

Tuckton Traders Go From Strength To Strength

First Annual Meeting Reveals A Year Of Success

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TUCKTON Traders' Association have been formed a little over a year, and in that time they have made a name for themselves. With nearly 100 per cent membership, they have already done a good deal for trade in the village

By their energy, too, they have helped the residents in the area. The association have pressed the Council to improve street lighting, provide seats, and erect bus shelters. Numerous other points have been brought to the attention of the Bournemouth authorities, and not a few results achieved.

The association held their first Annual meeting on Tuesday evening, at the Homefield School. The hon. secretary, Mr. D. Parrett, told members that at the inaugural meeting in December, 1950, 27 businesses were represented. By March the membership totalled 48, and now there were 59 members.

In his report, Mr. Parrett made special reference to the provision in May of last year of "daylight" lighting in the village. He also reminded members of the successful Shopping Week,

"We are doing some good. It can be argued that the lighting in the village would have been done anyway, regardless of us," he said. "But I think we can claim as much credit as anyone. Council committees do require a little pushing to speed things up."

TUCKTON IS DIFFERENT.

The retiring treasurer, Mr. F. Milverton, announced that the association had a balance in hand of £5/18/10. A report of the numerous activities of the social committee was presented by Mr. A. Hankins. The chairman, Mr. W. Chick, said that it was with a certain amount of misgiving that the association was started. He believed that the general feeling was that it would soon peter out.

"But somehow Tuckton is different. We are really the envy of quite a good many trade organisations. Of course the second year is always the difficult one. If we get through that all right, then I believe the association is earmarked for a very long existence," he declared.

Mr. J. Collins had a formidable list of things for the association to deal with. Some of the outstanding items from last year included an additional telephone kiosk, more seats, and bus shelters. He felt the island at the junction of Iford Lane and Tuckton Road should be tidied up—the grass had only been cut once. He also hoped the "mosquito breeding grounds" in Wick Lane would be cleared before the breeding season.

"QUITE A PLATEFUL."

As new suggestions he hoped the Council would provide more litter baskets in the village. He wanted to see more "To Tuckton" signs in Bournemouth, too.

"Quite a plateful," commented the chairman.

Mr. Chick was re-elected chairman and Mr. Parrett secretary. Mr. S. Slater was elected treasurer. Eighteen nominations for the committee of eight were received, and the following were elected: Mr. W. C. Amey, Mr. G. Brooks, Mr. J. Collins, Mr. C. Dennis, Mr. W. Elford, Mr. B. A. Hager, Mr. B. G. C. King and Mr. F. Milverton. A vice-chairman is to be elected at the next general meeting.