



I am planning to write after each Town Council meeting to offer a brief overview of any major decisions and review events of the month. These short updates will be posted on the Council website and on social media, and I hope you will find them useful.

### MAYOR'S AUGUST MESSAGE

Council met on 19 August at the Queen Elizabeth's School. No members of the public attended.

We agreed to obtain competitive costings for some minor work to be carried out on the rear entrance of the Judith's Field pavilion, and that a project manager would be selected to oversee the Multi Wheel Fun Track installation, due to commence in September.

The provision of new Toddler play equipment at Judith's Field has been agreed and work should commence in early November. In addition, the Sky World proposal and its revised positioning on the Recreation Ground has been approved, so we can look forward to starting this project soon.

We have decided to hold a Christmas Event this year. Last year Covid constraints precluded this and, as an alternative, we commissioned a moving projected Light Show at School Hill. This year, on 3 December, we will plan to have our traditional lights switch-on and Christmas Tree but also to hold a Community get-together, hopefully with our local school choirs, trader stalls and Father Christmas for the kiddies. Make a diary note now!

Despite our ongoing staff shortages – see [Vacancies – Godmanchester Town Council \(gmccouncil.com\)](http://gmccouncil.com) – we have agreed to open fully our Halls and facilities for hire from 1 September. We will also be reviewing the opening hours for the Town Hall offices. So, please monitor the Council website for developments.

As I write the Great Godmanchester Sales have been and gone. Nearly 20 houses opened up their “garages” and almost 30 Boot Sale pitches appeared at Judith's Field. There was much recycled and many were able to show off their skills at Arts and Crafts or their favourite hobbies. The weather wasn't kind in the end, but I hope the events helped us all to shake off some of the past gloom of Covid and enabled us from both sides of the A1198 to have some fun together. Thank you for your support for these charity events and especially to all the Councillors and Town Hall staff who worked so hard. Without you all none of this would have been possible.

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Mayor of Godmanchester