



WITNEY
TOWN COUNCIL
Celebrating 50 Years

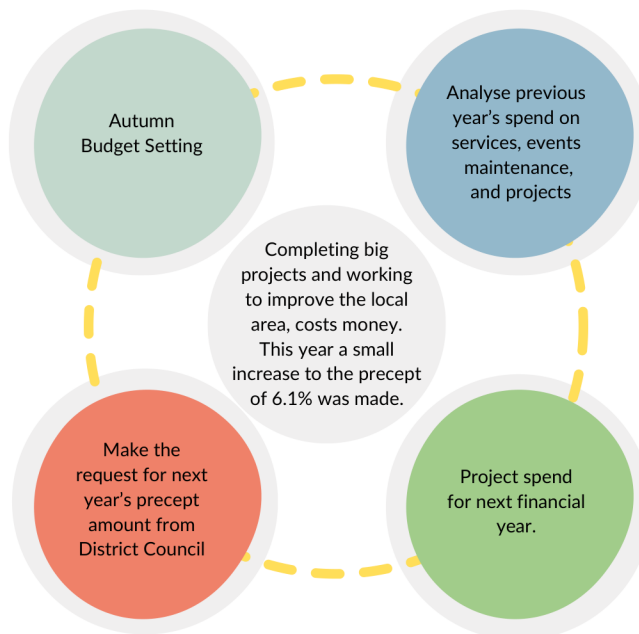


2024 - A YEAR OF PROJECTS



On the next page you will be able to see how the council spends its money. Completing big projects and working to improve the local area inevitably costs more money. Even with careful budgeting and making best use of grants and funding pots, Witney Town Council needed to increase its precept (the small percentage of your Council Tax, that is assigned to the Town and Parish Councils) as it enters a busy year of project fulfilment.

In its fiftieth anniversary year, the Town Council is embarking on three major projects: The old skatepark on the Leys, West Witney Sports and Social Club, and in partnership with Courtside Hubs CIC, on The Leys Regeneration



The old skatepark on the Leys is in the process of becoming an All Wheeled Sports Park, with new challenges and features designed to appeal to all ages and abilities. The Council is investing money from specific planned budgets and the rest has come from a successful bid for grant funding.

The ambitious regeneration of the Leys involves the Town Council working in partnership with Courtside Hubs CIC and providing significant investment in the project for which Courtside have already been granted funding.

Funded by the Town Council, existing developer contributions and grant funding, the West Witney Sports and Social Club upgrade represents a significant investment in local grass-root sports, enhancing a much-improved space for current and future generations of players.

"Witney residents will see the impact of the precept – with significant investment for improvements and enhancements to facilities and services."

Councillor Ruth Smith



If you would like to find out more about things your council does, why not join us at the Annual Town Meeting?

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

**Wednesday 20th March
2024 at 7.30pm
The Corn Exchange, Witney**

JOIN THE CONVERSATION

The meeting is an important part of local democracy and is open to all registered electors in the town

YOUR TOWN, YOUR SAY



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YOU CAN VIEW THE 2024 AGENDA AND LAST YEAR'S MINUTES ON OUR WEBSITE

How the Town Council raises and spends money

The precept is the main source of income town and parish councils receive and is just 7% of the total Council tax bill paid by residents. The precept is used to deliver, maintain and enhance the services below along with the day to day running of Witney Town Council.

For more information on the precept, visit www.witney-tc.gov.uk

Bank Interest/Charges -£3.25
Corporate Management £17.16
Democratic Representation & Management £14.15
Net Use of Reserves -£11.07

Democracy and Governance



Sports and Recreation

Pitches Splash Park
Rifle Range Bowling

The Leys (sports pitches & splash park) £15.84
Burwell QEII Recreation Ground £2.51
West Witney £2.72
King George V Recreation Ground £2.10
Witney Lake and Country Park £8.78



Public Halls

Burwell Hall £8.35
Corn Exchange £13.38
Income from Leased Community Halls -£1.05



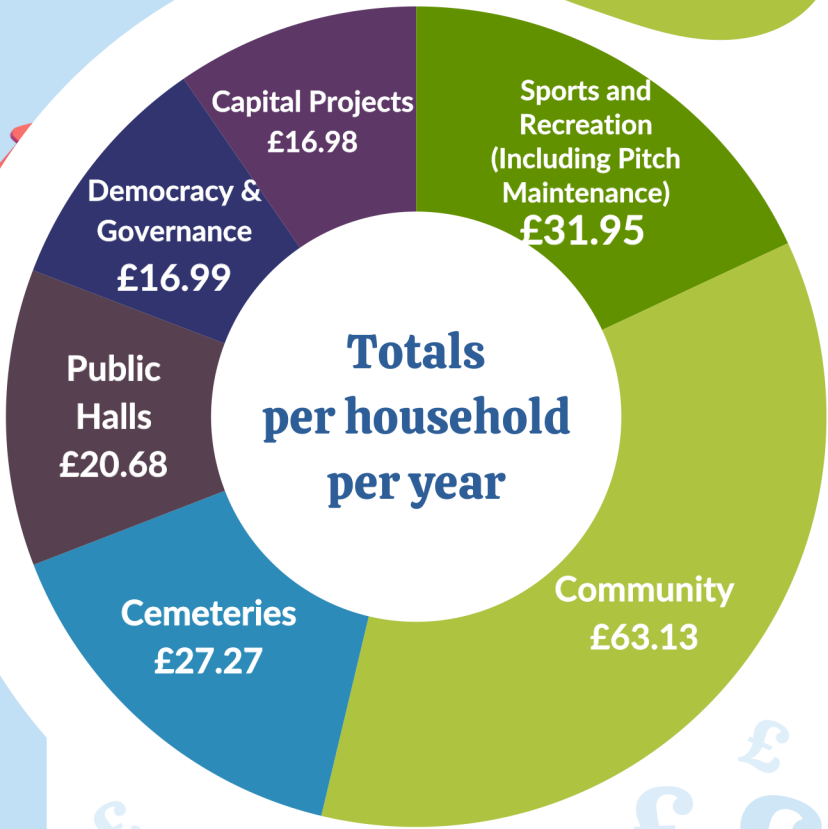
Capital Projects

 £16.98

Community

Children & Youth Provision £3.69
Bus Services £1.87
Other Community Activities including Grants, Events, and Newsletters £13.97
Allotments, Grass Cutting, Open Spaces, Street Furniture £29.35
Play Areas/Equipment £4.64
Civic Activities inc. Remembrance Sunday & events £4.71
Christmas Lights £4.90

11 Play Areas



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How much does it all cost?



Cemeteries

Tower Hill Cemetery £10.10
Windrush Cemetery £15.56
Closed Churchyards £1.61

Average Band D home contributes **£177** per annum | £13.90 per month

Witney Town Council

Annual Residents' Satisfaction Survey 2024















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As the new municipal year approaches, Witney Town Council is inviting your views and comments on the services we provide. This is a marker for us to judge how we are doing and where we can improve.

If you would rather take part online, or others in your household would also like to respond you can find this survey at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/WTCsurvey24> or scan the QR code. **CLOSING DATE 1st MAY 2024**



Please rate the following services 1 to 4
4-Excellent 3-Good 2-Satisfactory 1-Poor Don't Know/
Don't Use

 Recreation Grounds /Play Areas/ Open Spaces. See NOTE 1	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
 Witney Lake and Country Park	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
 The Leys Splash Park and Adventure Play	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
 Floral Displays (including Hanging Baskets)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
 Street Furniture (Bins/Benches/bus shelters) See NOTE 2	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
 Cemeteries	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
 Corn Exchange	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
 Burwell Hall	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
 Christmas Lights	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
 Civic Events (e.g. Remembrance) See NOTE 3	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
 Community Events (eg. Play Days) See NOTE 4	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
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Please use this space to add more about your experience or feedback regarding any of our services, good or bad.

Please enter your full postcode-this helps us to ensure that we are reaching all the residential areas within Witney with this newsletter:

As some of our services are age specific, would you mind letting us know your age range? Please circle the appropriate range:

Age: U-17 18-20 21-29 30-39 40-49 50-59 60+

Note 1

These are the play areas maintained and serviced by Witney Town Council, any not listed here are currently under the custodianship of West Oxfordshire District Council or other agencies.

- Burwell (QEII Field in Trust)
- Eton Close (Location of the Tiny Forest)
- Fieldmere Close
- King George V (Newland) (Field in Trust)
- Leys (Centenary Field in Trust)
- Moorland Road
- Oxlease
- Park Road
- Quarry Road
- Unterhaching (recently acquired)
- Woodgreen

Note 2

The Town Council cannot install bins, benches or other street furniture on land it does not have under its custodianship. We have policies that guide how and when these items are installed on land that we DO look after.

These can be found under policies on the Strategic Documents tab on our website.

Note 3

Civic events can be public events open to all such as Remembrance Day or Invitation only events such as the Civic Reception, for our Citizens of the Year.

The Mayor represents the town at these events and also organises events of their own such as charity fundraisers.

Note 4

Community Events include those for families with children such as Play Days and our Advent Fayre and events more likely to appeal to adults and older people, such as our Winter Warmer Days, Heritage Open Days, Royal and National commemorative and celebration events. We aim to make our community events inclusive and accessible to everyone. We also support, facilitate and grant fund third party and large events with universal appeal, such as fairs, festivals and the Christmas lights, working with our partners to deliver successful events for all ages to enjoy.



CORN EXCHANGE
WITNEY

WHAT'S ON?
MAR / APR

LIVE MUSIC
Atom Heart Floyd
Pink Floyd Tribute
Saturday 23rd March

CINEMA
The Big Lebowski (18)
26th March 2024: 19:30

WITNEY JAZZ
The Randolph Mathews /
Nick Meier Band
5th April 2024: 19:30

CINEMA
Scarface (18)
9th April 2024: 19:30

THEATRE
West End Magic
12th April 2024: 19:30

THEATRE
Avenue Q
18th April 2024 -
20th April 2024: 19:30

WITNEY JAZZ
The Denny Ilett Blues Special
3rd May 2024: 19:30



For full listing, tickets and more info visit:
www.cornexchangewitney.org.uk

Want to know about
other events?

- Witney Feast
- Play Days
- Witney Pride

- Witney Music Festival
- Circus Ginnett
- Hatwell's May Fair

Go to
www.witney-tc.gov.uk/whats-on-in-witney/



Or scan below!



Speak to the Councillors who represent
you on Witney Town Council.

Join us on the first Saturday of every
month at the Corn Exchange.

10AM - 12 NOON

No purchase or
booking required



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Witney Town Council
Town Hall
Market Square
Witney
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I'M HAVING MY SAY
YES

A little bit of tape here to secure