



Bingham Town Council

Statement of Activity for 2022/2023

Bingham Town Council has set its expenditure for the year at £365,150 along with a projected income of £23,426. The Town Council will also draw upon its reserves to fund its other activities and projects, as well as seeking grants from other organisations.

To arrive at a balanced budget, the precept demand to Rushcliffe Borough Council has been set at £341,724, this equates to an increase of £3.44 to £90.70 (3.9%) for a Band D property.

The overall Council Tax charge also includes the budgets of Nottinghamshire County Council, the Nottinghamshire Police and Crime Commissioner, the Fire & Rescue Authority and Rushcliffe Borough Council, which have also changed from last year.

Why the money is needed:

The Town Council either owns or has a maintenance responsibility for the following amenities:

- Sports Fields at Wynhill and Butt Field
- Town Pavilion and Butt Field Sports Pavilion
- Five play areas
- Allotments at Hill Drive
- St. Mary's Churchyard and the Town Cemetery
- Linear Park Nature Reserve
- An extensive arboreal portfolio
- The Old Court House
- Town Centre CCTV

The Town Council also provides support to local community organisations and promotes Bingham's sense of place through:

- Its Grant Aid scheme
- Organising and funding the summer and winter floral display in the Town Centre
- Organising and/or funding Annual events like the Summer and Christmas Fair
- Organising the Christmas lighting display
- Producing a Town Guide to promote Bingham and provide a directory of services and groups

In addition to its day-to-day activities, the Town Council is working to progress a range of external projects such as:

- The refurbishment of the Cogley Lane play area which will complete the current play park refurbishment program
- Progressing the long-term parking provision at the Old Allotment site
- Replacing and extending the town centre CCTV provision
- Redevelopment of the Wynhill site to support improved and increased community facilities
- The potential expansion of land and facilities to meet the increased sports demand at Butt Field
- Improving maintenance of the Linear Park and open spaces
- The potential acquisition of other areas of open space to secure and enhance Bingham's sense of place

The Town Council is not in a position to self-fund all of the above projects. So, it will look to grant funding and will seek community support through community engagement activities to apply to the Public Loans Work Board (PWLB) for a loan or a series of loans.

The Town Council currently employ: a Town Clerk as well as two part-time administrative assistants, two full-time grounds staff, a seasonal worker and a part-time cleaner. The office currently has vacancies for two staff members.

TOWN COUNCIL BUDGET 2022/2023

This is how the Town Council will allocate funds raised through the Council Tax. The budget for the previous two years is shown for comparative purposes.

	Budget	Budget	Budget
	2020/2021	2021/2022	2022/2023
Budget Headings			
Allotments	1,610	1,660	1,660
Cemetery	9,650	10,620	14,190
Environment	7,000	3,200	3,300
Finance	29,400	29,150	29,300
Old Court House	32,650	23,750	25,750
Professional Fees	10,000	7,000	7,500
Community and Events	23,350	26,750	26,250
Recreation	20,530	13,030	16,030
Recreation Equipment	11,600	15,448	18,325
Property Development Reserve	11,700	0	0
Reserves	0	30,000	32,840
Salaries and On Costs	169,870	175,724	190,005
Totals	327,360	336,332	365,150
Less income	27,095	18,095	23,426
Precept Demand	300,265	318,237	341,724
Tax Base	3612.3	3647	3767.6
Band D property	£83.12	£87.26	£90.70
Please note some budgets within headings have changed			

Whilst the Town Council's alternate income sources have always been modest, its income forecast has been impacted by the pandemic. The Town Council has erred on the side of caution when considering its income for room bookings, whilst public confidence returns. The Town Council's income sources are expected to be limited to:

- Burial and memorial fees
- Rent from tenanted office accommodation at The Old Court House
- Rent from sports clubs for lease of pitches and pavilions
- Allotment rents
- Wayleaves
- Room rentals (lower than pre-pandemic)