

**COUNCIL MEETING – 15 OCTOBER 2002**

**REPORT OF COUNCILLOR HENLEY – LEISURE**

I would like to start my report by talking about the wonderful success both Taunton and Wellington have had in Britain in Bloom. Wellington not only retained the Portman Cup but also picked up the Abiss Trophy. Taunton also once again won its' category and at the National Britain in Bloom Awards won a Silver Medal. We had an excellent Awards night at W.P.A. to celebrate this award and to thank all the people who won and entered all the various local competitions. Many thanks to the teams led by Chris Mulchay, Shaun Creegan, Adrian Prior-Sankey, June Norman and Isobel Ward.

We have now, following last weeks' Review Panel, held a review of the Proms and the Pop weekend in Vivary Park. They were great events and it was decided to progress the pop event with the help of an outside contractor with us taking on board the issues of food and drink at the event. We must not forget though that 8,000 people attended and enjoyed these events.

Taunton Deane, in partnership with Take Art has just started a series of cinema film shows to rural village halls. This new initiative will allow people who live in rural areas to enjoy cinema films where they have previously not had the opportunity.

I had the pleasure of opening the new Bumbles Play Area in Wellington Sports Centre. This new facility is the first of its kind in Wellington and is a welcome addition to our new, re-equipped Sports Centre.

Last week took place the annual Taunton 10k event which was a great success as usual.

The Council is also positively looking at ways of replacing the burnt down golf pavilion at Vivary Park.

Councillor Ross Henley.

