

High Street Bunting – Responses

Below are copies of comments posted on Facebook or emailed to the Council, they are intended to provide an understanding of the comments made rather than a full analysis of responses.

Source	Comment
Barbour Institute Comments	Following a recent Trustee meeting, the TCA are in agreement that they support the idea of bunting in the village, however as the bunting does not reach the Barbour Institute they do not think that they need to contribute to the cost.
The Bear	The team at The Bear support the idea, it's a little early to consider a financial contribution but if the idea gathers support and there is a funding issue it is worth coming back to me.
Church – St Albans	I think that it is a good idea to install permanent brackets allow bunting efficiently be put up. It certainly enhances the appearance of the village and should encourage more people to come. I guess it is difficult to quantify the benefits. A straw poll of "church people" shows that we are in favour and we would be happy to support provided that the cost can be widely spread. I am away in February so cannot attend the meeting but St Alban's will always try to work with the Parish Council.
Gifford Lea (Email)	think this is a great idea, as it will provide a festival feel when bunting is erected, hopefully attracting visitors or people who drive through to stop.
Tattenhall Business Alliance	Thanks for the email. We are not meeting until the 12 th Feb so unlikely to be able to have a chat before then but I don't see why any local businesses should have an issue with the putting up of the brackets. I'm sure this type of thing will only help increase the community feel of the village. I doubt it will directly benefit local businesses but I'm sure we could do some sort of fund raiser at one of our events to contribute a bit towards it. Or we could put forward a sponsorship opportunity where a local business would get recognition every time they are put up and then when they need renewing in the future the opportunity could be handed over to another sponsor.
PC FACEBOOK	Personally I like it... I love the Christmas lights too. It adds a little bit of cheer to the place
PC FACEBOOK	I love to see it
PC FACEBOOK	Waste of money that could be used on other things and were Tattenhall not Tarporley remember
PC FACEBOOK	Great idea, money well spent
Tattenhall News (TN)	Waste of money
TN	Spend it on something for the kids to do when it's raining like funds for a youth club. I don't fully know but they still probably don't even have anywhere to play football after the school pitch got fenced off.
TN	£1000 for hooks? Seems extravagant in these austerity times. If there's spare cash, there must be other community projects
TN	Lovely idea ♡
TN	Waste of money, surely there is better things it can be spent on
TN	Waste of Money

TN	Friends who live in other villages think our high street decorations always look great over Christmas... I used to live in Waverton and the council used my house to hang their bunting from. I think it's a good idea and would be a nice touch.
TN	I personally think it is a lovely idea but should not come out of our local parish funding and go towards like Sean has suggested, a youth club. However if people feel strongly enough then maybe funds should be raised towards this in a separate fund. Please don't spend funds that could be better used into community projects Xxx
TN	Waste of money
TN	I suggest we bring the community together to raise some funds for this. Perhaps others could support such as the church. I've recently left Malpas, where community spirit is admirable and they raise money with various community activities to promote and celebrate anniversaries. Bunting is and always has been an admired signature of celebration. In June this year we celebrate 75 years since VE Day £1000 😊 and residents think it's a waste surely investing is wise. Speculate to accumulate... building neighbourhoods and relationship with such ect ect ect ...
TN	Good idea, there is always something going on to be celebrated. Makes the High Street very attractive for visitors and residents.
TN	It makes the High St even more attractive and we do have lots of visitors through the Summer. Tarporley always looks good with bunting.
TN	Lovely idea! It will make our pretty village even more attractive. A youth club is a good idea and I've seen the posts asking for younger input. What sort of things do youngsters want to do? Is there scope for both? Can we get our young villagers to help make bunting and keep the high street clean and tidy? I'm sure a community activity like this would count towards a D of E award.
TN	scope for both, that's why parish councils have a precept. Spending money in planned ways with demonstrable outputs is nothing to be ashamed of.
TN	Good idea. Loads of evidence that villages and towns that keep their street scene attractive and welcoming do better, attract investment and make people feel a sense of place. Such decisions are not either/or's in the sense that it doesn't preclude funding for other initiatives. While on the subject, it would also be good if the Millenium Mile was kept clean and tidy. The hedges tend to get overgrown, the area near the Institute and horse sculpture is messy and some of the signs are in a poor state. I've always thought a key thing Parish Councils should support is a lengthsman.
TN	Complete waste of money
TN	Thought about this and a £1000 into more plastic. This money could be put into more natural resources such as plants and flowers.
TN	Love the bunting when it's on show. However, I know there's a lack of ??? for our younger population.. But what do they want? Questions to be asked I feel.
TN	Nice idea. X
TN	Good idea. Makes village look vibrant
TN	Yes. Happy to contribute
TN	Good Idea

TN	Great idea - the bunting would really support local events as long as the costs were sensible in terms of putting it up and down each time. I agree with Alison that we should always question which materials it is best to use though, I don't think it would need to be plastic?
TN	Waste of money. X
TN	In response to above: Totally agree
TN	Proper villages have bunting 👍
TN	I would rather see it used for something like a youth club for the kids. £1000 might get it if the ground then a monthly membership contribution by all who attend to keep it running.
TN	totally agree, £1000 towards plastic! Isabella goes to the Malpas youth club before and had loved it. She has stopped going as I can't always pick her up. To have something in the village that they can walk back and to from would be good.
TN	Great idea, would love to see this .
TN	I'm sure there are much better things the money can be spent on.
TN	I love the idea of bunting- but do we need the baskets? If we have had bunting before can we not fasten them in the same way we usually do??? Also could we get local businesses to help e.g pastel coloured bunting in the summer sponsored by the ice cream farm (without overt advertising if poss).
TN	Love the bunting idea!
TN	It will look lovely for local businesses but will it benefit the people who actually live in Tattenhall. If this is the plan that we're attracting people to our village then local businesses should contribute to the cost.
TN	Fantastic idea, it's so important to keep the high street alive. The high street is one of the reasons that Tattenhall has such a thriving community spirit and visitors keep coming back.
TN	It's definitely a lovely idea. V Positive for the High Street. Hard to comment on whether it's a waste of money without knowing how much surplus cash Parish Council have to spend, and what's in their remit to support ie what other schemes could legitimately be funded by the Parish council instead. Is this information readily available?
Email Response	I think this is a fabulous idea. My only thoughts are that the one off cost could perhaps be reduced, we've had bunting before could it not be fixed as per previous years? Also awareness of plastic use, would there be a sustainable and environmentally friendly alternative? Other than that I think it brings a feel good atmosphere to the village and will hopefully attract visitors which is all good. Hope it goes ahead.