



Statement of Activity for 2026/2027

Bingham Town Council has set its expenditure for the year at £511,344 along with a projected income of £41,033. 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 £470,311, this equates to an increase of £4.27 to £107.86 (4.1%) for a Band D property.

The overall Council Tax charge will also include 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 and will be confirmed on the annual Council Tax bill.

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 with green spaces
- Allotments at Hill Drive
- Warners Paddock
- St. Mary's Churchyard & the Town Cemetery
- Linear Park Nature Reserve
- An extensive arboreal portfolio
- The Old Court House

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 displays in the Town Centre
- Organising and/or funding Annual events like the Summer Fair and Christmas Market
- Organising the Christmas lighting display in the Town Centre
- Supporting a programme of events delivered by Bingham Community Events
- Taking care of the many green spaces and assets owned within the Town
- Room hire for local community groups and businesses within the Old Court House

In addition to its day-to-day activities, the Town Council is continuing their work to progress a range of internal and external projects such as:

- Progressing potential long-term parking provision at the Old Allotment site
- Investing in improvements and refurbishment of the Old Court House
- Redevelopment of the Wynhill site to support improved and increased community facilities
- The potential expansion of land and alternative access at Butt Field Sports Ground
- Securing land off Chapel Lane for community use
- Security of the Town's open spaces
- Linear Park stepped access and bridge repairs
- The refurbishment of the Cogley Lane play area
- Asset management of the Town's amenities

The Town Council is not in a position to self-fund all of the projects and will look to support additional projects that are unplanned but have benefits to the Town's residents. It continues to 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 if required.

The Town Council currently employ: a full-time Town Clerk, two part time office staff, and two full-time members of grounds staff. The Council is increasing staff capacity with the employment of a third member of the office team. A contract cleaner is employed for the Old Court House.

TOWN COUNCIL BUDGET 2026/2027

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
	2024/2025	2025/2026	2026/2027
Budget Headings			
Allotments	1,910	1,910	2,202
Cemetery	13,900	13,900	13,550
Environment	7,100	6,500	6,500
Finance	31,250	33,450	33,520
Old Court House	29,190	35,608	37,000
Professional Fees	4,500	4,170	4,180
Community and Events	35,895	33,395	37,600
Recreation	18,112	22,122	23,122
Recreation Equipment	19,800	19,800	19,350
Reserves	50,000	75,000	75,000
Salaries and On Costs	217,800	221,800	259,320
Totals	429,457	467,655	511,344
Less income	25,928	30,623	41,033
Precept Demand	403,529	437,032	470,311
Tax Base	4042.8	4218.80	4360.5
Band D property	£99.81	£103.59	£107.86

The Town Council's income sources are modest, and these are expected to be limited to:

- Burial and memorial fees
- Tenant and room rental at the Old Court House
- Rent from sports clubs for lease of pitches and pavilions
- Allotment rents
- Wayleaves
- Interest on reserves