PRESTEIGNE AND NORTON TOWN COUNCIL





ANNUAL REPORT 2025-26

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CHAIRMAN'S INTRODUCTION

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Welcome to the fifth annual report, for the year 2025-26, which we hope will provide you with an insight & information of activities of the members of Presteigne and Norton council throughout this year, as well as ongoing and future plans for the benefit of the community.

I would like to thank Members, the Clerk and all contractors for their work for the Council over the year. In my role as Mayor I have witnessed the strength, kindness and resilience of people in Presteigne and Norton, something we should all be proud of. Highlighted projects over the year include the new paths network on Went's Meadow, ongoing work on the Council Nature Reserve and the starting of a new initiative to provide some free parking for Presteigne in 2026/27. I am proud of the recent Town of Culture bid and the hard work that went into producing it.

I commend the invaluable contribution from the various volunteers, groups and businesses that contribute to making the community what it is.

Best Wishes to all

Deborah Edwards, Chairman and Town Mayor 2025-26

ABOUT THE COUNCIL

Town and Community Councils are known as the first tier of local government, the tier closest to the residents they represent and consisting of local people working to benefit the local area.

The Town Council is consulted on –

Planning Applications and the Local Development Plan

Tree Works

Comments on County Council formal policy changes e.g. street lighting, affordable housing and changes to play areas, grass cutting, street cleaning etc.

Some Welsh Government formal policy changes e.g changes to Council Tax, second homes legislation.

It works on projects to benefit the local area –

Currently ongoing Projects -

Small Grant Fund for local community groups.

Provision of community defibrillators and their ongoing maintenance.

Storage Building on Went's Meadow (agreed 2024-25, commenced April 2025)

Brilliant Basics Access Paths Project on Went's Meadow (agreed 2024-25, commencing August 2025)

Some of our past completed Projects have been –

Presteigne and Norton Dark Skies.

Creation of new Nature Reserve.

Purchase of various play equipment items including zip wire for Wilson Terrace Playground.

Contribution towards new roundabout, Wilson Terrace Playground.

Purchase of new play equipment for Lugg View Play Area.

Securing land for an extension to Presteigne Cemetery (sold on to the County Council with the necessary planning permission).

Refurbishment of Town Benches (generously sponsored by a local resident)

Presteigne and Norton Town Investment Plan.

Campaign to secure investment and improvement by Welsh Water to the Presteigne and Norton Sewerage Infrastructure.

Building of Community Barn and Community Storage Building, joint projects with Sheep Music.

Town Council Sites and Buildings –

The Council does not have an office. Meetings are held in the East Radnorshire Day Centre and the Norton Community Hub by kind permission of both organisations. It has one part time paid Officer, the Clerk to the Council, Tracey Price.

It runs –

Eddie's Meadow and the former reservoir ground adjacent to the Warden.

Went's Meadow, skateboard bowl, outdoor gym and multi-use games area.

Community Barns, Went's Meadow.

Storage Building, Went's Meadow

Wilson Terrace Toilets.

Hereford Street Toilets.

Thirty-six small Allotment Gardens.

Nature Reserve adj to Warden Road.

Went's Meadow and the new community barn are available for use by community groups/local charities. Please do get in touch with the Clerk to the Council if you are interested in using the site for an event. Donations to help support the ongoing maintenance of the site are very welcome at any time!

The Council also has ten gazebos and ten small folding tables that can also be used when holding events in Presteigne and Norton.

Member Attendance 2025-26

	Possible	Actual Attended	%
NORTON WARD			
Cllr. Deb Edwards	14	14	100
Cllr. Andre Van Huls	5	4	80
Cllr. Leigh Poulson-Haynes	5	3	60
Cllr. Curtis Ross	14	13	93
Cllr. Bill Fleming	10	7	70
PRESTEIGNE WARD			
Cllr. Beverley Baynham	14	12	86
Cllr. Leigh Harling-Bowen	14	13	93
Cllr. Colin Kirkby MBE	14	11	79
Cllr. T. Owens	14	14	100
Cllr. Fiona Preece	14	11	79
Cllr. Mark Price	14	9	64
Cllr. James Ramsay	14	14	100
Cllr. Alex Ramsay	14	13	93
Cllr. Nicholas Rogers	14	8	57

Your Town Council Members in 2025-26

MAYOR/CHAIRMAN CLLR. DEBORAH EDWARDS (NORTON WARD)

Deb says ‘I have had the privilege to have been raised in this beautiful part of the world and have been lucky enough to gain employment locally and so to be able to stay and live here.’ She worked for many years for the Royal Mail and so physically knows Presteigne and Norton well. She previously trained and engaged in the hospitality industry within the area. She hopes that residents will find her approachable, friendly and helpful.

Deb was also elected as County Councillor for the newly formed Llangunllo with Norton Ward in May 2022.

DEPUTY MAYOR/VICE-CHAIRMAN CLLR. CURTIS ROSS (NORTON WARD)

Cllr. Ross moved to Presteigne just as the Uk entered the first COVID lockdown. He says – Despite the social restrictions, I was welcomed and supported into the community so wholeheartedly that I fell wholly in love with the place. I’m passionate about the environment and public service, and have worked for Powys County Council’s Waste and Recycling team for over 8 years. I’ve also had the privilege of being a trustee for Sheep Music and volunteering with establishing and maintaining the Coed Llanandras Nature Reserve. I joined the Town Council to give back further to this wonderful community and to champion environmental causes in the area.

CLLR. BEVERLEY BAYNHAM (PRESTEIGNE WARD)

Cllr. Beverley Baynham has been a councillor since 2008 and was Mayor for the first time in 2013. She is a traditional local farmers daughter who grew up in the area and attended school in Presteigne. She originally joined the council as she wished to put something back into the local community, and over time has worked on numerous community projects. She has two children and works as the Chief Officer for a local charitable organisation in the private care sector. She has particular interests in facilities for children, affordable housing, the community and financial issues.

She is presently an LEA Governor of Presteigne Primary School and Newtown High School, representing the interests of the John Beddoes Campus.

In January 2014 Beverley resurrected Presteigne Carnival which ceased almost 20 years before, it turned out to be a huge success and has continued as a wonderful annual community event. Happy that the Carnival was once again established Beverley relinquished her role on the committee.

Beverley is qualified to Level 5 in NVQ's and Level 3 in the Association of Accounting Technicians. She considers herself to be a hard working, enthusiastic and approachable Councillor.

In May 2017 Beverley was elected as County Councillor for Presteigne and Norton. During the term of office, she was Chairman of Powys County Council. Beverley stood again at the 2022 elections, and was re-elected for the new Presteigne Ward.

CLLR. F.H. (Bill) FLEMING (NORTON WARD)

Herefordshire born, Bill has lived near Presteigne for more than 40 years and on the edge of the town for the last 25. His children have been brought up in the area, going to local schools. Having been a self employed builder for his working life he is now retired. He enjoys volunteering for local wildlife trusts and Powys footpaths group. As a keen walker and having lived in the countryside for most of his life he is very interested in rights of way and environmental issues.

CLLR. LEIGH HARLING-BOWEN (PRESTEIGNE WARD)

Leigh has been a resident of Presteigne and Norton since 1996 and has participated in several local initiatives. He was instrumental in Presteigne and Norton becoming the first International Dark Sky Community in England and Wales and continues to promote dark skies within Powys. Leigh volunteers with the charity Caring for God's Acre, as a member of the churchyard task team and regularly helps maintain St. Andrews churchyard in Norton (The Hub) as a wildflower meadow. He has organised bat surveys in the churchyard and has organised bat walks at the Withybeds, with the help of Radnorshire Wildlife Trust, with whom he is a Trustee. He is also a volunteer with Presteigne Carnival and with the Warden Guardians. Leigh is a scientist with a background in environmental management. He hopes that his experience will help make Presteigne and Norton become a more sustainable and environmentally responsible community.

CLLR. COLIN KIRKBY MBE (PRESTEIGNE WARD)

Cllr. Kirkby first joined the Town Councillor in 1987 and has been Mayor on eight occasions. He stood down from the council in 2022 whilst he moved house and was co-opted back onto the council in 2024. He has been responsible for a number of hands on projects including the setting up of the Withy Beds nature reserve; the purchase of Lower Went's Meadow – three acres of ground for recreational use by the river Lugg on which the allotments were added; purchase of Silia Woods an important arboretum and backdrop to the community, which was gifted to the Woodland Trust; the setting up and running for 20 years of the Presteigne recycling centre which won 6 National Awards and put over £40,000 back into the community; obtaining grants for and leading the volunteers in the development of the Upper Wents Meadow after purchase by the Town Council, which included the refurbishment of an old barn, a community physic garden, footpath infrastructure, community orchards and the building of a skateboard and mountain bike

track. He chaired the steering group and helped raise funding for the Welsh Assembly Funded Zero Waste Project which ran for three years from 2010 and achieved the highest recycling rate at that time in the UK of 74%. In 2013 he acquired an area of ground on the side of the Warden which has been dedicated to Cllr Eddie Taylor MBE and is managed as a hibernaculum. This was followed by persuading Welsh Water to gift the old reservoir on the Warden to the Town.

Other community interests have included being a Retained Fireman for 10 years, a board member of the Presteigne Festival of Music and the Arts for 15 years, Chairman of the Board of Governors at John Beddoes School for 10 years and a member of the Board of Trustees for the Judges Lodging Trust for 10 years and the internal auditor to Stapleton Group Parish for 15 years. In 2013 he was awarded an MBE in the Queen's Birthday Honours list for services to the Environment and to the Community of Powys (Presteigne).

CLLR TREVOR OWENS (PRESTEIGNE WARD)

Trevor has lived in or around Presteigne and Norton all his llife. He has enjoyed long associations with the football, cricket and Young Farmers Clubs and has also been MC at the Town Carnival. He works for the BBC and has been in the media world for over 30 years.

CLLR. W. LEIGH POULSON-HAYNES (NORTON WARD)

Leigh was raised and lived with his family in Presteigne for the first 30 years of his life. Following some years living in the West Midlands and South Shropshire, he lived and worked in France for ten years, before returning to make Presteigne his home once again in 2022.

Leigh is passionate about ensuring a sustainable future for Norton and Presteigne, whilst improving the village and town for those that live, work and choose to visit our vibrant communities. He works for an agricultural machinery manufacturer.

CLLR. FIONA PREECE (PRESTEIGNE WARD)

Cllr Fiona Preece has lived in Norton and Presteigne all her life. She joined the Town Council because she would like to work to help all clubs and organisations in the area. She currently helps to run Presteigne Cubs, and she is also involved at district level for Scouting in Radnor. She considers herself a hard worker and tries to be an approachable councillor. She currently works for Powys County Council. Since the Radnorshire Arms closed she has been liaising with the VSCC to help with their visits to Presteigne each October and in particular with the anniversary celebrations in 2019.

CLLR. MARK PRICE (PRESTEIGNE WARD)

Mark was born and raised in Discoyd and has spent his entire life within 3 miles of Presteigne. He went to the Dame Anna Childe Primary School at Whitton, followed by John Beddoes High School. He worked alongside his father in the family agricultural contracting business, supporting farmers both locally and further afield. Being directly involved with the agricultural community has enabled him to see the protection and support needed for our community, covering both planning issues, pollution and the environment

CLLR. ALEX RAMSAY (PRESTEIGNE WARD)

Alex and his family moved from over the border in Shropshire to Presteigne in 1996, having long admired the town. His children grew up happily in Presteigne and he has never regretted moving to Radnorshire. He has been involved in volunteering for many events over the years, both as a long standing trustee of Sheep Music and in his professional capacity as a photographer, recording both people and events to build a small archive which he hopes will be of interest and value to future inhabitants of the community.

CLLR. JAMES RAMSAY (PRESTEIGNE WARD)

James moved to Presteigne in 2016 to join other family members long resident in the town, and since then has become involved in a range of community activities - stewarding events, hospital driving, Presteigne Screen and, inevitably, the panto - and has also been able to use his professional environmental and agricultural engineering skills on the nature reserve and in river water testing. He is keen to help develop the Council's response to the climate and environment emergency and to provide more recreational opportunities for young people.

CLLR. NICHOLAS ROGERS (PRESTEIGNE WARD)

No information supplied.

CLLR. ANDRE VAN HULS (NORTON WARD) RESIGNED DURING YEAR

CLLR. JOHN WILDING (NORTON WARD) RESIGNED DURING YEAR

MAYOR FOR 2026-27 IS CLLR CURTIS ROSS

DEPUTY MAYOR FOR 2025-26 IS CLLR JAMES RAMSAY

Council Memberships 2025-26

SITES AND BUILDINGS COMMITTEE
Cllrs. Baynham, Preece, Price, Kirkby, J. Ramsay
Outside Representative for Meadow Matters: Richard Rimington.
Outside Representative for Allotments: Margaret Galliers.
Outside Representative for Meadow Matters: Gareth Graham.
Outside Representative for Nature Reserve Matters: Kate Van Den Ende.

STAFFING COMMITTEE
Cllrs. Baynham, Edwards, Ross, Vanhuls and Owens.

CLIMATE AND ENVIRONMENT WORKING GROUP (Formed Nov 2024, previously a committee)
Cllrs Harling-Bowen, Edwards, Kirkby and J. Ramsay.
Plus two outside representatives – Hilary Rimington, Kate Van Den Ende

LDP WORKING GROUP: Cllrs. Baynham, Edwards, Rogers, Price.

LEISURE CENTRE WORKING GROUP
To comprise all Members of the Council.
Outside Representatives: As needed.

DARK SKIES/INTELLIGENT LIGHTING WORKING GROUP
Cllrs. Kirkby, J. Ramsay, Harling-Bowen.

SUSTAINABLE POWYS WORKING GROUP
Cllrs. Owens, Van Huls, Edwards, Baynham, Kirkby and A. Ramsay.

ALLOTMENT LIAISON MEMBER: Cllr. Preece.

YOUTH REPRESENTATION MEMBER(S): Cllrs. Owens, Rogers.

REPRESENTATIVES ON OTHER BODIES

Presteigne Primary School	Cllr. Edwards.
One Voice Wales (2)	Mayor and Deputy Mayor.
PACDG	Cllr. Harling-Bowen.
Presteigne Trust (4)	Cllrs. Edwards, Vanhuls, Kirkby, Harling-Bowen.
East Radnorshire Care (2)	Cllrs. Edwards & Vanhuls.
Warden Guardian Foundation	Cllr. Kirkby.

Reports from Committee Chairs 2025-26

Sites and Buildings Committee: Current Chair Cllr. Fiona Preece.

I am very proud to Chair the above Committee which covers Council properties - the two toilet blocks, Went's Meadow, Eddie's Meadow, the allotments and the Coed Llanandras Nature Reserve.

This year the Council was successful in making a grant application to add and improve to the existing paths on the Went's Meadow site and these have been well received and have greatly improved access for all on the site.

The allotment plots continue to be popular and as I write there is a short waiting list. Plots are re-let each March so please do get in touch if you wish to go on the list for a plot.

Both Eddie's Meadow and Coed Llanandras Nature Reserve rely on regular and ongoing work by volunteers and the Council is very grateful for this. Dogs are not permitted on Coed Llanandras – please respect this. Dogs are allowed on the other Council sites so please use these to walk your dog.

If you would be interested in helping out as a volunteer please do get in touch with either myself or the Clerk to the Council.

Staffing Committee: Current Chair – Cllr. Ross

The Council has just one employee, the Town Clerk. All other works are carried out by contractors.

Climate and Environment Working Group: Current Chair Cllr. James Ramsay.

The Climate and Environment Working Group was established in 2024 as a replacement for the former Climate and Environment Committee, giving greater flexibility and a lower administrative overhead. The Group's role is to support Council in implementing the Welsh Environment Act's statutory requirements for all councils to include energy and biodiversity considerations in all their decision-making.

In 2025 the Group met once with a focus on biodiversity topics - management of the heritage conifers on the nature reserve, the Council's so far unsuccessful attempt to establish Tree Preservation Orders on important trees in the community, the 2023-2025 Biodiversity Report and the upcoming 2026-2028 Biodiversity Action Plan. Other key sustainability issues of concern to the Group include renewable energy (solar panels on major buildings), waste minimisation (plastic-free community) and water pollution (river water quality), but action on these has been limited due to lack of capacity. If you would like to champion one of these causes, please get in touch with the Council - your support will be very welcome.

ANNUAL ACCOUNTS SUMMARY AND INFORMATION

The Town Council raises most of its funds through the Council Tax. It sets a budget each January for the forthcoming financial year (April to March).

2024-25 Spending summary (full accounts, annual budget etc are on the website)

2025-26	£
Administration	39,880
Grants/Donations	£13,425
Climate Grants	£450
Member's Allowances/Expenses	£416
Public Toilets (2)	£11,275
Running of Went's Meadow	£12064
Allotments	£2064
Nature Reserve	£544
New Storage Building	£30,108
Installation of Christmas Lights	£1080
Hire of Car Park 2026-27	£604
Contribution twds new access paths.	£3000
Misc.	£1272
VAT (is reclaimed)	£8404
Total	£124,170

SMALL GRANTS

The general grants/donations awarded in the year were to –

Donations and S137s	
Air Ambulance	250
British Legion (Remembrance Wreaths)	75
East Radnorshire Care	2000
Memorial Hall	1500
Mid Border Arts	1500
Presteigne and Norton Community Trust	2000
Presteigne and Norton Community Trust (Fireworks)	400
PACDG	250
Presteigne Festival	1500
Presteigne Fireworks Display (Sheep Music)	500
The Judge's Lodging Trust Ltd	2000
Powys CAB	200
The Samaritans	250
Youth Project	1000
Miscellaneous	500
	13,925.00

The Climate and Environment Grants awarded were –

Bioblitz Day	£200
Presteigne Little People's Playgroup	£250

Any group or organization wishing to apply for a small grant should contact the Clerk for more information.

Note: In order to be considered for inclusion in the budget for the following financial year please apply by 1st January i.e., for a grant in 2027-28 you will need to apply by 30th November, 2026.

DARK SKIES PROJECT

Presteigne and Norton obtained International Dark Sky Community status in January 2024, the first Community in England and Wales to obtain this status.

During the period April 2025 to March 2026 light pollution measurements were taken at various sampling points around Presteigne and Norton. Also during this period, “Presteigne Dark Skies” participated in “Welsh Dark Skies Week”, with presentations given on astronomical subjects and also on the nocturnal wildlife of Radnorshire, by Mammal Recorder Sorcha Lewis. Poems with a “dark skies” theme were also written by a local poetry group, “The Marches Poets” and distributed around the town during the week.

“Presteigne Dark Skies” presentations were given to Elan Valley Trust to celebrate “10 years of cosmic skies”, Knighton Community Centre, Caring for God’s Acre, Mid Wales Astronomical Society, Archenfield Community Environment Group and to “Resilient Powys” for their climate and nature action event organised by the Powys Public Services Board.

John Beddoes High School continued to include dark sky education in its science curriculum and extended it to its Design and Technology curriculum.

Work continued at Presteigne’s new nature reserve “Coed Llanandras”, to develop it for nocturnal wildlife, with rare Western Barbastelle bats and Hazel Dormice tentatively detected. This is part of a citizen science project called the “Acoustic Pipeline” managed by the British Trust for Ornithology.

During 2025 a Presteigne and Norton dark skies support group was established. If you would be interested in being a part of this group please do get in touch.

NATURE RESERVE

Coed Llanandras - Presteigne’s Community Woodland Nature Reserve

Between 2025 and 2026 the nature reserve, a 3.4 ha (8.4 acre) site between the primary school and the Warden, continued to evolve following initial planting in the Spring of 2023. The new woodland areas and the orchard, in their third growing season, survived the dry 2025 summer very well. The grassland areas provided an increasingly varied habitat for insects, birds and small mammals. The two ponds, which remained largely full throughout the wet summer of 2024, partly dried out in 2025, refilled completely in the winter and are now (summer 2026) even lower - but still retain some water.





Volunteers continued to carry out management tasks, with a budget from the Council and small grants from various sources, including One Voice Wales and Local Places for Nature. Activities included improvements to the access gate, path maintenance, manual weed control (docks and thistles), mowing and removal of the cuttings from areas seeded with wildflowers, spreading fresh wildflower-rich hay from Norton Churchyard and adding wetland plants to the pond margins.

As in 2024, a Community Engagement and Bioblitz Day was held on 31 May, led by Tim Kaye, an experienced wildlife biologist. The reserve's biodiversity continued to increase. Most obvious was the successful breeding of a pair of Canada Geese which raised five goslings on the island in the lower pond - exactly what it was designed for (in 2024 the bare island was planted by children throwing seed-bombs). A family of ducks took advantage of the more secluded upper pond.

Both ponds were frequented by a Grey Heron interested in the frogs and toads, and a Little Egret paid a visit. Ultrasound acoustic monitoring detected a range of bat species including Lesser Horseshoe and the rare Barbastelle, as well as indications of Hazel Dormice, which are known to be nearby in Nash Wood. Amphibians present include Smooth Newts, reptiles include Slow Worms. Regular monitoring extended the list of butterfly species present.





COMMUNITY STORAGE BUILDING

Work started in April 2025 and the building was ready for use with all the new equipment for the Carnival in July 2025. Work continued to finish the fine details for the servery and the storage racking at the back of the building and this was done in time for the Fireworks in November 2025. The Community Store-Bar was another joint project between the Town Council and Sheep Music. A big thank you to Owen Rimmington who designed the building and undertook the supervision of its building, and thanks to all the volunteer builders who generously gave of their time to build it.

ACCESS PATHS, WENT'S MEADOW

In the Autumn of 2025 the Council applied for a grant from the Brilliant Basics Fund to improve access for all on the Went's Meadow site. Existing paths will be improved and their width increased and some new paths will be added. This will enable easier and better access to those less physically able, particularly those using wheelchairs, mobility scooters and of course also for pushchair/pram users. Work started in August 2025 and was completed in early 2026. The project improved access for visitors across the site, particularly during events on the Meadow.

HIGH STREET GRANT PROJECT

Work on a second application started in early 2026 and am application is now pending with the County Council/ Welsh Government. The delay is caused due to the election and formation of a new Welsh Government.

ALLOTMENTS

The allotments remain fully let and there is a short waiting list. Please do get in touch if you would like to apply or you can download the form from the Town Council website.

UPCOMING PROJECTS

For 2026-27 the Council has two main projects going forward and these are –

Pump Track, Went's Meadow: The young bikers have throughout the year been trying to upgrade the mountain bike track that was built on Went's Meadow in 2000 and is now in poor condition. It was suggested that replacing this with a Pump Track would be a great new facility for the young people of Presteigne. In Nov 2025 a quotation of £63,000 was obtained for a track to go below the skateboard park. The next four months were spent trying to find a source for grant funding. The Town Council was finally allowed to apply for a Lottery People & Places Grant and in May 2026 an application for £50,000 was submitted. We should hear at the end of August whether or not the Town Council has been successful. A community consultation had over 500 signatures in support of the project.

High Street Shop Frontages Grant: See previous page. Currently awaiting a decision.

Pride in Place Grant: The Town Council was invited to apply for this grant at very short notice and advised that only items contained within the Town Investment Plan would be eligible. Councillors agreed to apply for the grant of £83,000 for works to the Presteigne Youth Project Building in Hereford Street and the East Radnor Care Building in Scottleton Street, shared equally. An application was made and was successful. The project is underway.

HOW CAN THE COUNCIL HELP YOU?

The Town Council is interested to know what you want from your Council.

If you have any ideas or suggestions for future projects please do get in touch or if there is an issue that needs attention, please let us know. There are also forms in the town library which you can complete and return to our Clerk.

Please note that the following matters fall under the County Council and as such the Town Council can lobby for action or change but it has no power to insist!

County Council matters are –

- Highways including road surfaces and potholes
- Street sweeping
- Refuse and Recycling
- Road Signs
- Verge grass cutting
- Council Housing
- Education
- Social Services
- Planning

The PCC switchboard number is 01597 826000

Details of how to contact your County Councillor can be found on their website - www.powys.gov.uk

https://en.powys.gov.uk/findmycouncillor

The Town Council benefits from an excellent working relationship with both our County Councillors – Cllr. Beverley Baynham for Presteigne and Cllr. Deborah Edwards for Norton. Both are very active Councillors and are always keen to hear of any problems or concerns.

A Summary

Presteigne and Norton Town Council covers Presteigne Town, Norton village and surrounding areas.

It is made up of thirteen Councillors and has one paid part time officer, the Clerk to the Council.

Members during 2025-26 were –

Deborah Edwards (Chairman/Mayor)

Curtis Ross (Vice-Chairman/Deputy Mayor)

Beverley Baynham

F.H. Fleming (Bill)

Leigh Harling-Bowen

Colin Kirkby MBE

Trevor Owens

W.L. Poulson-Haynes (Leigh)

Mark Price

Fiona Preece

Alex Ramsay

Jamie Ramsay

Nick Rogers

Andre Van Huls (now resigned)

John Wilding (now resigned)

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