



There have been two local applications for funding of up to £750 under the County Council's grant scheme to support community groups wishing to look after green spaces in the area. The revised closing date for applications is 31<sup>st</sup> October.

Prince Rupert Green Community Group have already received confirmation of their grant and have held a very successful community event to raise further funds towards the maintenance and improvement of their green space on New Mills. Their next event is planned for Halloween. We congratulate everyone involved and commend the group for their offer to share the experience they have gained in getting the group going with anyone else interested to do something similar. We wish them every success with their community action.

### **Lengthsman Scheme & Devolved Services –joint lead**

Following a request from the Mayor, we have both been working with officers to secure a useful level of detailed information regarding the options open to the Town Council to consider membership of the lengthsman scheme.

We have been asked to comment on documents being developed to define and agree the terms of the extended scheme and would like to receive nominations of town councillors who would like to work with us to ensure councillors end up with the information you need to make timely decisions on this matter.

Similarly, we shall be bringing some outline options forward to the Green Spaces Group in preparation for entering into a dialogue with Balfour Beatty to develop their annual works plan for 2015-16

In the absence of any response to our request in July for feedback from this council on its preferences regarding opportunities for devolved services, we have requested information from Herefordshire Council officers regarding:

- Green Space and Parks
- Public loos
- Markets
- Local Streetscene (via Lengthsman)
- ... and transfer of income-generating assets e.g. car parks

### **Community action on services – Love Ledbury – lead Cllr Harvey**

Following release of part of the grant awarded in principle by the Town Council back in May, a quote has been accepted for the fitting of coin-operated locks to two of the loos in the Bye Street block. These will be fitted during October and all the loos will be open for the two nights of the October fair until 21:00.

Local businesses will be being approached for sponsorship (Gold/Silver/Bronze) and advertising; and counter-top collection boxes for the loos and other local projects/groups are being sourced.

An Extraordinary General Meeting of the charity will be held in late October to appoint a full committee, to agree some specific details relating to membership and charitable objects, and to approve project priorities for the coming six months.

*Councillors Liz Harvey & Terry Widdows*