



WITNEY
TOWN COUNCIL

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ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

JOIN THE CONVERSATION

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

Wednesday 18th March 2026 at 7.30pm
The Corn Exchange, Witney



PROUDLY BUILDING A BETTER WITNEY

Witney Town Council Spring Newsletter 2026

Two important Witney Town Council projects are nearing completion, including upgraded sports facilities at West Witney Sports Ground, giving the community more ways to get active.

Our busy works team will soon move into expanded, more accessible depot facilities, which were relocated to make way for the Courtside Hub Development at The Leys, and future-proofed to meet the possible impacts of local government devolution.

In this issue:

COUNCIL PRECEPT

How we spend our share of the council tax

RESIDENTS' SURVEY

Help shape Witney with your feedback

CORN EXCHANGE WHAT'S ON

See what's coming up in 2026

BE A TOWN COUNCILLOR

Learn what's involved

If you need this newsletter in any other form, please contact communities@witney-tc.gov.uk

How the Town Council raises and spends money



The precept is the main source of income that town and parish councils, like Witney Town Council receive, and this accounts for 8% 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.

Some of the functions and facilities the Town Council provides



Community Buildings

13 Play Areas
 Splash Park
 Wheeled Sports Park



2 Closed Churchyards
2 Cemeteries
1 Youth Council
1 Cafe



Bus Shelters
Benches
Noticeboards



Community and Civic Events



25 Sports Pitches



Floral Displays and Christmas Lights



Witney Lake and Country Park (LNR)



3 War Memorials



Average Band D home contributes £213.35 per annum | £17.78 per month

The breakdown below shows how your £213.35 is spent. Figures in red are income items that help reduce your contribution.

Democracy and Governance	
Bank Interest/Charges	-£3.38
Corporate Management	£21.56
Democratic Representation/ Management	£14.98
Net Use of Reserves for Revenue	-£6.12
Property Investment	-£4.97
Sports and Recreation	
Windrush Place and Raleigh Crescent	£6.12
The Leys (sports pitches & splash park)	£14.74
Burwell QEII Recreation Ground	£4.72
West Witney Sports Ground	£8.30
King George V Recreation Ground	£2.83
Witney Lake and Country Park	£11.96
Public Halls	
Burwell Hall	£6.12
Corn Exchange	£13.12
Income from Leased Community Halls	-£0.79

Cemeteries	
Tower Hill Cemetery	£15.35
Windrush Cemetery	£12.58
Closed Churchyards	£2.09
Community	
Children & Youth Provision	£5.36
Community Bus Services	£2.29
Other Community Activities including Grants, Events, and Newsletters	£14.66
Allotments, Grass Cutting, Amenity Areas, Open Spaces, Street Furniture	£28.30
Play Areas/Equipment	£6.50
Civic Activities inc. Remembrance Sunday & events	£5.08
Christmas Lights	£4.42
Capital Projects	
Capital Projects	£45.05
Use of Project Reserves	-£17.52



With Town Council Elections coming up in 2027 why not consider

Becoming a Town Councillor

Want to make a real difference in Witney?

Being a Town Councillor lets you speak up for your community, help shape decisions, and work on issues that matter to them, such as what happens in the town and how it looks and feels. It's also a great way to build skills and meet people!

What does the Council Do?

- Caring for parks, halls, and recreation spaces
- Funding community projects and events
- Representing residents to higher councils
- Running civic and community activities

Note: The council also has input on some planning decisions

Term and Eligibility

- Term: 4 years (re-election possible)
- Eligibility: 18+, registered voter in Witney, live or work locally

Talk to a Councillor

Curious about what it's really like? Witney Town Councillors are happy to chat!

- Find contacts on the Your Councillors page.
- Drop in to a Councillors at the Café session at the start of the month
- Come to a meeting and see how it works

What decisions can I help with?

- Budgets & spending
- Community services & events
- Public spaces & green projects
- Local policies & planning

Committees:

- Climate & Biodiversity
- Planning and Development
- Parks & Recreation
- Halls, Cemeteries & Allotments
- Stronger Communities
- Policy, Governance & Finance

Note: Anyone can attend meetings!

How To Get Started

- With a political party: contact them early
- Independent: speak to Electoral Services
- Nomination details: GOV.UK – Become a Councillor

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If you would prefer a digital version of this survey, follow this link:



Communication Preferences Survey 2026

This short survey helps Witney Town Council understand how residents prefer to receive information and updates. The survey should take no more than 3-5 minutes to complete.

Where in Witney do you live? Please share your postcode so we know about our reach.

What is your age? Under 18 18-30 31-44 45-64 65-74 75+

How do you currently hear about news or updates from Witney Town Council?

- | | |
|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Our Website | <input type="checkbox"/> Corn Exchange or Town Council Posters |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Our Social Media-Facebook, Insta | <input type="checkbox"/> In Person - Council Meetings, Visiting Admin Office, talking to councillors |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Our Digital Newsletters | <input type="checkbox"/> Other Social Media - Spotted Witney, etc. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Our Printed Newsletters | <input type="checkbox"/> Community Services & Other Local Events |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Local Newspapers and Magazines | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> I don't know where to find out about Witney Town Council News and Events | |

How would you prefer to receive information from the Town Council? Select up to three.

- | | | |
|---------------------------------------|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Email | <input type="checkbox"/> Printed Newsletters or Leaflets | <input type="checkbox"/> Town Council Website |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Social Media | <input type="checkbox"/> Public Meetings or Events | <input type="checkbox"/> Local Newspapers |

How often would you like to receive updates from the Town Council?

- Weekly Monthly Every Few Months
 Only When Something Important Happens

What types of information are most important to you? (Select all that apply)

- | | |
|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Roadworks and Disruptions | <input type="checkbox"/> Witney Town Council News and Services Information |
| <input type="checkbox"/> What's On at Our Venues | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Council Decisions and Meetings | <input type="checkbox"/> Planning and Development Updates |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Emergency or Urgent Notices | <input type="checkbox"/> Community Services and Other Local Events |

Please specify which of the newspapers and magazines you regularly read.

- Witney Gazette Oxford Mail Letterbox Round and About
 Other: _____

Witney Town Council

Annual Residents' Satisfaction Survey 2026



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Please rate the following services 1 to 4

Closing date: 1st of May 2026

4 - Excellent | 3 - Good | 2 - Satisfactory | 1 - Poor

4 3 2 1 Don't Know/Don't Use

	Recreation Grounds/Play Areas/Open Spaces	<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)	<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, D-Day)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
	Community Events (eg. Play Days)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
	Communications	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

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+

If you would prefer a digital version of this survey, please follow this link:

www.surveymonkey.com/r/PS7D8G3





MARKET	Mynt Image Market Saturday 7 March	CINEMA	Day Time Cinema Presents: Operation Mincemeat Tuesday 31 March
MUSIC	Witney Jazz Presents: Marvin Muoneke Classic Swing Quartet Saturday 7 March	MARKET	Mynt Image Market Saturday 4 April
CINEMA	Day Time Cinema Presents: Billy Elliot Tuesday 10 March	MUSIC	Witney Jazz Saturday 4 April
QUIZ	Quiz Night Friday 13 March	QUIZ	Quiz Night Friday 10 April
DISCO	Decades Disco Saturday 14 March	THEATRE	What you will Presents: The Importance of being Earnest Saturday 11 April
MUSIC	Music Box Events: Steely Dan Friday 20 March	CINEMA	Day Time Cinema Presents: Fisherman's Friends Tuesday 14 April
THEATRE	Buttercross Theatre Presents: Return to the Forbidden Planet Thursday 26 - Saturday 28 March	CINEMA	Day Time Cinema Presents: Lady in the Van Tuesday 28 April

Wednesday 18 March
Annual Town Meeting
Corn Exchange Witney

Sunday 26 April
St George's Day Event
Market Square

Wednesday 6 May
Annual Council Meeting
Corn Exchange Witney

Saturday 27 June
Armed Forces Day
The Leys

September - Date TBC
Heritage Open Day
Corn Exchange Witney

Friday 27 November
Christmas Lights Switch On
Market Square

Sunday 29 November
Advent Fayre
Corn Exchange Witney

MARCH 14TH
19:00 - 23:00
CORN EXCHANGE

DECADES DISCO
TICKETS £4.50

IN PROUD ASSOCIATION WITH

18+

Inspired by the science fiction "Forbidden Planet" and of Peter Remick's novel.

RETURN TO THE FORBIDDEN PLANET
by Bob Carlton

26th - 28th March
Corn Exchange

19:00
ADULT £7.50
CHILD £3.00

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