



# WITNEY TOWN COUNCIL ALL ABOUT YOUR COUNCIL TAX

The primary source of income for most Parish Councils comes from the Precept, part of the Council Tax. We hope to explain the contribution you make to the Town Council through your Council Tax and how it is spent.

## WHAT IS A PRECEPT?

The Town Council receives a small proportion of the local Council Tax. It does not receive any direct funding from central government. The funding collected pays for the running of the Council and the services it provides.

## HOW IS IT CALCULATED?

The Town Council makes an estimate of income and expenditure for the next financial year, including some for future planned projects and/or unexpected events. It is then calculated as an amount per Council Tax Band D Property and added to the Council Tax Bill of all the dwellings within the Parish area.

## HOW IS IT RAISED?

West Oxfordshire District Council collects your Council Tax on behalf of the District Council, County Council, Police, Fire and the precepts for any Parish/Town Councils in their district. It is important to note that Witney Town Council's precept is just a small percentage of your overall Council Tax Bill.

## HOW MUCH IS IT?

This year, there is a small increase in the precept charge to Witney residents. The precept has been limited to an increase of just 3.36%. From April 2017 the cost per average household (Band D property) has increased from £130.52 to £134.91 per annum. This is a rise of £4.29 per property for the year, which equates to a weekly increase of only 8.4p per household.

## WHY HAS IT GONE UP?

Along with having to continue to absorb cuts to Central Government support grants, we have allocated budgets to the recently reopened Corn Exchange and committed a budget to support a local bus service for residents.

## HOW IS IT SPENT?

Your precept is spent on maintaining the provision of all the facilities and services the Town Council offers as shown below.

The Leys (Sports Pitches & Splashpark) £14.91  
West Witney Sports Ground £7.72  
Burwell QEII Recreation Ground £4.85  
King George V Recreation Ground 85p  
Witney Lake & Country Park 81p  
Allotments 42p



Bank Interest/Charges -10p  
Corporate Management £8.58  
Democratic Representation & Management £9.38  
Capital & Ear-Marked Reserves £17.44

Tower Hill Cemetery £10.03  
Windrush Cemetery £6.70  
Closed Churchyards 30p



Community Activities/Newsletter £2.94  
Community Infrastructure (inc grass cutting & open spaces) £22.93  
Civic Activities (inc Remembrance Sunday & events) £3.59  
Christmas Lights £3.52  
Grants & Donations £2.32

Burwell Hall £7.12  
Corn Exchange £8.22  
Langdale Hall £1.22  
Madley Park Community Hall 23p  
Town Hall Maintenance 92p



**TOTAL**

**£134.91**

per Band D household per year