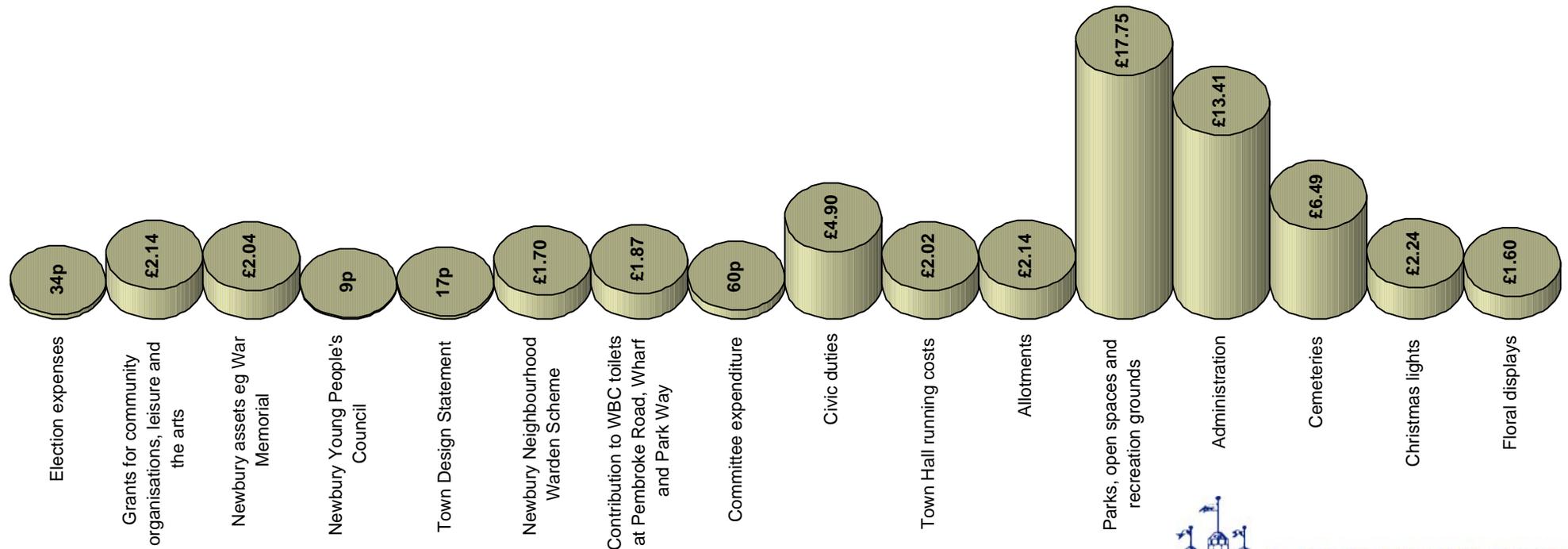


THE PRECEPT AND HOW IT WILL BE USED

Newbury Town Council provides public services to the residents of the **town of Newbury**. To do this we raise our own form of Council Tax, which is known as the **precept**. This is collected on our behalf by West Berkshire Council and shown separately on your Council Tax bill.

For the 2004/2005 financial year Newbury Town Council is raising a precept of £677,040. There are 12,780 households within the Newbury Town boundary, graded across Bands A – H. An average (Band D) household charge will therefore be **£59.50** for the year.

In 2003/2004 the charge was £57.99. The illustration below shows how this year's average charge will be divided across our different services.



Newbury Town Council meetings

We carry out our business through the work of four main Committees, which all meet in public.

Details of these meetings are displayed on the notice board outside the Town Hall and on our web site.

In summary:

The **Council** sets the precept and delegates the rest of its powers to its Committees.

The **Planning and Highways Committee** comments on planning applications and highway matters in the Newbury area.

The **Policy and Resources Committee** is responsible for the financial, human and property resources of the Council.

The **Community Services Committee** is responsible for the maintenance of property assets and the provision of direct services to the public.

The **Art and Leisure Committee** promotes and co-ordinates arts and leisure facilities and activities for the community.

For further information visit our web site at www.newbury.gov.uk, call us on 01635 35486 or come along to the Town Hall.

Breakdown of income and expenditure

We also generate other income, mainly from our market and the Town Hall. By doing this we keep the cost to the taxpayer down and use the money to improve other areas of Newbury, such as its parks and open spaces.

Budgeted income from our various operations is as follows:

Markets	£90,000
Town Hall	£47,894
Cemeteries	£35,000
Investments	£21,000
Allotments	£5,500
Floral Sponsorship	£5,250
Recreation Grounds	£4,750
Total income	£209,394
Total expenditure	£886,434
Amount needed	£677,040
Amount per Band D household	£59.50

Grants

Newbury Town Council awards grants to community organisations, leisure and the arts. For further information contact the Town Hall on 01635 35486 or email us at: towncouncil@newbury.gov.uk.



How your town council
will use your money
2004/2005



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