will not be renewing.

The Tourism Group are organising a 'Tourism Conference' for the 1st of March 2023 whereby local attractions, retail, accommodation providers and food and drink establishments attend.

Tourism App is now in full planning using information from Romsey Local History Society, old leaflets, and other ideas in the pipeline. We aim to have this up and running for a big launch in March to tie in with the Tourism Conference and for the Easter holidays.

Disabled area introduced for Christmas events.

Partnering with UnityOnline to launch a Volunteer Fair for Romsey and Southern Test Valley in January 2023.

Event & Business Group Meetings:

- Romsey Mutual Business Group Breakfast Meeting
- Safety Meeting for future events
- Community Energy Meeting
- Community Safety Management Group
- **ACTION** - Romsey Disabled People Partnership – Worked with TVBC and was introduced to members. The group is looking to increase attendees to help discuss how the Town can help, assist, and cater for those with all disabilities. Please continue to pass this plea onto your constituencies.
- Beggars Fair wash up and AGM

- Romsey Festival planning meeting
- Social Media Masterclass at Romsey Town Hall
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Romsey Events attended:

- Food Fair
- Romsey Future
- Antique Fair
- The Presidents Reception (Chamber of Commerce)
- Romsey Future Community Event

Organisations

Met with:

Clare Goddard from **Sir Harold Hillier** Gardens introduced me to their Marketing, Education and Volunteering managers. We discussed partnership working, volunteers, future plans, tourism and day visitors.

Chamber of Commerce – attended Exec meetings, breakfast meeting and social gatherings. Helped discussions and gave contacts for the upcoming Food Fair, promoted their upcoming events and wrote the press release for the Food fair which included quotes from local traders, producers and the Chamber. Went on Forest FM radio to promote the Food Fair.

Met with Christianne Ireland from **Unity Online** who is happy to partner in creating a Volunteer Fair in January 2023. Now in talks with **National Trust** and **Hampshire and Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust**. **Hilliers** are already onboard.

Tourism Southeast met with Graham Haynes to discuss tourism/walking app and also the app creator. App will be tweaked a little to enable more detail such as website and opening hours to be added.

Teams meet up with **ShopAppy** representative to discuss developments.

Jackie Edwards, **Antique Fair** met and worked through plans for the Fair which is on the 16 October.

Businesses

Working with PCSO Dragos Andrei, **Hampshire Police**, we have set 'ShopWatch' which is similar to 'PubWatch' but for local shops and market traders of the town. Everyone will be a part of a WhatsApp group in a bid to reduce shoplifting and anti-social behaviour. The response has been unanimous throughout the town and been warmly welcomed. We are due to have our first meeting on Friday 21st October.

TVBC

Continuing monthly catch-up meetings with **Jennie Pell**, Economic Development Officer

Monthly meetings are in place with TVBC Communications Team **Lisa Phaure & Kathryn Binfield** and **Jennie Pell** developing a Development and Comms plan for Visit Romsey / Visit Test Valley.

Louisa Rice – took over from Marianne Piggin so we have met up together and organised to have regular meet ups.

HCC

Attended Sept meeting with HCC and Transition Town Romsey about future plans to support greener energy and also met them at the Romsey Future event at the Town Hall.

Contacted them regarding the laws on 'A Boards' as I had an enquiry regarding them. Currently there is no information as to the legality of them online and, they have been unable to email me with any legal framework other than to say they will remove them if found. Going forward this would be helpful if it was transparent, and we were able to give formal guidance from a public document to those who do display A boards.

Elected Members

Ad hoc meetings with Mayor Cllr Neil Gwynne to resolve any issues and keep updated with all things Romsey.

Thank you to those councillors who pop in and see me, it is great to have your guidance and your input.

Key priorities:

Short Term:

- Tourism App
 - Small changes to the app to make it more accessible and useable for what we require
 - Input with data and photos
- Community
 - Continue to meet up with local community and introduce myself
- Opportunities
 - Still to meet with Go New Forest to look at how they set up, key learnings etc. (Go New Forest is a 'not for profit' Community Interest Company set up to manage and develop tourism in the new Forest and has 220 paying members. This organisation replaced New Forest Tourism Association and New Forest District Council's tourism service)
 - Ongoing - Collate and compile database of attractions/accommodation providers/retail/cafes/pubs and restaurants for tourism website and where needed the tourism app
 - Ongoing - obtain quality photos for tourism app and website

Long Term:

- Volunteer Fair (Jan 2023) – liaise with further businesses and organisations
- Social media course for small businesses – Feb 2023
- Assist Ian Richards to enrol more marshals to help with road closures for September / Christmas
- Four Fun Fridays for summer next year.

- Redesign and resize logo for all Visit Romsey social media and website to complement Visit Test Valley branding.
- Future funding for tourism: tourism app, promoted posts on social, photoshoot, rebranding.

Meetings and events coming up:

Romsey Future Programme Board (postponed from 13th Sept)

Hampshire Story – Hampshire County Council conference for the promotion of Hampshire.

Christianne Ireland UnityOnline – in the next two weeks

Tourism Meeting - monthly

Christmas planning meeting with local organisations and volunteer groups

Rotary Club Talk (tbc)

Anne Meader – Carers Together

Linda Bate – Youth in Romsey (tbc)

Michael White – Licensing TVBC

Christmas events!!

The Story of the Workaday Flag

The flag of the Romsey corps of the 11th Hampshire Rifles Regiment Volunteers, as formed in December 1859, followed in a long tradition of local forces marshalling in defence of the home front when danger threatened.



In Defence of the Realm

Romans, Vikings, Normans, Spanish Armada, Dutch warships, Revolution, Napoleon, civil unrest, Hitler and other such alarms, have all brought fear and foreboding to the people living in this country throughout history.

At all times able-bodied men were expected to practice the fighting skills of the day, whether they be bows and arrows, muskets and swords, or rifles and bayonets, or even broomsticks. At moments of particular crisis men have responded by joining local volunteer militia, ready to defend their homes and families from threats, real or imagined.

In Hampshire, there are hints of long-ago preparations, such as the beacons on high spots that were ready to warn of approaching danger, as with the Spanish Armada. But there are no records of individual men who enlisted to serve the Romsey locality - that is until the end of the 18th century.

1798: The First Formation of a Romsey Volunteer Militia

The French Revolution alarmed the aristocracy of this country; upper class necks were feeling distinctly vulnerable.

Present	
Cap ⁿ Seward	Mr. Ploughman
Cap ⁿ Lathan	Mr. Jas Young
Mr. Saman	Mr. B. Sharp
Mr. Fletcher	Mr. Vair's
Mr. Comley	Mr. May
Mr. Brookman	Mr. Watson
Mr. Allen	Mr. Wake
	Mr. Jarver

11th June 1798

At a Meeting of the Committee held this Day it was resolved that the jacket produced by Captⁿ Seward be a Pattern jacket for a Uniform of the Corps; that Helmsch produced be a pattern for the Corps

That Mr. Day Sen^r having applied to the Committee to be permitted to quit

1798 Minute Book of Romsey Volunteer Militia

The opening page

With the exception of Captain Seward, a regular soldier, most of those listed at the top of the page as being present at the inaugural meeting were prominent business and professional men in Romsey.

So it was decided that local defence bands should be formed nationwide. The Government started to appeal for such groups to be established as early as 1779 but it was only in 1798 that Romsey organised its own force. The minute book for the first couple of years survives and is held by King John's House & Tudor Cottage Trust Ltd. It is displayed in a cabinet to the side of the Moody Parlour within the Moody Museum (named after the family that built and lived in the Victorian shop-cum-home).

The minute book is not very informative about the military activities of the 1798 Militia. Instead, its main focus is on two matters – the choice of uniform to be worn and membership of the band that would be a key feature of parades and ceremonies.

But there is copious information about the people involved – not only the names of the men who joined and their respective ranks but also the names of the tailors and drapers they should patronise when kitting themselves out with uniforms. There are also minutes about men whose uniform would be subsidised by the Corps and to what extent. It is noticeable that there was special enthusiasm to support those men of limited means who could play an instrument needed by the all-important band.

At the back of the minute book is an extra and very enlightening piece of information in the form of a list, c1799, of numbered muskets against each of which the recipient signed his name. It is remarkable how many of the 90 odd men could write their own names. Only some 13 were obliged to 'make his mark' with an X, his name then written on his behalf. Literacy in Romsey at that time must have been of a reasonably good standard even if limited to a certain level of society.

Among those able to sign his name- very neatly - was

Volunteers Names	Taylors	Drapers	Things Ordered
Wm Harding	Webb	B. Sharp	Jacket and Helmet
Wm Withers	Webb	B. Sharp	Jacket and Helmet
Jno Pope	Ditto	B. Sharp	Ditto
Jno Purdy	Armstrong	Jas Sharp	Jacket
Saml Moody	Webb	Mr Young	Jacket and Helmet
Jno Day	Lovell	Mr Young	Jacket and Helmet
Step: Newman	Armstrong	B. Sharp	Helmet Pantaloons Gaiters Regimental Buttons
Wm Bartlett	Ditto	C.W. Godfrey	Jacket and Helmet
Jas Grist	Ditto	Young	The whole Uniform
Richd Jenkins	Lovell	B. Sharp	The whole Uniform
Wm Holloway	Armstrong	B. Sharp	Jacket
Jas Hyde	Lovell	Young	The whole Uniform
Thos Moss	Ditto	B. Sharp	Jacket and Helmet
Thos Keeping	Ditto	Mr J. Young	The whole Uniform
Gabriel Floyd	Lovell	Mr Godfrey	The Whole
Jas Humby	Armstrong	Mr Godfrey	The Whole
Richd Floyd	Webb	Mr J. Sharp	Helmet and Jacket
Wm Holloway	Ditto	Mr J. Young	Jacket
Mr Thos Shergold	Armstrong	Mr J. Sharp	Jacket
Mr Jno Webb	---	Mr B. Sharp	Helmet

Henry Mackrell	---	Mr J. Sharp	Helmet
Wm Courtney	---	Mr J. Sharp	Helmet
Geo. Rout	Armstrong	Ditto	Pantaloons and Gaiters
Jos Dawkins	Webb	B. Sharp	Jacket and Helmet
Wm Dunning	---	Mr Young	Helmet
Thos Summers	Lovell	Mr R. Godfrey	Jacket
Joshua Smith	---	Mr Godfrey	Helmet
Wm Herring	Lovell	Mr Jas Young	Jacket and Helmet
Wm Enns	---	Mr Jas Sharp	Helmet
Edwd Froud	Webb	Jas Sharp	Jacket

Names of those whose uniforms were subsidised

Among such artefacts she noted c1912 that the flag of the 1798 militia still survived at that time:

Faded and dusty, they droop above the chief magistrates seat, in Romsey's Town Hall, those old time colours of forgotten Volunteers, whose very identity has so completely sunk into oblivion, that even their flags have been assigned to a later race of patriots, whose memory is with us still.

To whom then, it will be enquired, were they really given, those colours, whose miniature "Jack", lacking the cross of Saint Patrick, points to a date before January, 1801, and to the union with Ireland.

The answer will be found in a mass of old Army Lists preserved in the British Museum...

Mrs Suckling then went on to list the names of those who feature in the 1798 minute book. She noted that the Major-Commander, William Seward, had a military background as a captain in the regular army.

"VOLUNTEER INFANTRY, ROMSEY."

1799 to 1801.

1st Regiment.

Major Comm.: William Seward, 18th October., 1798.

Captain: John Latham, 24th May, 1798.

Lieutenants: William Chas. Daman, 24th May, 1798.

Stephen Warner, 24th May, 1798.

Ensign: Harrison Fletcher, 24th May, 1798.

Godward Seward, 24th May, 1798.

And Mrs Suckling quotes Charles John Hall, a prominent brewer, recalling years later a memorable Sunday in 1803 when *'the Market Place was filled with waggons, drawn up in readiness to carry the women and children out of the expected enemy's reach'*.

According to his account *'at that time the churchwardens and officials of the town were told to superintend the flight, whilst to others was entrusted the tasks of firing the ricks and destroying the crops on the approach of the foe'*.

What had caused the panic, or whether it was an exercise for such an emergency, is far from clear.

1859: Romsey Volunteers Reform

In 1859, the national government was worried by the rather aggressive stance of Bonaparte's nephew, then ruling France as Emperor Napoleon III. Decades of civil unrest both here and on the continent also led the authorities to encourage a new home defence. Romsey Volunteers reformed in December 1859 under the name of *'11th Hampshire Rifle Regiment Volunteers'*.

Mrs Suckling noted that a good account of this occasion appeared in the local paper of the day, *The Romsey Register*; she added the following:

In February, 1860, the same paper announced the enrolling of 69 Volunteers, and that £225 had been subscribed, also that the Mayor had been requested to offer the services of the corps to the Government through the Lord Lieutenant, and in the following month it was stated that 'Her Majesty has been graciously pleased to accept the services of the Romsey Volunteers'.

Lady Barker Mill of Mottisfont determined to present the Volunteers with a ceremonial flag, which was duly presented on 28th December 1860. As Lady Barker Mill was unwell, Mrs Henderson, wife of the Volunteers' Captain Henderson of Roke Manor, deputised for her. The ceremony took place from a dais erected in the Market Place in the presence of a large number of people, including Lord Palmerston who made a speech. The flag was described by *The Romsey Register* as of 'dark green silk,



presenting the Romsey Arms in the centre encircled by a floral wreath and bearing the inscription: "11th Hampshire Volunteers" with the motto "Vocati Parati" (Having Been Called, We Are Ready)'.

This is clearly not the flag displayed in the Moody Museum. That flag is of fine woven wool with just the portcullis, the background being olive green and the portcullis once gold, both colours now very faded. There is no floral wreath and no motto, and it is likely that this was the workaday flag.

It certainly bears the scars of hard usage with darns and patches in plenty along with general wear and tear.

At one end of the webbing edge, by which the flag was attached to its pole, faint stencilled letters proclaim Wolfe Southampton – the name of the flagmaker.

The word 'Slater' is inked on the other end of the same webbing edge, and this relates without doubt to the Militia's Sergeant Slater who presumably acted as the flag's custodian between outings. Was Mrs Slater responsible for the darns and patches?





Sergeant William Slater, c1860

Chemist, Borough Councillor & Photographer

Sergeant Slater opens up the story of the flag to many other aspects of Romsey life in the mid-Victorian period. Besides being mentioned as a keen attendee of the Volunteers' dinners and other events, he was a Romsey Borough councillor. He was also a chemist with premises at 4 Church Street. During the 1850s he acquired an assistant, William Frost, who introduced him to the new art of photography. Together they began to take photographs of local people and places, beginning in 1858 with a series of photographic portraits of town councillors and other local people of note. Their views of the town and Broadlands House (Lord Palmerston's home) were mostly taken with a stereoscopic camera. They were the first known photographers in Romsey.

Meanwhile, the Romsey corps of the 11th Hampshire Rifles Regiment Volunteers made their first appearance in uniform on the 19th June, 1860, when, under the command of Captain Wingate Henderson and Lieutenant Alexander Stead they marched to church and filled the entire south gallery. Some 69 men had signed up. In 1864 when the numbers on roll rose to over 80 (the highest recorded) there was talk about re-clothing the men at a cost of £140 but this is not confirmed.

There is much more evidence about the activities of the 11th Hampshire Volunteers than that of the militia of the early 1800s, since this was the era of a local newspaper *The Romsey Register* - published and printed by Charles Legge Lordan, printer, mayor of Romsey in 1866. There are reports of camps and frequent combined operations with other groups of volunteers, particularly those in Southampton and Winchester. After 1864, indoor drills and meetings seem to have taken place in the newly built Corn

Exchange. Thanks to Slater and Frost there are also photographs of the men in uniform and at camp.



Perhaps Mrs Suckling should have the last word. She would have been 15 years old when, in 1859, a Romsey corps became part of 11th Hampshire Rifle Regiment Volunteers. Hers was a very jingoistic view of the world, very much in the mood of the era; and she saw the Volunteers in a romantic context, heading her memories of them with the following verse.

"If the world combine to brave thee,
English hearts will bear the fight;
English hands will glow to save thee,
Strong for England and the right."



Special Note: All Volunteer corps hung up their standards in 1908 when they were disbanded nationwide. In their stead began the Territorial Army.

Conserving the Workaday Flag

The KJH&TC Trust owes much to **The Arts Society Romsey** and **Test Valley Borough Councillors** for sponsoring the conservation work desperately needed so that the flag could be put on display again.

Particular thanks go to **Sue Mullane** of *The Arts Society Romsey*. She set the ball rolling, having helped with the careful storing of the flag for its own safety. She made contact with specialist textile conservator, **Rachel Rhodes**, who skilfully guided all volunteers through the steps needed in the conservation work. Finally, our thanks to the Committee of *The Arts Society Romsey* and the officers of *The Arts Society Hants & IOW*.

The flag was conserved by gentle vacuuming through netting, humidifying to enable it to be gently re-shaped, enclosed by ultra-fine netting and backed by a lining to protect it against any wall or similar.

Collections Volunteers: Wendy Rowe (rota organiser) Kate Allen, Ginny Assinder, Jane Chambers, Vicky Dawkins, Stephen Dean, Sally Mansfield, Sue Mullane, Ronnie Munday, Alison Parsons, Kath Rau, Yvonne Richardson, Jean Stokely

Flag Sewers: Ginny Assinder, Jane Chambers, Vicky Dawkins, Chia Dewis-Hall, Sheila Henderson, Sue Harder, Gill Maddick, Alison Parsons, Margaret Prosser, Anne Richards

Conservation Photographer: John Scarborough

Researchers: Barbara Burbridge, Ronnie Munday

Board Design: Sarah Hargreaves

Display Practicalities: Theo Jarman, Mark Udall

11th Hampshire Regiment

Volunteers (Romsey Corps)

Established December 1859

The flag in the care of Romsey Town Council archives is the ceremonial flag, once thought lost. Carried on a pole with a crown finial, the flag is of gingery green silk with the town badge of a portcullis surrounded by a floral wreath and the union flag in the top corner. It bears the motto 'Vocati, Parati' ('Having Been Called, We Are Ready'). It is a rarity in the fact that it is double-sided with the elaborate design reproduced beautifully on each side. This feature is very unusual.

There is a much plainer (one-sided) flag displayed in the *King John's House Moody Museum*, which was made of fine wool by Wolfe of Southampton, flagmaker. This has been conserved (c2018).

PART 1

In Defence of the Realm

For centuries men have been ready to serve on home soil in defence of the realm. But there are no records of such Romsey volunteers – especially by name - until 1798, when a **Romsey Volunteer Militia** was formed in response to the perceived threats of first the French Revolution and then the Napoleonic Wars.

The minute book that records the formation of this militia is also held in *King John's House Moody Museum*. In 1798-9 the main concerns of the committee were

- The type of uniform to be chosen
- The band to be formed

The interest in the uniform was linked to the drapers and tailors to be patronised and how much uniform should be sponsored. So, a great many names are to be found in this minute book, a fascinating resource for family historians.

The Men Who Served

At the back of the 1798 minute book each serving man signed for the numbered musket issued to him.

Samuel Moody, grandfather of the Charles Moody who had the gunshop built (at No 13 Church Street) c1878, is one of those listed. His signature is very firm and fluent.

Being alert for emergencies – as when the town was seemingly assembled for an evacuation, invasion considered imminent c1803. Whether this was a response to rumour or simply a planned exercise is not clear.

Nationally, these groups were disbanded as the threats seemed to have disappeared.

PART 2

1859: The Volunteers Reform

In 1859, the Government was alarmed by possible new dangers from the apparently aggressive military stance of Napoleon III in France and from possible local unrest. The Government agreed that corps of Volunteers should be formed countrywide. And in December 1859 men of Romsey formed a corps of the 11th Hampshire Rifle Regiment Volunteers.

Activities of the Volunteer Corps included

Drill – sometimes in the newly built Corn Exchange once it opened in 1864

Camps – at various locations

Co-ordinating with other county battalions

Presentation of Ceremonial Flag

On 28th December 1860, the Romsey Corps paraded in Romsey Market Place where the wife of Volunteers' Captain Henderson (of Roke Manor), presented the ceremonial flag in the presence of local notables led by Lord Palmerston of Broadlands. She was taking the place of Lady Barker Mill of Mottisfont who had commissioned this beautiful – and presumably expensive - ceremonial flag. It was considered so precious that a workaday flag was purchased for practice purposes.

William Henry Slater, c1825-1883

A Man of Many Parts

- Chemist of 4 Church Street
- Pioneer Photographer – his earliest photographs date from 1858 when he photographed the leading men of Romsey (in conjunction with his assistant, William Frost)
- Romsey Borough Councillor
- **Sergeant Slater of the Volunteers**, who took charge of the workaday flag. (NB: Photo of Slater in uniform available – see 2nd article sent.)

*Note: **Volunteer Troops** were disbanded nationwide in 1908. In their place came the new concept of the **Territorial Army**. In a ceremony to mark the end of the Volunteers, the ceremonial flag was solemnly paraded in the Market Place and then handed over to the Town Hall for safe-keeping. The Corporation was clearly made responsible for it as for earlier flags.*

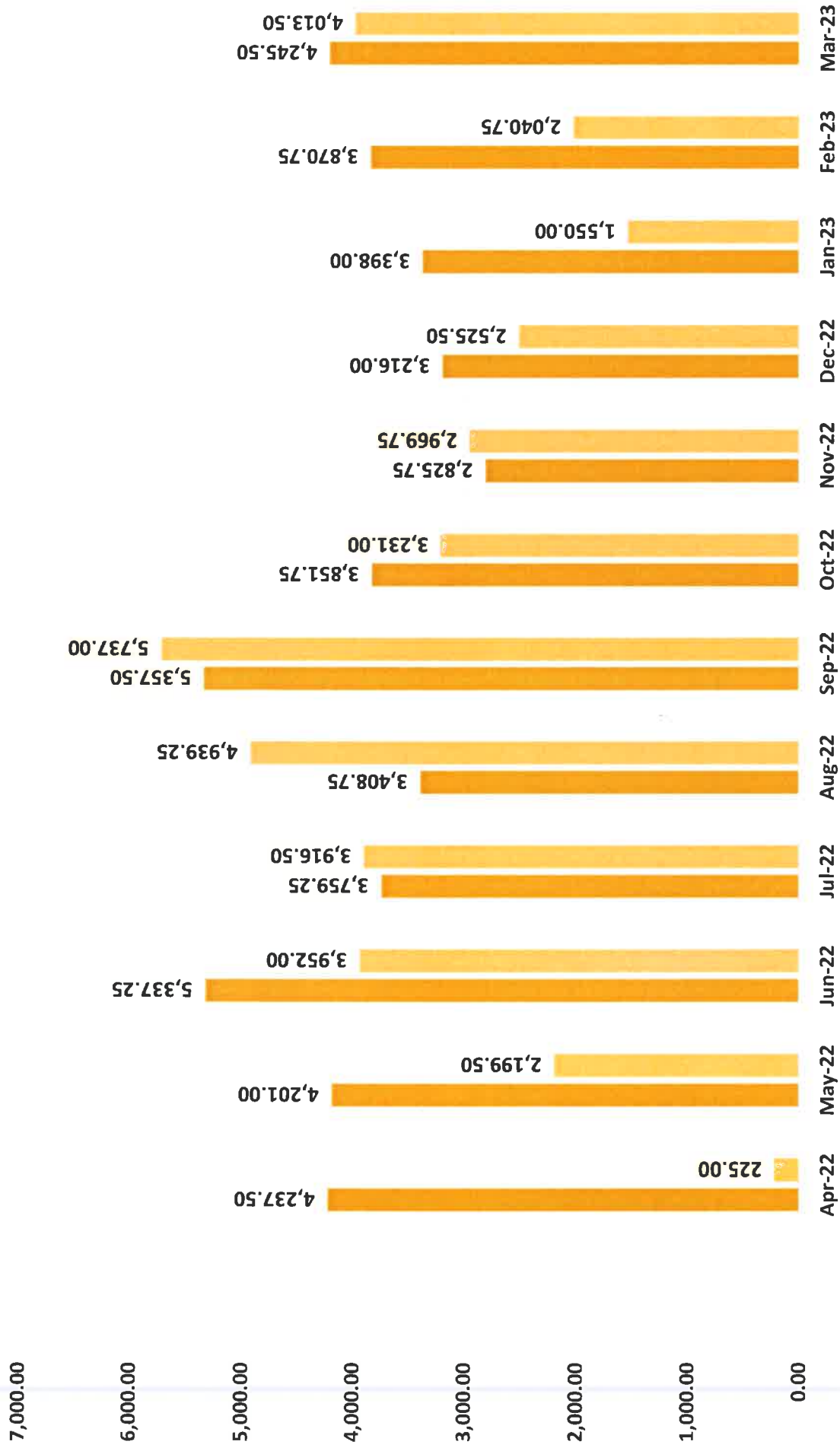
Mrs Suckling of Highwood House (now Stroud School) was aware of its existence having been 15 years old when the Volunteer Corps was formed. She was a keen and serious, if untutored, local historian, travelling to the Public Record Office in Chancery Lane, London to view and then write about what she found in the records about Romsey. She wrote proudly about the Volunteers and -alongside her research - also wrote down the memories of the oldest inhabitants of her day.

Special Note on the Flag's Condition

The flag has been presented in a most unfortunate way in a deep wooden frame on an unsuitable background, while the flag itself was stapled to a felted backboard. This was probably done in the early 1980s judging by the style of the frame and other indications. Furthermore, it has been exposed too long to the light which is extremely detrimental to silk and there are many splits of varying lengths and severity. Expert stabilising work is essential.

This is an important and rare artefact in the Town Hall archives and merits correct conservation for the benefit of the town of Romsey.

Romsey Town Hall Booking Income 2022 - 2023



Booking on System Apr 2022 - Mar 2023 - £47,709.00 - Cumulative Total £30,153.00 - Oct 22

■ 2022/2023 ■ 2021/2022

Romsey Town Council
Budget Report to 31st October 2022

General Notes:

Attached are the summary income & expenditure report for month 7 to October 2022. This report shows a current year surplus of income over expenditure of £160,024 which includes the 2nd half of the precept which was received on 20th September 2022.

The council has two long term liabilities of a loan with a current balance of £50,810 & £96,910, they are paid in twice yearly instalments and will be fully repaid by 18th May 2035 & 30th June 2046 respectively. The council took out a second loan for town hall lift.

The balance sheet shows that total funds available to the council are £428,716:

This is made up of the following -

Current Year Surplus		£160,024
General Reserve Brought Forward		£147,213
Other Earmarked Reserves		£121,479
Total		£428,716

The budget is analysed and phased over the year and the percentage of budget if analysed evenly over the year to date is 58.33% but members are reminded that income & expenditure rarely follows this pattern over the year.

Total expenditure for month 7 was 58.3% of the annual budget.

Please note this report is not designed to alleviate members or the RFO of their responsibility in managing the Town Council finances. It is merely provided as a snapshot of the current financial position and to highlight to members any potential problem areas that have been identified within the accounts.

The budget is set by The Council and it is the member's responsibility in partnership with the RFO to monitor and control the financial position throughout the year. More detailed information is available to Councillors than is provided for here.

Analysis by Cost Centre

101	Administration
Month Budget	£10,097
Actual	£8,478
Under/(Over)	£1,619

Year to Date Budget	£121,160
Actual	£71,809
% of Budget Used	59.27%

Annual IT support for £14.8k and annual subscription of £1.9k for HALC & NALC was paid in April 2022.

No further concerns.

103	Grants
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No further concerns.

104	Civic
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No further concerns.

105	Finance
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Annual insurance cost of £5.3k was incurred in April 2022/23 against its annual budget of £5k.

No further concerns.

107	Market
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No further concerns.

Romsey Town Council
Budget Report to 31st October 2022

Analysis by Cost Centre (Continued)

110	Town Hall
Month Budget	£15,555
Actual	£14,116
Under/(Over)	£1,439

Year to Date Budget	£186,662
Actual	£115,741
% of Budget Used	62.01%

1st Loan repayment made in April 2022 & 1st Loan repayment for Lift was made in June 2022.

£16k spent on AV system & Electricals for Townhall of which £10k was funded from EMR Town Hall Major Maintenance

£8.2k and £10.2k spent on AV system & Electricals on August & September 2022 respectively.

No further concerns.

111 **Town Hall Bar**

No further concerns.

112 **Town Hall Film Shows**

No further concerns.

120 **Allotments**

No concerns.

125 **Town Centre Management**

No further concerns.

127 **Romsey Security**

No concerns.

130 **Environmental**

No concerns.

135 **Marshalls**

No concerns.

140 **Planning**

No concerns.

160 **War Horse Fund**

No concerns.

170 **Christmas Lights Fund**

No concerns.

Detailed Balance Sheet - Excluding Stock Movement

Month 7 Date 31/10/2022

<u>A/c</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Actual</u>
<u>Current Assets</u>		
100	Trade Debtors	(1,312)
103	Prepayments	2,164
105	VAT	2,738
120	Bar Stock	1,414
201	Lloyds Current Account	415,523
202	Building Managers Imprest A/c	2,923
204	TSB Deposit A/c	6,461
212	Mayors Charity A/c	1,588
215	War Horse A/c 35433560	14,514
230	Bar Float	300
235	Petty Cash - Allotment	2
Total Current Assets		446,316
<u>Current Liabilities</u>		
500	Trade Creditors - CHQ	14,386
534	Mayors Charity Control Acct	1,588
545	Wilder Romsey	1,161
561	Booking Deposits	65
562	Damage Deposits	400
Total Current Liabilities		17,600
Net Current Assets		428,716
Total Assets less Current Liabilities		428,716
<u>Represented by :-</u>		
301	Current Year Fund	160,024
10	General Reserve	147,213
321	EMR Allotment Fund	7,018
336	EMR Town Hall Major Mainten'ce	58,167
339	EMR Marshals In Romsey	245
340	EMR Elections	8,757
343	EMR Romsey Website	2,812
345	EMR War Horse Fund	11,326
349	EMR Grants	2,200
350	EMR Markets	1,908
351	EMR Town Centre Management	4,000
353	EMR Neighbourhood Plan	913
354	CIL Receipts	8,377
355	EMR WW1 Event	3,767
356	EMR Romsey Emergency Plan	2,309
358	EMR Tourism & Heritage App	9,680
Total Equity		428,716

Summary Income & Expenditure by Budget Heading 31/10/2022

Month No: 7

Cost Centre Report

		Actual Current Mth	Actual Year To Date	Current Annual Bud	Variance Annual Total	Committed Expenditure	Funds Available	% Spent
101 Administration	Income	224	1,056	1,575	519			67.1%
	Expenditure	8,478	71,809	121,160	49,351		49,351	59.3%
	Movement to/(from) Gen Reserve	<u>(8,254)</u>	<u>(70,752)</u>					
103 Grants	Expenditure	2,500	5,045	6,000	955		955	84.1%
104 Civic	Income	0	30	0	(30)			0.0%
	Expenditure	2,210	4,942	8,995	4,053		4,053	54.9%
	Movement to/(from) Gen Reserve	<u>(2,210)</u>	<u>(4,912)</u>					
105 Finance	Income	15	320,616	320,618	2			100.0%
	Expenditure	29	5,728	13,300	7,572		7,572	43.1%
	Movement to/(from) Gen Reserve	<u>(14)</u>	<u>314,889</u>					
107 Market	Income	1,715	4,821	5,000	179			96.4%
110 Town Hall	Income	2,584	40,680	63,074	22,394			64.5%
	Expenditure	14,116	115,741	186,662	70,921		70,921	62.0%
	Movement to/(from) Gen Reserve	<u>(11,532)</u>	<u>(75,061)</u>					
111 Town Hall Bar	Income	181	2,371	1,500	(871)			158.0%
	Expenditure	229	2,456	1,950	(506)		(506)	125.9%
	Movement to/(from) Gen Reserve	<u>(48)</u>	<u>(85)</u>					
112 Town Hall Film Shows	Income	673	5,810	12,250	6,440			47.4%
	Expenditure	144	3,669	8,650	4,981		4,981	42.4%
	Movement to/(from) Gen Reserve	<u>529</u>	<u>2,141</u>					
120 Allotments - Southampton Rd	Income	1,494	2,790	2,705	(85)			103.1%
	Expenditure	(20)	2,922	2,705	(217)		(217)	108.0%
	Movement to/(from) Gen Reserve	<u>1,513</u>	<u>(132)</u>					
5 Town Centre Management	Income	8,114	20,245	4,000	(16,245)			506.1%
	Expenditure	3,842	20,327	27,200	6,873		6,873	74.7%
	Movement to/(from) Gen Reserve	<u>4,272</u>	<u>(82)</u>					
130 Environmental	Income	10	10	0	(10)			0.0%
	Expenditure	0	71	4,700	4,629		4,629	1.5%
	Movement to/(from) Gen Reserve	<u>10</u>	<u>(61)</u>					
135 Marshalls	Income	0	110	0	(110)			0.0%
	Expenditure	0	83	400	317		317	20.7%
	Movement to/(from) Gen Reserve	<u>0</u>	<u>27</u>					
140 Planning	Expenditure	0	0	1,000	1,000		1,000	0.0%
160 War Horse Fund	Income	1	2	0	(2)			0.0%
	Expenditure	1	2	0	(2)		(2)	0.0%
	Movement to/(from) Gen Reserve	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>					
170 Christmas Lights Fund	Income	4,000	4,000	5,000	1,000			80.0%
	Expenditure	8,220	9,723	33,000	23,277		23,277	29.5%
	Movement to/(from) Gen Reserve	<u>(4,220)</u>	<u>(5,723)</u>					

Summary Income & Expenditure by Budget Heading 31/10/2022

Month No: 7

Cost Centre Report

	Actual Current Mth	Actual Year To Date	Current Annual Bud	Variance Annual Total	Committed Expenditure	Funds Available	% Spent
Grand Totals:- Income	19,011	402,541	415,722	13,181			96.8%
Expenditure	39,749	242,517	415,722	173,205	0	173,205	58.3%
Net Income over Expenditure	<u>(20,738)</u>	<u>160,024</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>(160,024)</u>			
Movement to/(from) Gen Reserve	<u>(20,738)</u>	<u>160,024</u>					

Detailed Income & Expenditure by Budget Heading 31/10/2022

Month No: 7

Cost Centre Report

	Actual Current Mth	Actual Year To Date	Current Annual Bud	Variance Annual Total	Committed Expenditure	Funds Available	% Spent	Transfer to/from EMR
101 Administration								
1008 Income - Photocopying	0	16	0	(16)			0.0%	
1070 Income - Planning Clerk	224	1,040	1,575	535			66.1%	
Administration :- Income	224	1,056	1,575	519			67.1%	0
4001 Salaries	4,701	31,425	61,250	29,825	29,825		51.3%	
4002 Employers N.I	479	3,125	5,650	2,525	2,525		55.3%	
4003 Employers superann	786	5,434	9,650	4,216	4,216		56.3%	
4006 Contract Accountancy Costs	273	1,390	7,000	5,610	5,610		19.9%	
4009 Staff Travel	0	0	50	50	50		0.0%	
4013 Website Admin	37	246	350	104	104		70.3%	
4020 Staff Training	0	49	300	251	251		16.3%	
4040 Recruitment Advertisements	0	0	150	150	150		0.0%	
4512 Telephone	117	753	1,600	847	847		47.1%	
4513 Postage	0	619	600	(19)	(19)		103.1%	
4514 Stationery	131	635	850	215	215		74.8%	
4515 Photocopying	604	1,457	2,600	1,143	1,143		56.0%	
5012 Council Offices in Town Hall	1,000	7,000	12,000	5,000	5,000		58.3%	
5250 Subscriptions	285	2,484	2,600	116	116		95.5%	
5260 Outsourced Payroll	64	370	1,000	630	630		37.0%	
5270 IT & Computer Costs	0	16,823	15,510	(1,313)	(1,313)		108.5%	
Administration :- Indirect Expenditure	8,478	71,809	121,160	49,351	0	49,351	59.3%	0
Net Income over Expenditure	(8,254)	(70,752)	(119,585)	(48,833)				
103 Grants								
5890 Community Grants	500	3,045	4,000	955	955		76.1%	
5893 Community Grant - Bandstand	1,000	1,000	1,000	0	0		100.0%	
6100 Arts Festival	1,000	1,000	1,000	0	0		100.0%	
Grants :- Indirect Expenditure	2,500	5,045	6,000	955	0	955	84.1%	0
Net Expenditure	(2,500)	(5,045)	(6,000)	(955)				
104 Civic								
1116 Income - Town Crier	0	30	0	(30)			0.0%	
Civic :- Income	0	30	0	(30)				0
4001 Salaries	0	83	500	417	417		16.6%	
4043 Council Newsletter	1,965	3,030	2,400	(630)	(630)		126.3%	
5011 Council Use of Town Hall	0	0	2,000	2,000	2,000		0.0%	
6502 Members training	0	0	400	400	400		0.0%	
6550 Meetings Advertisements	0	0	50	50	50		0.0%	

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	Actual Current Mth	Actual Year To Date	Current Annual Bud	Variance Annual Total	Committed Expenditure	Funds Available	% Spent	Transfer to/from EMR
6750 Mayors Allowance	0	144	500	356		356	28.8%	
6760 Town Crier	195	351	450	99		99	78.0%	
6761 Mace Bearer	0	195	195	0		0	100.0%	
6762 Civic Costs	50	1,140	2,500	1,360		1,360	45.6%	
Civic :- Indirect Expenditure	2,210	4,942	8,995	4,053	0	4,053	54.9%	0
Net Income over Expenditure	(2,210)	(4,912)	(8,995)	(4,083)				
105 Finance								
1176 Precept	0	320,568	320,568	0			100.0%	
1190 Interest Received	15	48	50	2			96.4%	
Finance :- Income	15	320,616	320,618	2			100.0%	0
5011 Council Use of Town Hall	0	0	500	500		500	0.0%	
5251 Insurances	0	5,162	5,000	(162)		(162)	103.2%	
5271 Audit Fees	0	420	1,900	1,480		1,480	22.1%	
5280 Bank Charges	29	146	400	254		254	36.4%	
5290 Legal & Professional Fees	0	0	500	500		500	0.0%	
5400 Elections	0	0	5,000	5,000		5,000	0.0%	
Finance :- Indirect Expenditure	29	5,728	13,300	7,572	0	7,572	43.1%	0
Net Income over Expenditure	(14)	314,889	307,318	(7,571)				
107 Market								
1030 Income - Market Stalls	1,715	4,821	5,000	179			96.4%	
Market :- Income	1,715	4,821	5,000	179			96.4%	0
Net Income	1,715	4,821	5,000	179				
110 Town Hall								
1001 Income - Rental	0	5,000	11,200	6,200			44.6%	
1002 Income - Bookings	1,584	28,368	35,000	6,632			81.1%	
1003 Town Council Office Rent	1,000	7,000	12,000	5,000			58.3%	
1015 Income - Tea/Coffee	0	0	50	50			0.0%	
1020 Income - Cleaning	0	312	624	312			50.0%	
1022 Income - Councils own hirings	0	0	4,050	4,050			0.0%	
1023 Income - Projector	0	0	150	150			0.0%	
Town Hall :- Income	2,584	40,680	63,074	22,394			64.5%	0
4001 Salaries	5,728	38,023	61,550	23,527		23,527	61.8%	
4002 Employers N.I	441	2,895	5,400	2,505		2,505	53.6%	
4003 Employers superann	839	5,457	9,950	4,493		4,493	54.8%	

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Cost Centre Report

	Actual Current Mth	Actual Year To Date	Current Annual Bud	Variance Annual Total	Committed Expenditure	Funds Available	% Spent	Transfer to/from EMR
4005 Holiday Cleaning	0	469	600	131		131	78.1%	
4008 Function Attendants & Casuals	1,080	6,524	9,000	2,476		2,476	72.5%	
4010 Wages - Maintenance	586	4,102	7,500	3,398		3,398	54.7%	
4020 Staff Training	0	60	1,200	1,140		1,140	5.0%	
4030 Uniforms	0	46	300	254		254	15.4%	
4501 Janitorial	145	503	1,100	597		597	45.7%	
4504 Catering Costs	0	22	100	78		78	21.6%	
4505 Health and Safety	0	0	1,000	1,000		1,000	0.0%	
4510 Rates	2,033	14,235	21,250	7,015		7,015	67.0%	
4511 Utilities	0	2,360	9,000	6,640		6,640	26.2%	
4520 Licences	67	466	2,450	1,984		1,984	19.0%	
4572 Long Term Building Repairs	0	0	20,000	20,000		20,000	0.0%	
4751 Maintenance External	0	4	1,500	1,496		1,496	0.2%	
4800 Maintenance Internal	0	6,365	10,000	3,635		3,635	63.6%	
4850 Furniture/Equipment Purchased	285	34,018	3,500	(30,518)		(30,518)	971.9%	
4851 Fixed Cost Maintenance	335	1,996	7,500	5,504		5,504	26.6%	
5011 Council Use of Town Hall	0	0	500	500		500	0.0%	
5220 Publicity & Marketing	0	0	2,000	2,000		2,000	0.0%	
5270 IT & Computer Costs	0	302	500	198		198	60.4%	
6014 Hanging baskets\Xmas Trees	102	372	700	328		328	53.2%	
7150 Loan Capital + Interest	2,476	4,952	4,952	0		0	100.0%	
7152 Lift Loan Capital + Interest	0	2,572	5,110	2,538		2,538	50.3%	
7355 Tfr from Earmarked Reserves	0	(10,000)	0	10,000		10,000	0.0%	
Town Hall :- Indirect Expenditure	14,116	115,741	186,662	70,921	0	70,921	62.0%	0
Net Income over Expenditure	(11,532)	(75,061)	(123,588)	(48,527)				
111 Town Hall Bar								
1013 Income - Bar Sales	181	2,371	1,500	(871)			158.0%	
Town Hall Bar :- Income	181	2,371	1,500	(871)			158.0%	0
3000 Bar Purchases	21	1,002	750	(252)		(252)	133.6%	
Town Hall Bar :- Direct Expenditure	21	1,002	750	(252)	0	(252)	133.6%	0
4001 Salaries	168	1,809	450	(1,359)		(1,359)	402.0%	
4304 Damaged Stock	0	15	0	(15)		(15)	0.0%	
4305 Stocktaking	0	0	250	250		250	0.0%	
4850 Furniture/Equipment Purchased	40	(382)	500	882		882	(76.4%)	
5282 Card Reader Charges	0	11	0	(11)		(11)	0.0%	
Town Hall Bar :- Indirect Expenditure	208	1,454	1,200	(254)	0	(254)	121.1%	0
Net Income over Expenditure	(48)	(85)	(450)	(365)				

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Month No: 7

Cost Centre Report

	Actual Current Mth	Actual Year To Date	Current Annual Bud	Variance Annual Total	Committed Expenditure	Funds Available	% Spent	Transfer to/from EMR
112 Town Hall Film Shows								
1051 Income - Film Refreshments	0	58	250	192			23.2%	
1053 Income - Film Tickets	673	5,752	12,000	6,248			47.9%	
Town Hall Film Shows :- Income	673	5,810	12,250	6,440			47.4%	0
4008 Function Attendants & Casuals	88	1,378	2,500	1,122		1,122	55.1%	
4950 Film Hire/Purchases	23	2,008	5,900	3,892		3,892	34.0%	
4951 Film Refreshment Costs	3	34	250	216		216	13.6%	
5282 Card Reader Charges	30	249	0	(249)		(249)	0.0%	
Town Hall Film Shows :- Indirect Expenditure	144	3,669	8,650	4,981	0	4,981	42.4%	0
Net Income over Expenditure	529	2,141	3,600	1,459				
120 Allotments - Southampton Rd								
1000 Income - General	1,494	2,790	2,705	(85)			103.1%	
Allotments - Southampton Rd :- Income	1,494	2,790	2,705	(85)			103.1%	0
4509 Water Rates	(35)	643	750	107		107	85.7%	
4514 Stationery	0	40	0	(40)		(40)	0.0%	
5250 Subscriptions	0	55	55	0		0	100.0%	
5300 Rent - Broadlands	0	1,100	1,100	0		0	100.0%	
5309 Maintenance Equipment	0	789	150	(639)		(639)	526.1%	
5311 Hedge Cutting	0	0	220	220		220	0.0%	
5312 Pest Control	0	0	250	250		250	0.0%	
5315 Sundries Allotments	15	295	180	(115)		(115)	163.9%	
Allotments - Southampton Rd :- Indirect Expenditure	(20)	2,922	2,705	(217)	0	(217)	108.0%	0
Net Income over Expenditure	1,513	(132)	0	132				
125 Town Centre Management								
1071 Income - Salary Recharge (TV)	8,114	9,114	0	(9,114)			0.0%	
1072 Income - Salary Recharge (RE)	0	7,011	0	(7,011)			0.0%	
1109 Income - ShopAppy	0	4,120	0	(4,120)			0.0%	
1405 Income - Town Centre Grant	0	0	4,000	4,000			0.0%	
Town Centre Management :- Income	8,114	20,245	4,000	(16,245)			506.1%	0
4001 Salaries	2,902	12,173	20,500	8,327		8,327	59.4%	
4002 Employers N.I	317	1,268	1,450	182		182	87.5%	
4003 Employers superann	613	2,565	0	(2,565)		(2,565)	0.0%	
4500 Town Centre Management	0	45	1,000	955		955	4.5%	
4512 Telephone	10	156	250	94		94	62.3%	
5405 Town Centre Events	0	0	4,000	4,000		4,000	0.0%	

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7350 Tfr to Earmarked Reserves	0	4,120	0	(4,120)		(4,120)	0.0%	
Town Centre Management :- Indirect Expenditure	3,842	20,327	27,200	6,873	0	6,873	74.7%	0
Net Income over Expenditure	4,272	(82)	(23,200)	(23,118)				
130 Environmental								
1031 Income - Electric Bollards	10	10	0	(10)			0.0%	
Environmental :- Income	10	10	0	(10)				0
4511 Utilities	0	59	450	391		391	13.2%	
3009 Land at the Star Maintenance	0	0	350	350		350	0.0%	
6011 Town Seats	1,661	6,873	400	(6,473)		(6,473)	1718.1%	
6012 Street Lights	0	0	2,000	2,000		2,000	0.0%	
6015 Signs	0	0	500	500		500	0.0%	
6022 Planting for CornMarket	0	0	400	400		400	0.0%	
6023 Drinking Water Fountain	0	12	200	188		188	5.8%	
6025 Bollard/St Furn Mtce	0	0	400	400		400	0.0%	
7355 Tfr from Earmarked Reserves	(1,661)	(6,873)	0	6,873		6,873	0.0%	
Environmental :- Indirect Expenditure	0	71	4,700	4,629	0	4,629	1.5%	0
Net Income over Expenditure	10	(61)	(4,700)	(4,639)				
135 Marshalls								
1103 Income - Marshalls Donations	0	110	0	(110)			0.0%	
Marshalls :- Income	0	110	0	(110)				0
5103 Marshalls In Romsey	0	0	400	400		400	0.0%	
6019 Road Closure	0	83	0	(83)		(83)	0.0%	
Marshalls :- Indirect Expenditure	0	83	400	317	0	317	20.7%	0
Net Income over Expenditure	0	27	(400)	(427)				
140 Planning								
5011 Council Use of Town Hall	0	0	1,000	1,000		1,000	0.0%	
Planning :- Indirect Expenditure	0	0	1,000	1,000	0	1,000	0.0%	0
Net Expenditure	0	0	(1,000)	(1,000)				
160 War Horse Fund								
1190 Interest Received	1	2	0	(2)			0.0%	
War Horse Fund :- Income	1	2	0	(2)				0

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4855 War Horse Fund Expenses	0	160	160	0		0	100.0%	
7350 Tfr to Earmarked Reserves	1	2	0	(2)		(2)	0.0%	
7355 Tfr from Earmarked Reserves	0	(160)	(160)	0		0	100.0%	
War Horse Fund :- Indirect Expenditure	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>(2)</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>(2)</u>		<u>0</u>
Net Income over Expenditure	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>				
170 Christmas Lights Fund								
1009 Income - Grants	1,000	1,000	2,000	1,000			50.0%	
1011 Income - Donations	3,000	3,000	3,000	0			100.0%	
Christmas Lights Fund :- Income	<u>4,000</u>	<u>4,000</u>	<u>5,000</u>	<u>1,000</u>			<u>80.0%</u>	<u>0</u>
6764 Christmas in Romsey	8,220	8,247	29,000	20,754		20,754	28.4%	
6765 Christmas Light Refurb	0	1,477	4,000	2,524		2,524	36.9%	
Christmas Lights Fund :- Indirect Expenditure	<u>8,220</u>	<u>9,723</u>	<u>33,000</u>	<u>23,277</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>23,277</u>	<u>29.5%</u>	<u>0</u>
Net Income over Expenditure	<u>(4,220)</u>	<u>(5,723)</u>	<u>(28,000)</u>	<u>(22,277)</u>				
Grand Totals:- Income	<u>19,011</u>	<u>402,541</u>	<u>415,722</u>	<u>13,181</u>			<u>96.8%</u>	
Expenditure	<u>39,749</u>	<u>242,517</u>	<u>415,722</u>	<u>173,205</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>173,205</u>	<u>58.3%</u>	
Net Income over Expenditure	<u>(20,738)</u>	<u>160,024</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>(160,024)</u>				
Movement to/(from) Gen Reserve	<u>(20,738)</u>	<u>160,024</u>						

List of Payments made between 01/10/2022 and 31/10/2022

<u>Date Paid</u>	<u>Payee Name</u>	<u>Reference</u>	<u>Amount Paid</u>	<u>Authorized Ref</u>	<u>Transaction Detail</u>
03/10/2022	Serice Charge Payable	CHRG	7.00		Serice Charge Payable
03/10/2022	Screwfix Ltd	DD01	69.71		7277-Drill bits & screw sets
04/10/2022	James Hallam Limited	REFUND	-166.25		7258-Insurance Credit
05/10/2022	Scottish Water business Stream	DD02	64.00		P/Ledger Electronic Payment
06/10/2022	Southern Cross Consulting Ltd	DD03	54.54		7314-VoIP call charges-Sept
10/10/2022	British Telecommunications plc	DD04	40.66		7333-Monthly call charge
10/10/2022	Town Hall Imprest A/c	Tfr	500.00		
10/10/2022	Mayors Charity	BACS	418.00		Mayors Charity
11/10/2022	Romsey Festival Grant 22/23	BACS	1,000.00		Romsey Festival Grant 22/23
12/10/2022	Glynis Cooper-Allotment prize	BACS	15.00		Glynis Cooper-Allotment prize
12/10/2022	Peac Ltd	DD	300.00		Peac Ltd-Copier charge
13/10/2022	Air Improve Limited	BACS01	252.40		7316-Air conditioning service
13/10/2022	Anglico Workplace Technologies	BACS02	157.25		7342-Copier charge
13/10/2022	Hampshire County Council	BACS03	12.20		7340-Pocket A4 box, calculator
13/10/2022	HM Revenue & Customs	BACS04	3,124.48		7343-HMRC Paye/NI Due
13/10/2022	Justfloors Ltd	BACS05	2,660.40		7321-Flooring works-Council C.
13/10/2022	New Forest Window Cleaning	BACS06	100.00		7315-Window cleaning
13/10/2022	Hampshire Pension Fund	BACS07	2,744.93		7344-Pension Due - Sept 2022
13/10/2022	SJT Services (Southampton) Ltd	BACS08	9,393.60		7332-Xmas lighting 2022-Instal
13/10/2022	T J Tibbotts	BACS09	125.00		7322-RTC honours board name
13/10/2022	Bongo Creative	BACS10	160.00		7341-Xmas poster-Set of amends
14/10/2022	Octopus Energy Limited	DD05	664.39		P/Ledger Electronic Payment
15/10/2022	Test Valley Borough Council	Std Ord	2,033.00		Test Valley-Rates 22/23
17/10/2022	Broxap Limited	BACS12	6,184.80		7292-Full circle seat & anchor
17/10/2022	Hampshire Association of Local	BACS14	230.40		7365-Planning for local council
17/10/2022	Town Hall Imprest A/c	Tfr	500.00		
18/10/2022	NEST Pension Due	DD	122.88		NEST Pension Due
18/10/2022	Romsey Bandstand Grant 22/23	BACS	1,000.00		Romsey Bandstand Grant 22/23
19/10/2022	Citizens Advice - Grant 22/23	BACS	500.00		Citizens Advice - Grant 22/23
19/10/2022	Amazon	DC01	39.60		7387-Laser class presenter
24/10/2022	ACE Liftaway Limited	DD06	109.86		7318-Waste collection general
25/10/2022	Cater Kwik Ltd	DC02	55.12		P/Ledger Electronic Payment
26/10/2022	Elegant Events Ltd	DC	59.99		Elegant Events Ltd-Table cloth
26/10/2022	Staff Salaries - Oct 2022	BACS	12,370.24		Staff Salaries - Oct 2022
26/10/2022	Romsey Home Hardware	DC03	25.08		7388-stain remover spray
31/10/2022	Utility Warehouse Limited	DD07	58.10		7351-Monthly phone & broadband
31/10/2022	Buchanan Events Limited	DEPOSIT01	553.49		P/Ledger Electronic Payment
31/10/2022	Buchanan Events Limited	DEPOSIT02	114.60		P/Ledger Electronic Payment
31/10/2022	Hampshire Swifts	BACS15	60.00		7371-Supply minstead boxes
31/10/2022	Service charge payable	CHRG	11.48		Service charge payable
31/10/2022	Town Hall Imprest A/c	Tfr	2,232.00		
31/10/2022	Event Perfection Limited	BACS	50.00		7395-Chair cover-McGreen weddi

Total Payments	48,007.95
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11th Hampshire Regiment

Volunteers (Romsey Corps)

Established December 1859

The flag in the care of Romsey Town Council archives is the ceremonial flag, once thought lost. Carried on a pole with a crown finial, the flag is of gingery green silk with the town badge of a portcullis surrounded by a floral wreath and the union flag in the top corner. It bears the motto 'Vocati, Parati' ('Having Been Called, We Are Ready'). It is a rarity in the fact that it is double-sided with the elaborate design reproduced beautifully on each side. This feature is very unusual.

There is a much plainer (one-sided) flag displayed in the *King John's House Moody Museum*, which was made of fine wool by Wolfe of Southampton, flagmaker. This has been conserved (c2018).

PART 1

In Defence of the Realm

For centuries men have been ready to serve on home soil in defence of the realm. But there are no records of such Romsey volunteers – especially by name - until 1798, when a **Romsey Volunteer Militia** was formed in response to the perceived threats of first the French Revolution and then the Napoleonic Wars.

The minute book that records the formation of this militia is also held in *King John's House Moody Museum*. In 1798-9 the main concerns of the committee were

- The type of uniform to be chosen
- The band to be formed

The interest in the uniform was linked to the drapers and tailors to be patronised and how much uniform should be sponsored. So, a great many names are to be found in this minute book, a fascinating resource for family historians.

The Men Who Served

At the back of the 1798 minute book each serving man signed for the numbered musket issued to him.

Samuel Moody, grandfather of the Charles Moody who had the gunshop built (at No 13 Church Street) c1878, is one of those listed. His signature is very firm and fluent.

Being alert for emergencies – as when the town was seemingly assembled for an evacuation, invasion considered imminent c1803. Whether this was a response to rumour or simply a planned exercise is not clear.

Nationally, these groups were disbanded as the threats seemed to have disappeared.

PART 2

1859: The Volunteers Reform

In 1859, the Government was alarmed by possible new dangers from the apparently aggressive military stance of Napoleon III in France and from possible local unrest. The Government agreed that corps of Volunteers should be formed countrywide. And in December 1859 men of Romsey formed a corps of the 11th Hampshire Rifle Regiment Volunteers.

Activities of the Volunteer Corps included

Drill – sometimes in the newly built Corn Exchange once it opened in 1864

Camps – at various locations

Co-ordinating with other county battalions

Presentation of Ceremonial Flag

On 28th December 1860, the Romsey Corps paraded in Romsey Market Place where the wife of Volunteers' Captain Henderson (of Roke Manor), presented the ceremonial flag in the presence of local notables led by Lord Palmerston of Broadlands. She was taking the place of Lady Barker Mill of Mottisfont who had commissioned this beautiful – and presumably expensive – ceremonial flag. It was considered so precious that a workaday flag was purchased for practice purposes.

William Henry Slater, c1825-1883

A Man of Many Parts

- Chemist of 4 Church Street
- Pioneer Photographer – his earliest photographs date from 1858 when he photographed the leading men of Romsey (in conjunction with his assistant, William Frost)
- Romsey Borough Councillor
- **Sergeant Slater of the Volunteers**, who took charge of the workaday flag. (NB: Photo of Slater in uniform available – see 2nd article sent.)

*Note: **Volunteer Troops** were disbanded nationwide in 1908. In their place came the new concept of the **Territorial Army**. In a ceremony to mark the end of the Volunteers, the ceremonial flag was solemnly paraded in the Market Place and then handed over to the Town Hall for safe-keeping. The Corporation was clearly made responsible for it as for earlier flags.*

Mrs Suckling of Highwood House (now Stroud School) was aware of its existence having been 15 years old when the Volunteer Corps was formed. She was a keen and serious, if untutored, local historian, travelling to the Public Record Office in Chancery Lane, London to view and then write about what she found in the records about Romsey. She wrote proudly about the Volunteers and -alongside her research - also wrote down the memories of the oldest inhabitants of her day.

Special Note on the Flag's Condition

The flag has been presented in a most unfortunate way in a deep wooden frame on an unsuitable background, while the flag itself was stapled to a felted backboard. This was probably done in the early 1980s judging by the style of the frame and other indications. Furthermore, it has been exposed too long to the light which is extremely detrimental to silk and there are many splits of varying lengths and severity. Expert stabilising work is essential.

This is an important and rare artefact in the Town Hall archives and merits correct conservation for the benefit of the town of Romsey.

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Building Manager Report to Building and Town Committee 6th December 2022.

1. **Utilities** We have a new water supplier for both the Town Hall and Allotments. The savings are not great but every little helps.
2. **Speed Indicator Sign** This is stored in the TH Basement. Upon request I have shown Marc Nokes the sign and set up as he is a potential contractor. During this process it became apparent some information was missing. Therefore, I contacted both the manufacturer and Hampshire Highways. Westcotec have supplied the missing information. HH have yet to respond.
3. **Tadburn Notice Board** This has now been received and will be erected presently.
4. **Allotments** The new Rules Notice Board has been received and passed to the committee.
5. **Bench Seats**
 1. We have a request to site a funded memorial bench on the corner of the Hundred and Palmerston St. Hampshire Highways have not yet replied to my request.
 2. KJH Garden has a bench that was donated by RTC in 1995. It is now degrading and requires replacing.
6. **Archive** I have been working with Barbara Bainbridge on the Romsey Volunteers Flag. See separate agenda item.
7. **Merger RTC/RE** I am awaiting the Grounds Maintenance contract information from RE Clerk so that I can continue to manage the contracts.
8. **Exterior Decorations** Work has been slow to start due to Hampshire Highways licensing issues and the weather.
9. **Town Way Markers** I am awaiting quotations for the work.

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10. **Court Room Ventilation** This unit has been retrieved from EMH and is now in the TH although not yet installed. An installation plan has been Finalised and the work – mostly in-house - will proceed as time allows.

- 11 **Land At the Star** General tiding works will take place as soon as weather and in – house labor availability coincide.

12. **Security / Events** I have signed up RTC to the Purple Guide. This is an industry led guide for outdoor events. It is seen as the “Gold Standard” and surpasses the basic legislation. It is advised by both the Police and H&E that this is used.

13. **Christmas Lights** Christmas lights switch on was an extremely successful event.
The installation this year was the easiest ever. Despite tree sourcing issues. The stage was a great success and will now be a permanent fixture. Even crowd control was the best ever. However, there is still room for improvement. See previous item.

Monthly Report to Building and Town Committee

ShopWatch is now underway with all the National Accounts on the WhatsApp group and most of the independent traders and some market traders.

Managed to take an array of photographs of the Remembrance Service.

Christmas events are underway, and after attending the Lights Switch on and Carnival and Lantern Parade, I have been working with organisers to examine how we can ensure we have adequate crowd control in place for the next events and next year. The popularity has undoubtedly grown in numbers over the years even with this year doing relatively little publicity.

Wrote an article for Romsey and District Magazine

Working to produce the Romsey Town Council volunteer day on the 22nd of January with many of the Volunteer and Charity groups in and around Romsey.

Received some wonderful feedback from those who used the disabled area on the Lights Switch on/Carnival and Lantern Parade.

Event & Business Group Meetings:

- Romsey Mutual Business Group Breakfast Meeting
- Community Safety Management Group
- **Continued action** - Romsey Disabled People Partnership – Worked with TVBC and was introduced to members. The group is looking to increase attendees to help discuss how the Town can help, assist, and cater for those with all disabilities. Please continue to pass this plea onto your constituencies.
- Hampshire Story – promoting Hampshire Business and Tourism
- Hallow Scream (Carnival Committee at Crosfield Hall)
- Romsey Chamber of Commerce and Industry Exec Meetings
- Marshal Volunteer Meeting
- Rotary Club Talk
- Green Halo Conference – Investing in the Future (For Romsey future)

Organisations

Met with:

Met with Conor O’Hagan, Volunteer Co-Ordinator for Hampshire and Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust and also attended a talk about Fishlake Meadows as their guest.

Chamber of Commerce – attended Exec meetings, breakfast meeting and social gatherings. Helping to prepare for the Saving Santa Christmas

Met with Christianne Ireland from **Unity Online** who is happy to partner in creating a Volunteer Fair in January 2023.

Teams meet up with **ShopAppy** representative to discuss developments.

Jackie Edwards, **Antique Fair** met and worked through plans for the Fair which is on the 16 October.

Businesses

Members are all now signed up and the chat has been very productive - Working with PCSO Dragos Andrei, **Hampshire Police**, we have set 'ShopWatch' which is similar to 'PubWatch' but for local shops and market traders of the town. Everyone will be a part of a WhatsApp group in a bid to reduce shoplifting and anti-social behaviour. The response has been unanimous throughout the town and been warmly welcomed.

Met with Karen Clarkson, Parker Bullen Solicitors to discuss how they want to engage with the community

Met with Andy Pringle from Incuhive who provide small business and start up spaces across Hampshire

Attended the opening of Fig and Fox

Met up with Stratland Estates to discuss my role and their business and future events.

TVBC

Monthly catch-up meetings with **Jennie Pell**, Economic Development Officer

Monthly catch up with **Louisa Rice**, Engagement Team Leader

Monthly catch up with Michael White, Licensing

Bi-monthly catch up with Andy Ferrier

HCC

Liaised with them in reference to the press release, photoshoot and award given for the People's Choice Award and Quality Place Judges Award.

Elected Members

Ad hoc meetings with Councillors to resolve any issues and keep updated with all things Romsey.

Key priorities:

Short Term:

- Tourism App
 - Small changes to the app to make it more accessible and useable for what we require
 - Input with data and photos
- Future events
 - Tourism Conference for the 1st of March 2023 whereby local attractions, retail, accommodation providers and food and drink establishments attend.
 - Partnering with UnityOnline to launch a Volunteer Fair for Romsey and Southern Test Valley in January 2023.
- Opportunities
 - Still to meet with Go New Forest to look at how they set up, key learnings etc. (Go New Forest is a 'not for profit' Community Interest Company set up to manage and develop tourism in the new Forest and has 220 paying members. This organisation replaced New Forest Tourism Association and New Forest District Council's tourism service)
 - Ongoing - Collate and compile database of attractions/accommodation providers/retail/cafes/pubs and restaurants for tourism website and where needed the tourism app
 - Ongoing - obtain quality photos for tourism app and website

Long Term:

- Volunteer Fair (Jan 2023) – liaise with further businesses and organisations
- Social media course for small businesses – Feb 2023
- Four Fun Fridays / Wacky Wednesdays for summer next year.
- Redesign and resize logo for all Visit Romsey social media and website to complement Visit Test Valley branding.
- Future funding for tourism: tourism app, promoted posts on social, photoshoot, rebranding.

Meetings and events coming up:

Romsey Future Programme Board

Tourism Meeting - monthly

Christmas events and wash ups of events

Linda Bate – Youth in Romsey (tbc)



Mayor's Award Scheme

By way of this Certificate
the Town of Romsey acknowledges
with pride and thanks

**ROMSEY CARNIVAL COMMITTEE -
QUEEN'S JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS**

for the outstanding way in which the Town
has been represented

Cllr Neil Gwynne
Romsey Town Mayor
Date



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**IAN RICHARDS - OVER 40 YEARS ERECTING
TOWN SUMMER BUNTING**

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Romsey Town Mayor
Date**



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FOODBANK

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Romsey Town Mayor
Date



Mayor's Award Scheme

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Design of the Piazza in the Market Place
for the outstanding way in which the Town
has been represented

Cllr Neil Gwynne
Romsey Town Mayor
Date

