



Bingham Town Council

Statement of Activity for 2021/2022

Bingham Town Council has set its expenditure for the year at £336,332 along with a projected income of £18,095. The Town Council will also draw upon its reserves to fund its other activities and projects of £216,647 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 £318,237, this equates to an increase of £4.14 to £87.26 (4.98%) 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
- A specific Humanitarian Aid budget which has supported the Covid 19 community groups and provided financial assistance to several of our sports clubs and groups
- Organising and funding the summer and winter floral display in the Town Centre
- Organising and/or funding Annual events and the Christmas lighting display

In addition to its day-to-day activities, the Town Council is keen 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
- Progress the long-term parking provision
- Upgrading and extending the 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 part-time Town Clerk and part-time Deputy Clerk as well as two part-time administrative assistants, two full-time grounds staff, a seasonal worker and a part-time cleaner.

TOWN COUNCIL BUDGET 2021/2022

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
	2019/2020	2020/2021	2021/2022
Budget Headings			
Allotments	1,610	1,610	1,660
Cemetery	9,450	9,650	10,620
Environment	5,000	7,000	3,200
Finance	25,300	29,400	29,150
Old Court House	17,750	32,650	23,750
Professional Fees	8,000	10,000	7,000
Community and Events	24,750	23,350	26,750
Recreation	19,800	20,530	13,030
Recreation Equipment	16,350	11,600	15,448
Property Development Reserve	0	11,700	0
Reserves	21,100	0	30,000
Salaries and On Costs	164,104	169,870	175,724
Activities and Projects	153,100	167,247	216,647
Budget required	466,314	494,607	552,979
Less earmarked reserves	153,100	167,247	216,647
Less income	29,800	27,095	18,095
Precept Demand	283,414	300,265	318,237
Tax Base	3545.9	3612.3	3647
Band D property	£79.93	£83.12	£87.26
Please note some budgets within headings have changed			

Whilst the Town Council's alternate income sources have always been modest, its income forecast has nevertheless been impacted by the pandemic. It is hoped that restrictions will be lifted but in the meantime the Town Council has erred on the side of caution in relation to its income so this coming year, the Town Council's income sources are expected to be limited to:

- Burial and memorial fees
- Rent from office accommodation at The Old Court House
- Rent from sports clubs for lease of pitches and pavilions
- Allotment rents
- Wayleaves