

Baldwin Ward District Councilors' Annual Report

We have provided over £5m for community infrastructure improvements, including new facilities at Malvern Town Football Club, Upton Rugby Club and the Tunnel Hill Centre. We have invested heavily in virtually every Ward in MHDC to improve community and sports facilities.

We have invested over £1m in local businesses, enabling them to invest in growing their business, but fund matching on infrastructure investment. This has included things such as improving shop fronts, investing in kitchens, etc. There is another £500k available for the next financial year.

We are investing in our Communities, with a further £1m allocated including provision for Mental Health, Community hubs, and a grant of £160k for Community Action, securing their funding for the next four years after MHDC has gone. Community Action provide essential travel for old and less able people, and in our rural community this is critical. Our funding secures this service.

We are investing in our refuse collection service, which is the best in the County. To do this, we bought a building next to our depot to allow the service to expand, meaning we are the first in the County to be able to start collecting Food Waste.

We have finally implemented the SWDP, which protects our countryside from un-scheduled development. This includes ensuring our rules exist long after MHDC is dissolved.

Introduced a new Homelessness and Rough Sleeping strategy with a focus on prevention.

Enabled, and then took over the new Worcestershire sports park at Lower Broadheath which includes football pitches, basketball and tennis courts, a new sports hall and country and nature facilities including a skateboard area.

And this was all done with no increase to Council Tax.