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To The Royal Wootton Bassett Town Council

Subject:- Royal Wootton Bassett Remembrance Parade

During my tenure as chairman of the Royal British Legion,(RBL) I have come to consider the town council and the town clerk and his staff as friends who are always willing to support me and the branch

The branch looks forward to supporting the town with the various celebration days and the towns public events.

In the past decades the RBL has organised the remembrance parade and has taken on most of the cost. We do however appreciate the towns assistance with the road barriers and the delivery to the diversion points, it helps us greatly as we do not have the transport or the people fit enough to do this. The town also provide us with the erection of the gazebo and chairs for the Bassett Brass Band for which we are very grateful. During conversations with other branches they say their councils actually do all the organisation for their remembrance parade and service and they bear the costs.

I am not asking for the town to take on this task, as I do enjoy the challenge each year and the contact it gives me with lots of organisations and people including the council the Mayor and the town Crier. The council staff have always been willing to assist with any queries we have had about protocol, and when I first took on this task I was advised on how to go about getting the road closures organised.

As we have difficulty raising funds due to an ageing membership would the council consider helping in the future by paying for Bassett Brass Band. Their costs are £200 for the 3 hours they play, this to be paid direct to the band by the council.

I thank you for your patience and hope you can help.

Yours sincerely



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