

A committee is only as good as the people who work on it. That statement may seem simplistic, but there is a mountain of truth behind it. The success of this year's Heritage and regeneration is down to the diversity of the committee members first I would like to thank my vice chair Councillor Tina Stevenson my vice Chair who I can always count for support and common sense, However it is Jenny Hunt the Deputy Clerk who takes the minutes and collates the information and figures who really makes sense of our meetings and then acts and gets our thoughts into reality. Thank you Jenny. The Heritage and regeneration almost seems a paradox. How can you have one without being at the expense of the other. Well this year it was so good to have some councillors who have a lot of knowledge of the Heritage of our town and some who have a new outlook on our wonderful Town so truly the best of all worlds. The good thing about our committee is the fact we have members of the public who come and sit with us (sometimes they even stay and come back) and help us and give us direction from grass root level. One of the great successes has been working with the Rail Lands Trust although this is due to the hard work and enthusiasm of the trust led by Will Cook, having Will and his team come and sit and talk with us has been a joy and certainly encapsulates what the H&R is all about. When it is finished I hope they all take centre stage and we as councillors sit in the audience and give them a standing ovation. As this what we do best give support and encouragement. We also have the remit for smaller projects whether it be supplying a wobble board for Webb Road a waste bin for Northfield Road to discuss the parade organised by the Mayor Cllr Ball of 29th squadron on the 27th June and the medal presentation with Church service. We also entered the GRCC village of year in just 7 days and yes won a prize. We also look at an authorise tree work one major one was the copper beach tree at Cooks Pool. Thanks to us working with the public we are currently opening up informal discussions with concerned parties in regard to the Tetbury to Kemble footpath and this is thanks to Giles Preston who has sat in on some of our meetings and knowing the people concerned thought he could assist. We are also looking at taking over Ashes burial section of St Saviours. It was this committee where I first submitted the burial ground report to discuss. Finally I would like to thank all of the committee for doing such a good job we might not always agree but robust debate is the cornerstone of democracy and I have enjoyed being Chair of this committee. It is always an honour serving the people of Tetbury and I would like to thank the people of Tetbury for making this my home, your home, our home. A place we can say welcome to and be proud safe and happy