



**PEMBROKE TOWN COUNCIL**

# **ANNUAL REPORT 2025 - 2026**



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## INTRODUCTION:

This Annual Report provides an update on our services and achievements over the last year and to see how the Council has grown and developed to meet the needs of the community.

We are required by legislation under the Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021 to prepare an Annual Report. This report is also a requirement of the Well Being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 and of the Environment (Wales) Act 2016.

This report will update the public, the auditor, and the Welsh Government on how we are making a difference in the town, how we are delivering against our Wellbeing Goals and on environmental issues.

The multi-million-pound South Quay development is now visibly taking shape, marking a significant milestone for the project. Councillors were recently invited to tour the site and see first-hand the progress being made. A consultation was also held on the proposed layout and fit-out of the new exhibition space that will be housed within the building, alongside a library (which the town council partly funds) and a café, which will be run by the Henry Tudor Trust incorporating the exhibition.

Inevitably, the associated roadworks have caused disruption for traders and residents — from the installation of the new pavement on the bridge to the entrance of Pembroke. However, once the development is complete, these improvements are expected to greatly enhance the area.

We are still awaiting an update from Pembrokeshire County Council regarding the £10.54m awarded through the UK Government's Levelling Up Fund (Round 3) for the *Westgate to Eastgate: Levelling Up Pembroke Town* project. Despite this, we were delighted that the County Council progressed with funding for the St Mary's Bells restoration — a project that has been a tremendous success.

After years of deterioration, the bells were removed in April 2024 due to failing support beams. Thanks to government funding and generous community donations, the bells have now been fully re-tuned and rehung in a brand-new frame. The historic peal, originally cast between the 1760s and 1897, has also been expanded with the addition of two new bells, increasing the total from eight to ten.

The Town Hall continues to play a central role in celebrating and interpreting the history of Pembroke. Its walls are enriched by the renowned Murals, while the Museum—developed in the former Magistrate's Court as a community project with the volunteers of the Pembroke & Monkton Local History Society—provides an accessible and engaging space for residents and visitors to explore the town's past.

This year marked the 20th anniversary of the Murals, a significant milestone in the cultural life of the building. To commemorate the occasion, the Mayor and Councillors made a special presentation to Mrs Jeanne Lewis, who, together with her late husband George Lewis, created this remarkable artwork. Their contribution has become an enduring feature of the Town Hall, enhancing its character and providing a vivid visual



narrative of Pembroke's heritage. It is a legacy that will continue to inspire and educate for decades to come.

The Town Hall itself is a Grade II listed building dating from 1820, and the Town Council recognises its duty of care to preserve this important civic landmark for future generations. During the past year, essential conservation work has been undertaken, including restoration of the roof and the repair and refurbishment of the sash windows on the front elevation. These works form part of the Council's ongoing commitment to safeguarding the historic fabric of the building and ensuring that it remains a valued and well-maintained asset at the heart of the community.

Pembroke Town Council remains committed to working in partnership with Pembrokeshire County Council to move forward with the Levelling Up funding. Improving footfall into the town is vital, especially as high streets across the UK continue to face challenges from the cost-of-living crisis and global events that affect everyday people. We believe these investments are essential to supporting local businesses, strengthening our community, and securing a vibrant future for Pembroke.

#### **PEMBROKE TOWN COUNCIL:**

The Council is made up of fifteen (15) councillors elected by the residents of Pembroke and the Council employs five (5) members of staff.

- (a) Town Clerk
- (b) Deputy Town Clerk
- (c) Two cleaners / Caretakers
- (d) Handyman

**The gender makeup of staff and councillors can be seen below.**

<b>STAFF:</b>	<b>COUNCILLORS:</b>
5	15
60% female	40% female
40% male	60% male
<b>We have four (4) County Councillors representing the four Pembroke Wards</b>	
<b>1 Female 25%</b>	<b>3 Male 75%</b>

***Just recently we have had a resignation of a Councillor, which is currently being advertised for co-option (as no 10 residents have called for an election) for the Monkton Ward.***



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## Register of Attendance of Ordinary Meetings of Pembroke Town Council

2025/26	01-May	05-Jun	10-Jul	29-Jul	no meeting	04-Sep	02-Oct	06-Nov	04-Dec	15-Jan	12-Feb	12-Mar	09-Apr	
Jones G H	✓	✓	✓	✓	NM	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Nicholas KN	✓	✓	✓	✓	NM	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Asman L	✓	✓	✓	✓	NM	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Blackburn R	✓	✓	✓	✓	NM	✓	A	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	91%
Bush D	✓	✓	✓	A	NM	A	✓	A	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	73%
Mortenson A	✓	✓	✓	A	NM	A	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	82%
Archibald C	✓	✓	✓	A	NM	A	A	✓	✓	✓	A	✓T	A	54%
Grimes J	✓	✓	A	A	NM	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	82%
Jenkins L	✓	✓	✓	✓	NM	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Brinn A	✓	A	✓	A	NM	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	A	✓	73%
Collins C	✓	✓	✓	A	NM	✓	✓	✓	✓	A	A	A	A	54%
Evans D	✓	✓	✓	✓	NM	✓	✓	A	✓	✓	✓	✓	A	82%
Willington D	✓	A	✓	A	NM	A	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	A	64%
D Wilcox	✓	A	A	✓	NM	✓	A	✓	✓	✓	A	A	✓	54%
L Herring	✓	✓	✓	✓	NM	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓T	✓	✓	100%
<b>Total</b>														
Suzie Thomas	✓	✓	✓	✓	NM	✓	✓	✓	A	✓	✓	✓	✓	91%
Jayne Howes	✓	✓	✓	A	NM	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	A	✓	82%

### WHAT DO WE DO?

The activities of the Council can be broken down into three areas –

- Town
- Finance
- The Community

### TOWN:

- (a) We manage the office of the Mayor and Deputy Mayor of the town
- (b) We rent out facilities within the Town Hall enabling groups such as the Pilates and the Craft and Food markets to trade
- (c) We work with Pembroke & Monkton Local History Society to provide a Museum within the Town Hall's former magistrate's Court.
- (d) We work with PCC on the GI (Green Infrastructure) project



- (e) We work with the Showmen's Guild and assist in the annual Michaelmas Fair
- (f) We liaise with the Dyfed Powys Community Police Team and the Pembroke Street Pastors
- (g) We work alongside Pembrokeshire County Council in the Regeneration of Pembroke
- (h) Liaise with Transport for Wales and participate in the Train Adopter Scheme

#### **FINANCE:**

- (a) We fund the Christmas lights and flowers within the town
- (b) We pay 50% of the running costs to ensure that our library is kept open for the use of the community
- (c) We fund the operating costs to ensure that the public toilets at East End are open for the use of our residents and visitors
- (d) We finance the cost of council elections
- (e) We provide funding to small groups within the town
- (f) We pay for the inspection of our Play Parks
- (g) We pay yearly to remove the algae from the Mill Pond and cut down the reeds

#### **COMMUNITY:**

- (a) We deliver community events such as the River Rally and the Father Christmas Sleigh run
- (b) We provide Community Governors to the two primary schools and the secondary school
- (c) We represent the community on a number of outside agencies and companies e.g. Valero Refinery, Pembroke Power Station
- (d) We provide a litter picking service
- (e) We hold an annual awards evening to honour the work and dedication of residents within the town
- (f) Organise the Freshwater West Landing Disaster Service annually to remember those who lost their lives
- (g) Support Ironman by opening the Town Hall and offering local charities/churches to provide refreshments for spectators and providing a compere to support the athletes taking part



- (h) In conjunction with Pembroke Dock Town Council hold an annual Armed Forces Day
- (i) We support the following groups and organisations within the town-
- (1) Tanyard Youth Club
  - (2) Foundry House Community Centre
  - (3) Town Walls Trust
  - (4) Civic Trust
  - (5) Chamber of Trade
  - (6) The Freeman's Gild of Pembroke
  - (7) Pembroke Young at Heart Group
  - (8) British Legion – Remembrance Service
  - (9) Pembroke & Monkton History Society

## ***MAYORS TERM OF OFFICE – COUNCILLOR GARETH JONES***

### **Introduction**

This year has been one of remarkable progress and pride for Pembroke. Together, our residents, local organizations, and partners have worked tirelessly to strengthen community spirit, preserve our heritage, protect our environment, and create opportunities for all. What follows is a celebration of the milestones we have achieved, and looking forward to achieve

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### **1. Community Spaces & Engagement**

The Town Hall has been transformed into a vibrant hub, with the investment from the Town Council to renovate the old building, which included a new roof and a fresh new exterior to welcome residents of all ages. Through expanded partnerships with groups such as *Young at Heart*, and the purchase of new tables and chairs, inclusive activities are flourishing. Annual traditions — Santa's Grotto, VE/VJ commemorations, and community fairs — have grown into cherished highlights, reinforcing Pembroke's identity and sense of belonging.

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## **2. Heritage & Culture**

We envisage next year that our history be brought to life through the statue initiative with the Pembroke & Monkton History Society. This will include the installation of 3 new statues, which fundraising has started, to expand to our other impressive Statues in Pembroke. Restoration projects, including sash window preservation, on the Town Hall have safeguarded our architectural heritage. Cultural events at Pembroke Castle and the Town Hall have attracted visitors and instilled pride in our community's rich story.

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## **3. Environmental Stewardship**

Green initiatives have thrived. Funding has been applied for to install a community shed and water storage at the new allotments the Town Council have taken over, empowering residents to grow and share produce. Mill Pond maintenance with Aqua Clear has protected biodiversity, while NRW's river re-routing and tree planting have improved water quality and reduced pollution. Allotments and green spaces are now recognized as vital wellbeing assets.

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## **4. Health & Active Living**

Healthy living has taken root. Allotments have inspired fresh eating and outdoor activity, while walking trails such as the Mill Pond walkway and Blackhorse Walk have become popular destinations for exercise and reflection, with the help of a Grant through Pembrokeshire County Council, in the planting of shrubs and trees. Outdoor events like the River Rally have combined recreation with community spirit, bringing joy and vitality to Pembroke.

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## **5. Economic & Infrastructure Development**

Collaboration with Pembrokeshire County Council secured the £10.4 million regeneration grant, which will hopefully transform the town infrastructure. New walkways, statues, and planting projects are in design with accessibility and inclusivity at their core. We hope that seasonal events have increased footfall and strengthened the local economy, in what is a trying time for most shopkeepers/businesses

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## **6. Social Cohesion & Remembrance**

Annual commemorations — VE Day, VJ Day, and Remembrance Services — have continued to unite us in honouring history. Intergenerational connections have been strengthened through events that bring together youth, families, and older residents. Volunteerism has flourished, with local organizations and residents working hand-in-hand to sustain projects that enrich our community, with the resurrection of our Regeneration Committee.

**Here is a snapshot of the projects, improvements, and initiatives Councillors have carried out over the past year.**

### **Councillor Linda Asman**

I have served on Pembroke Town Council for many years, representing the concerns of the residents of Pembroke St Mary's North in particular as well as raising issues affecting the Town as a whole, including planning, maintenance and environmental concerns.

Promoting Pembroke's great heritage has always been close to my heart. As Chairman of Pembroke & Monkton Local History Society, I have worked closely with Pembroke Town Council, on whose behalf I run Pembroke Museum on a voluntary basis as honorary curator. Our (now fully accredited) museum has been a very successful council /community project, run entirely by volunteers and financed by donations. The History Society also organises an outreach programme of history talks in the Town Hall, which also raises funds.

Other successful past cooperative projects include the statues of Henry VII and William Marshal and we are now hoping to develop a statue trail. We have embarked on new statue project to celebrate the role of women in our history, and a community consultation was held in Pembroke Town Hall last November. We look forward to the support of Pembrokeshire County Council to bring this to fruition.

I also participate in the Regeneration Committee, am a committee member of Pembroke Civic Trust and a Trustee of the Henry Tudor Trust responsible for the forthcoming Henry Tudor Centre which is due to open next year.

### **Councillor Aden Brinn**

Once again, I am delighted to give my annual report as my role as one of Pembroke Town Council's representatives for the Pembroke St Michael's Ward. I have had engagement with the electorate by email and in person on the issues which have had concerns with my electorate.

In the Council Chamber, engagements have been made on issues facing the electorate of our community of Pembroke.



One role I have been delighted to be involved in as a representative of Pembroke Town Council in organising the Festival of Remembrance Concert and Service at Monkton Priory Church in November.

As Chairman of the Pembroke Twinning Committee, members have been well engaged as we saw in February the first official visit from our new Twin Town of Bain-de-Bretagne in Brittany, France. It was a brief visit of a few days but contacts were made in terms of establishing a sporting link with Pembroke Rugby Club and Bain-de-Bretagne Rugby Club and with education of links being established with Henry Tudur School and Jean Brito School in Bain-de-Bretagne.

The working will continue for myself to focus on whatever issue my constituents have concern on and will continue to address these problems as I have done during the last 12 months since my last occasion to do an Annual Report.

### **Councillor Daphne Bush**

I have been an elected member of Pembroke North since the Autumn of 2018. I have lived in this ward of Pembroke since 1979.

Pembroke and Pembrokeshire is unique. It is my privilege therefore to have been a long-standing resident in Pembroke North and currently one of the ward Town Councillors.

My views and ideas through verbal and minuted debate at Town Council meetings, alongside my colleague members, go somewhat to effecting positive decisions for Pembroke. We do work as one, guided by the Town Clerk and elected Mayor, as is the process. The fruition of our ideas ultimately resting with officers of Pembrokeshire County Council. An important point for our residents to be aware of.

I am vigilant in my observance of all I do make the Town Clerk, Assistant Town Clerk and County Councillor aware of my findings positive or otherwise. Residents know me well, as do members of my ward, and fortunately feel free to contact me personally. I have a good rapport with the local policing team and Street pastors feeling free to email or speak to them if necessary.

Pembroke has very passionate residents and Town Councillors who individually have their own special aims for Pembroke, resulting in positive community projects, activities and fundraising. I am known to get involved as and when needed.

I am currently a Governor of Ysgol Harri Tudur formerly Pembroke Comprehensive School also Ysgol Gelli Aur since 2012.

I am a founder member of Pembroke Town Walls Trust, now a Trustee. The Trust growth since 2012 has been rewarding for Pembroke. Working in conjunction with Pembroke Town Council and Pembroke Regeneration Committee, much more is being achieved.

I continue to attend and support Pembroke Town Council Memorial and charitable events.



I have been a member of Pembroke Ladies Guild of the RNLI since 1996. My role involves working with the Town Clerk, Assistant Town Clerk and staff at Town Council organised events. The charity has been hiring the Town Hall at least annually for RNLI fundraising for many years.

I do attend Chamber of Trade meetings, if need be.

I support and organise events within Pembroke Castle. Supporting all I can in the town public or otherwise is a duty that I do my my best to honour.

### **Councillor Clive Collins**

Over the past twelve months, I haven't been as active on the Town Council as I would normally be, due to health matters within my close family. Even so, my sons continued our long-standing tradition of taking part in the annual Christmas Santa Sleigh Run — something my family and I have proudly supported for nearly 30 years.

I also attended a fundraising concert at the Town Hall with the Pembroke & District Male Voice Choir, raising money for the Mayor's Charity, of which I have had the honour of serving as President. After several years in that role, I have since handed the position over to my successor, and I am confident they will take great satisfaction in it, just as I have.

As the eldest and longest-serving member of the Council, I continue to attend meetings with great interest. It's important to me to stay engaged with the concerns facing our town and the challenges we must navigate in these changing times.

Next year will be my final year serving as a Town Councillor. It has been a privilege and a joy to represent our community over the years, and I am deeply grateful for the experiences, friendships, and memories this role has given me.

### **Councillor Dennis Evans**

Apart from fulfilling my duties as a Councillor for St. Michael's Ward, I attended nine out of the scheduled eleven meetings during the above period.

I have followed up on queries from residents relating to speeding on Upper Lamphey Road, the condition of the footpath from Pembroke to Lamphey and the visibility of First Lane leading onto Holyland Road.

I have continued to ensure that our policies and Standing Orders are reviewed and updated as required and introduced a policy relating to an Act of Parliament (2027) with regard to the introduction of Martyn's Law.

My representation on Pembroke Power Station and Valero liaison committees continues along with being involved on the Personnel, Finance, Mill Pond and Young at Heart committees and as a Governor of Ysgol Gelli Aur / Golden Grove school.



I am involved in a number of local organisations being recently elected as Chair of the Foundry House Community Centre, Chair of Hundleton Short Mat Bowls Club, Clerk to the Freeman's Gild of Pembroke and a member of Pembroke Rugby Club.

### **Councillor (County) Jonathan Grimes**

**Pembroke Town Councillor** – Pembroke Monkton Ward

**Pembrokeshire County Councillor** – Pembroke Monkton & St Mary South Ward

### **Constituency Activity**

- Regular meetings and contact with residents over a wide range of issues from housing, roads, parks, planning and waste.
- Regular liaison between Pembrokeshire County Council, Pembroke Town Council, Police and other agencies when required

### **Role and Responsibilities**

I sit on the following Committees at Pembrokeshire County Council

- Democratic Services Committee (Vice-Chair)
- Corporate Overview & Scrutiny
- Investigation & Disciplinary Committee

I sit on the following internal groups at Pembrokeshire County Council:

- Housing Revenue Account Work Group

I represent Pembrokeshire County Council on the following external organisations:

- Dyfed Powys Police & Crime Panel
- Valero Local Community Liaison Committee
- RWE Pembroke Power Station Community Liaison Committee

I sit on the following additional organizations:

- Tanyard Youth Project in Pembroke – Trustee
- Monkton Priory School – Local Authority Appointed Governor
- Golden Grove School – Local Authority Appointed Governor

### **Other Activities**

- In May 2026 I was elected as the 647<sup>th</sup> Mayor of Pembroke
- As Mayor of Pembroke, I have chosen to support Sandy Bear Children's Bereavement Charity for my Mayoral year
- In January I invited the new in post Chief Constable of Dyfed-Powys Police Ifan Charles to visit Monkton to discuss the various issues affecting the ward
- As a result of the above meeting – a new community group has been established in Monkton to support residents. This group is formed from members of Pembrokeshire County Council Housing Team, Pembroke and Pembroke Dock Neighbourhood Policing and Protection Team and the



Headmaster of Monkton Priory School as well as members of the local community.

- Supported the Monkton “Unity in the Community” event at Monkton school in May.
- Supported the campaign to have a Banking Hub in Pembroke Dock
- I continue to write, print and delivery over 1000 newsletters to every house in my ward at least twice a year. The winter edition includes a Christmas card for every resident.
- Supported Pembrokeshire County Council Environmental Team during the oil spillage incident on The Commons in March
- I take part in regular patrols with the local Neighbourhood Policing and Protection Team as well as events such as “Meet the Street” and “Copper with a Copper”
- In February, I wrote on behalf of all residents in my ward, to the Chair of Hywel Dda Health Board with urgent concerns over the future of clinical services at Withybush Hospital
- In January joined an online forum to discuss the impact that increased business rates would have on small businesses
- Had regular meetings with Pembroke and Pembroke Dock Chamber of Trade
- In December organised a Christmas Card Competition with the children of Monkton School – the winning design was then printed and sent to all residents in the ward along with my winter newsletter

### **Councillor Lee Herring**

Over the past year, I have continued to represent the residents of St Mary South, taking forward the issues they have raised and have worked closely with community groups. I have attended every meeting of Full Council throughout the year and participated actively in the work of the committees on which I sit, contributing to discussions and decisions on matters that affect the community.

Within the ward, I have escalated a wide range of issues on residents’ behalf. This includes street signage, littering, and anti-social behaviour.

Regular ‘ward-walks’ and direct engagement with residents have helped me highlight local issues promptly, while attendance at community events has strengthened links with the groups and organisations that contribute so much to our area.

Communication with residents has remained an important part of my role, and I have continued to share updates and information through email and my community newsletters.

I continue to sit as an Additional Community School Governor at Gelli Aur and attend civic ceremonies and the opening of Pembroke’s Annual St Michaelmas Fair in my capacity as a Mace Bearer.



Looking ahead, my priorities for the coming year include continuing to respond to residents' concerns swiftly and effectively and focussing on local improvements. I will also continue to work closely with community groups to strengthen participation and ensure that local voices shape the decisions we make.

It remains a privilege to be one of the representatives for St Mary South.

### **Councillor Liz Jenkins**

Over the last twelve months I have enjoyed being part of Pembroke Town Council as a Town Councillor for the Monkton Ward. I have listened to concerns in the community and have enjoyed celebrating in its achievements.

I passed the residents' concerns to the Town Council and MAWG (Multi Agency Working Group Areas of Concern). Many of the worries were consistently seen in other areas of Pembroke and Pembroke Dock such as the electric bikes. Fortunately, the multi- agency approach has had some successful outcomes.

Monkton still has a strong sense of community, Monkton Priory C P School and Monkton Priory Church are two important hubs within the area. I enjoy supporting them both as a School Governor and a church member by attending their meetings and community events.

I am a member of Pembroke & Monkton Local History Society and Pembroke Civic Trust. Both groups in their different ways, actively aim to support and celebrate the history, heritage and built environment of Pembroke.

I have attended Pembroke Town Council's Finance, Planning, Regeneration and Young at Heart meetings. I feel that each of these has an important role to play in the present, and future planning for the successful regeneration of Pembroke.

### **Councillor Gareth Jones**

Mayor see report above

### **Councillor Ann Mortenson**

I am pleased to provide a brief summary of my work and community involvement over the past year. My focus remains on supporting residents of all ages, strengthening local organisations, and contributing to community wellbeing across Pembroke.

#### *Community Support*

I continue to lead the Warm Rooms initiative at Foundry House, offering hot meals and companionship every Monday morning and Thursday afternoon. I also volunteer



weekly at the VC Gallery, helping prepare meals for around 60 veterans and supporting their social activities. I also help out at “Messy Church” which is once a month at Pembroke Town Hall, again offering a hot meal and activities to those children who are linked to the Church, however everyone is welcome.

### *Youth and Family Work*

I have now completed **30 years** as a Beaver Leader (“Owl”) within the Scout movement, working with children aged 6 to 8. In addition, I volunteer at the Monkton Church after-school club, assist monthly with the Mother & Toddler group, and have recently helped establish a new Youth Group at Foundry House to provide a safe space for older children on Saturday evenings.

### *Community Safety*

For seven years, I served as a Street Pastor in Pembroke, supporting vulnerable individuals and helping maintain safety during the night-time economy.

### *Governance and Trusteeships*

I continue to serve as a Governor at Monkton & Grove School. I am also a trustee of:

- Town Walls
- Pembroke Museum
- Foundry House
- Pembroke in Motion
- Warden for 13 Churches around Pembrokeshire

These roles involve supporting local heritage, community facilities, and civic engagement.

### *Conclusion*

My work as a councillor remains centred on service, community involvement, and supporting residents wherever possible. I look forward to continuing this work in the year ahead.

### **Councillor Keith Nicholas**

Over the last 12 months it has been a pleasure being a member of Pembroke Town Council.

I have enjoyed listening to views and concerns from people and passed these comments to Pembroke Town Council or other relevant bodies.

I look forward to continuing with my roll of councillor in the future to help within the community.

I am also appointed via PTC a Trustee of Pembroke Castle – Which I am always involved in different projects.



Also love being involved in different activities Pembroke Town Council hold each year.

### **Councillor Deborah Willcocks**

As Town Councillor, I have engaged with residents in my ward about various issues of concern and was able to

Pass some of these issues onto Jonathan Grimes, County Councillor for my area.

I attended and laid a wreath on Remembrance Sunday and supported the previous Mayor in his various fundraising and Community events such as The River Rally, Father Christmas, Male voice choir concerts and bingo and quiz nights. I have also attended and engaged in ad hoc Council meetings for example regular Finance Meetings.

### **Councillor Darrell Willington**

I continue to walk around the whole Ward on a weekly basis, talking to people who live in the ward and those that regularly pass through. I also meet with people from the ward if they have specific issues to discuss their concerns, some of which I refer on to the Town Clerk, elected PCC representative, liaison PCSOs and or Police.

The ward has a mix of people of all ages, but predominantly of middle and older age groups. Consequently, there is a fairly narrow range of local issues raised on a regular basis, which include traffic speeds and road safety for older residents, pathway accessibility for the disabled, state of pathways and pavements (especially along the Mill Pond and around the Castle), potholes in roads, home security, litter on main roads, vehicle abandonment, safety around parking zones near shops. I receive very few observations and or complaints from younger residents; but many have commented that they would like a skate park on the Commons like the one they see by the river in Haverfordwest.

Local residents have been very pleased to see the extensive refurbishment of Fern Lodge in First Lane, which has yet to have residents installed. Whilst they are equally pleased to see new signage re road speed restrictions in the area, there are still many concerns that there seems to be very little policing of traffic speeds on Upper Lamphey Rd. Many have made positive comments re the resurfacing of the East End roundabout and the "trench" in the road under the railway bridge. Recently, a good number of people have also complained about an unreliable train service to and from Pembroke.

I am attached to Pembroke Rugby Club and a number of parents and young pupils attending the local Secondary school and some of the teaching staff complain about the state of the grass pitches and running track at the school (as I reported last Year) and they feel this undermines efforts to enthuse children to participate in school sport.

I have continued to represent the Council as a member and Trustee of the Dr Jones Charity, which annually generates funds and provides grants to young students



applying to and studying in Higher and Further Education; in the last round thirty-nine students benefited from such funding, a huge increase since the Charity started advertising on social media. The grants have been welcomed by all at a time of severe financial pressures and continue to contribute to the personal development of future citizens.

I am also a Council representative on the Governing Body at Golden Grove school. Over a year ago I was voted in as Chair of Governors. Working closely with fellow Governors, the Headteacher and staff on a varied number of issues has proved a demanding and very rewarding experience and the school has moved forward after a period of extensive change.

During the last year I have attended a number of Council and civic events and learned more about the town's history from a wide range of knowledgeable people. I have listened to the many points of view from people in the ward and town re the development of the new Harri Tudor Centre, which many believe will provide another boost for tourism and the local economy, whilst others remain more sceptical about its possible impact.

I have always tried to uphold the highest standards expected of me in my many roles, been proud to be a member of the Council and to represent the residents of my ward and town.

### **Councillor Rose Blackburn**

I have actively engaged with residents of Pembroke North to address a range of local concerns, including muddy verges, flooding, and instances of anti-social behaviour, the latter of which was resolved swiftly through early intervention. Alongside this community involvement, I continue to serve as a dedicated volunteer with the Pembroke Museum and the Pembroke & Monkton History Society, where my responsibilities include acting as Quiz Master during society events and assisting with the day-to-day running of the museum.

In addition, I was honoured to temporarily resume my former role as Pembroke's Town Crier this year. I greatly valued the opportunity to represent the town in this historic capacity, particularly during the commemorations of VE Day and VJ Day, which were occasions of both civic pride and cultural significance



12 June 2025 (2024-2025)

**PEMBROKE TOWN COUNCIL**  
**Income & Expenditure Account**  
**01/04/2024 to 31/03/2025**

*(Last) Year Ended*  
*31 Mar 2024*

*(Current) Year Ended*  
*31 Mar 2025*

**Income**

Pembroke Museum	999.00
INCOME	-190.25
Income	244,169.44
External Costs	7,674.00
Buildings Town Hall	6,655.27
Miscellaneous	3,882.50
Administration	245.00
	<u>£263,434.96</u>

**Expense**

Administration	12,237.68
Pembroke Museum	1,208.67
Income	1,380.14
Miscellaneous	8,734.19
Salaries	123,839.54
External Costs	89,961.67
Buildings Town Hall	138,198.85
Allowances	4,726.04
INCOME	100.00
	<u>£380,386.78</u>

**General Fund**

215,429.03	Balance at 01 Apr 2024	171,517.82
<u>237,435.34</u>	ADD Total Income	<u>263,434.96</u>
452,864.37		434,952.78
<u>285,092.93</u>	DEDUCT Total Expenditure	<u>380,386.78</u>
167,771.44		54,566.00
<u>-3,746.38</u>	DEDUCT Reserves Balance	
<u>£171,517.82</u>	Balance at 31 Mar 2025	<u>£54,566</u>

Reserves:

Earmarked Reserve Balance £34671.06



**References:**

Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021

Wellbeing of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015

Environment (Wales) Act 2016

Pembroke Town Council – Wellbeing and Future Generations Policy 2021

Pembroke Town Council – Standing Orders

Pembroke Town Council – Welsh Language Policy



# *A Year in Pictures of Pembroke Town Council*

## *Pembroke Michaelmas Fair*



## *Pembroke River Rally*





***Remembering those at Freshwater West on Remembrance Day &  
Those who lost their lives in the Landing Craft Disaster,  
& Remembrance Day  
Pembroke***



*Father Christmas visits Pembroke &  
Young at Heart Christmas Dinner*



*Mayor's fundraising concert*





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