

## **TOWN TEAM REPORT FOR PARISHIONERS MEETING**

The Town Team has had a busy last 12 months.

At the beginning we were involved in the public consultation by HIVE, our appointed consultants, into the future for our town centre.

Following consultation, including public presentations, a report was prepared which highlighted certain issues including the need for one large open space (town square) but consideration should be given to a few smaller spaces linking the area together and improving connectivity in the creation of a vibrant green realm in the heart of the town.

Town Team then decided to pursue the ideas relating to the central area of Fore Street as the financial reality of trying to pursue, initially, larger ideas proved insurmountable. We were then fortunate in securing a further £21,000 grant from the accelerator fund to enable ideas to formulate re. having street markets.

At the same time, we have submitted an application for a grant of £30,000 from the Delivery Fund which, if successful, will enable some ideas re. the 'greening etc.' of this central area to come to fruition.

In March we will be further consulting with retailers to ascertain their opinions on our proposals before instigation so that any concerns they have may be addressed.

Whilst the above has been happening we have put on hold our ideas for promotional leaflets and banners so that, if necessary, we can tie them in with the activities in Fore Street.

**End of Report**  
**P Ryland Chairman**