**Mayors Report 2018/19
Cllr. Mrs. A. Abbott**

It has been a real honour to represent the people of Stainforth over the last year and I have really enjoyed my time as Mayor

As a Council we have worked very hard to make Stainforth a nicer place to live. In partnership with the Rotary Club we have purchased some more planters, with DMBC we have installed another 20 litter bins and later this month we will see the installation of 4 new Town signs welcoming people to Stainforth as they enter the town. At this moment I would like to take the opportunity to thank the volunteers of SERV who do an excellent job picking up the litter that doesn’t make it into the bins.

We had a very successful Carol Concert before Christmas and we are looking forward to our Easter event in the Town Council grounds on Easter Monday and many other events we are organising throughout the year.

Last year saw the country remembering 100 years since the finish of the 1st World War. Our Remembrance Day Parade was well attended and led by the Silverbirds Marching Band and the War Memorial was enhanced by a wonderful backdrop of over 1000 plastic poppies made by local school children and hung from the back of the cemetery chapel. We also celebrated the 100th anniversary with a 1940’s themed evening of song and dance in the Community Resource Centre which I organised with the help of Julie Keegan.

The Neighbourhood Plan for Stainforth is progressing very well, and continues to develop, many thanks to the working group and all of those involved for their hard work.

During the year I have had the honour to represent the town at a number of events including the Edlington Gala and I also attended our own ‘Party in The Park’ with Julie Keegan and CRC volunteers.

On a sadder note I have had to attend the funerals of 2 long serving councillors during the year. Pat Pilkington and Eddie Nesbitt both served the town well and will be sorely missed.

We have also suffered spates of mindless vandalism on the Welfare Ground and have spent the year working closely with South Yorkshire Police who themselves have faced their own challenges.

I would like to thank my fellow councillors and the clerks for their support during my year as Mayor and thanks to the other council staff for the fine job they all do.

I wish my successor and members of the Town Council all the best in the year ahead.