

MAYOR'S ANNUAL REPORT 2007-2008

As ever there have been changes in our town, over the last twelve months closure of the Lord Elliot Hotel, the Railway Inn and the Red Lion, we also said farewell to our Toy shop, Briggs shoe shop, the Sweetshop and Dennis the Butchers. But we do welcome the Cornwall produce shop in Bay Tree Hill (and Essence in Fore Street (There is now only one empty premise in Fore Street)). You may have noticed too that both our local green grocer sell mostly locally sourced products where everything comes from within a 35 mile radius.

If Ladies wish to buy a dress or an outfit we do have an incredible selection of ladies fashion shops. The men have four that I am aware of.

I still maintained that you can buy anything you want in Liskeard, you don't have to go to Plymouth.

Our Town Plan has now been on show for a while putting forward ideas for the next twenty five years and inviting ideas and comments on it. Liskeard is always growing in size and we must be kept up with the changes, to keep all ages catered for, to make this a place where people want to come to live and to enjoy living here.

Liskeard Town Council has its sixteen member's now eight men and eight women, and during the year we have taken on four new staff, replacing one who retired and three who moved on.

The various committees are:

The Property Committee is chaired by Councillor Hawken. They have a policy of continual maintenance of our buildings, and keep everything in good order ably assisted by our team of caretakers and maintenance men.

Local Amenities Committee is chaired by Councillor Sandra. Thorn Park still awaits its new equipment. Rapsons Multi Use Games Area is well used, and sometimes abused, and there are sixteen people on the waiting list for an allotment.

Finance Committee which is chaired by myself (Councillor Anne Purdon) keeps an eye on all monies and gives grants to many and various causes when they can.

Town Information Centre and Liskeard and District Museum

These are both well managed and busy. (The Museum welcomes new volunteers)

Town Forum

Meets regularly, discussing the business of the town with many local representatives. Nick Mallard has handed over the Chairmanship to Roger Holmes.

One Cornwall will come into being in April 2009 replacing Caradon District Council and Cornwall County Council.

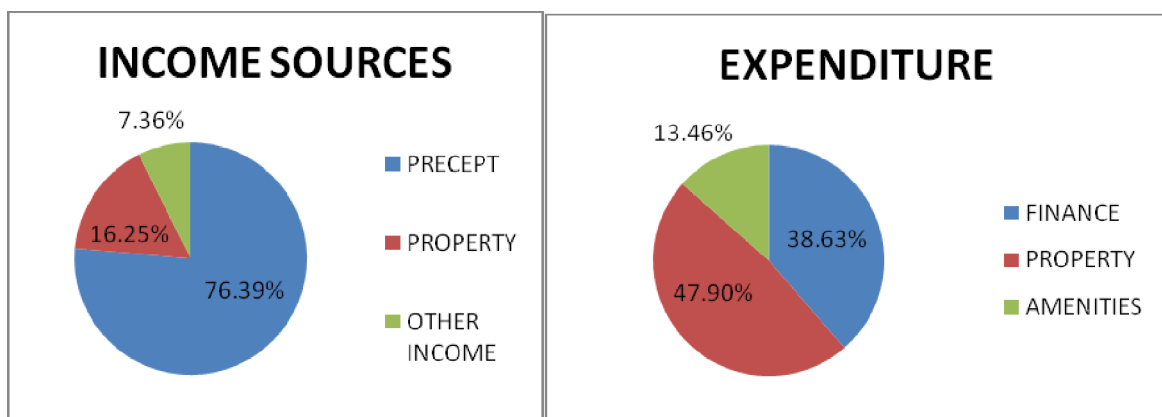
Liskeard Town Council works hard behind the scenes for the people of Liskeard. It keeps very good control of its budget and gives good value for money.

Councillor Anne Purdon
Mayor

z SUMMARY OF ACCOUNTS 2007-2008 z

WHERE THE MONEY COMES FROM

The majority of Council income comes from money allocated from taxes. This is known as the 'precept'. However, the Town Council also accrues revenue from the letting of property, sales from the Town Information Centre and other miscellaneous receipts and interest. Total income for 2007/8 was £314,184. The pie chart illustration shows how this income is made up.



WHERE THE MONEY GOES

Three main committees, and a group that directs the museum, together control the finances. In total, the expenditure in 2007/8 was £305,262.

The Finance committee is responsible for admin costs. CCTV, equipment, insurances, the running of the museum, office staff salaries, grants (including the Town Forum), election costs and other projects come under their remit.

The Amenities committee handles the expenditure on Thorn Park, the Multi use Games area, allotments, Dean St toilets and the Town Information Centre.

Finally, the Property committee oversees the spending on the upkeep and maintenance of Liskeard's civic properties: the Public Hall, Foresters Hall, Guildhall, Fountain, War Memorial and Pipe Well.