

# WHERE DOES THE WITNEY TOWN COUNCIL BUDGET COME FROM?

The primary source of income for most Parish Councils comes from the Precept which is a share of the Council Tax that is collected from each household by the District Council. This is calculated on an average household (Band D property).

Witney Town Council does not receive any direct funding from central government or from business rates. The rest of its budget comes from income from some of the services it provides and from its reserves. The budget raised for this year is £1,861,708.

We explain below the contribution you make to the Town Council through your Council Tax and how it is spent.

For the year from 1 April 2023 the average taxpayer will be asked to pay £166.83 towards the services provided by Witney Town Council. This is the same as the previous year. The decision to keep the precept the same was agreed at an extraordinary meeting of the Full Council which took place on Wednesday 4th January 2023 with the Town Council acknowledging that many residents are struggling to make ends meet during the cost of living crisis. Witney Town Council is able to do this because of prudent financial management and savings which have been made this year by bringing the grounds maintenance work "in-house."

The Council itself, is facing significant cost pressures due to the level of inflation, so allowance for this has been made in its budget estimates.

Some facilities and services such as maintenance of public open spaces and play areas, and youth services generate no income for the Town Council as they are free for public use at the point of delivery.



## HOW IS IT SPENT?



The Leys (Sports Pitches & Splashpark) £14.78  
West Witney Sports Ground £1.99  
Burwell QEII Recreation Ground £2.66  
King George V Recreation Ground £2.02  
Witney Lake & Country Park £8.35



Bank Interest/Charges -£2.96  
Corporate Management £15.05  
Democratic Representation & Management £14.19  
Net Use of Reserves -£5.69



Burwell Hall £8.95  
Corn Exchange £21.18  
Income from Leased Community Halls - £0.57



Children & Youth Provision £3.58  
Bus Services £1.88  
Other community activities including Grants, Community Events and Newsletters £13.66  
Allotments, Grass Cutting, Open Spaces Street Furniture £27.59  
Play areas £4.04  
Civic Activities (including Remembrance Sunday & Civic Events) £4.64  
Christmas Lights £3.94



Tower Hill Cemetery £10.49  
Windrush Cemetery £15.90  
Closed Churchyards £1.16

**TOTAL: £166.83** per Band D household per year