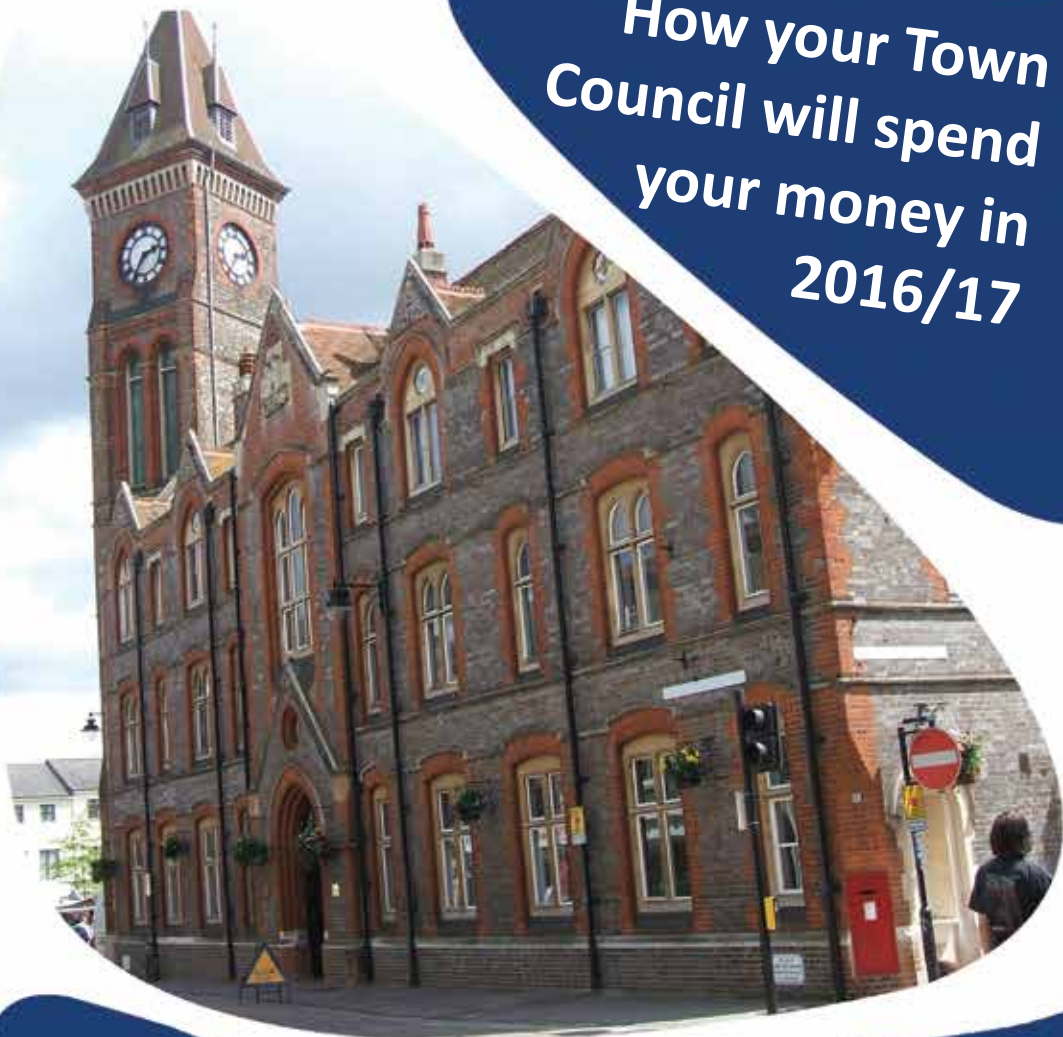




NEWBURY Town Council

**How your Town
Council will spend
your money in
2016/17**



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Councillor
David
Goff



The past year has seen momentous changes for Newbury Town Council. The Town Council elections in May 2015 saw a high turnover of Councillors, with 11 new members out of 23 elected to the Council. Councillor David Goff became Leader of the Council and he describes the year as challenging but immensely rewarding.

“After 5 years of legal wrangles and delays the Council has secured a financial settlement which will allow us to restore Victoria Park for the enjoyment of all the citizens in Newbury and we really look forward to getting on with this work. On the down side, the financial pressures which have resulted in dramatic cutbacks in services in West Berkshire District Council’s budget have put us under enormous pressure to plug the gaps where important services are at risk for Newbury. This includes CCTV cameras, the Visitor Information Centre, Public Toilets and the Neighbourhood Wardens Service hosted by Sovereign Housing Association. However, we are working hard to find solutions, including combining forces with partner organisations and neighbouring councils.”

CEO
Hugh
Peacocke



RFO
Gillian
Durrant



“Over the past 2 years the Council has said goodbye to some valued employees and I am pleased to say that we have now recruited a new Chief Executive Officer and a new Responsible Financial Officer. Hugh Peacocke joined as CEO last July, having moved from Coventry City Council where he worked as Governance Services Manager. He holds an Honours degree in Public Administration and has extensive experience in local government and in the private sector. Hugh helped us to address the Victoria Park issues and he has re-organised the offices and staff of the Council since joining us.”

“Gillian Durrant joined us as Responsible Financial Officer in October 2015. Gillian had to hit the ground running, straight into drafting our budget for 2016-17. Her skills and commitment, as well her previous experience as a Member, Mayor and Leader of the Council have enabled Gillian to settle quickly into the role.”

Services Provided by Newbury Town Council

- Maintaining parks, recreation grounds and open spaces – including Victoria Park, City Recreation Ground and Wash Common Recreation Ground, including renting football pitches and changing rooms
- Maintaining Newbury Town Hall – the chamber is available for public hire and charity coffee mornings
- Shaw Cemetery and Newtown Road Cemetery
- Six allotment sites around the town, totaling nearly 500 individual plots
- Running Newbury Charter Market on Thursday and Saturday
- Civic events and the office of the Mayor
- Hanging baskets and floral displays
- Bus shelters
- Footway lighting
- Seats, litter bins, dog litter bins and grit bins around the town
- Maintaining The Clock House
- Maintaining the War Memorial

Newbury Town Council Meetings

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

Details of these meetings are displayed on the noticeboard outside the Town Hall and on our web site www.newbury.gov.uk

The **Council** sets the precept and delegates most of 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 **Civic Pride, Arts and Leisure Committee** promotes and co-ordinates arts and leisure facilities and activities for the community.

Grants Newbury Town Council awards grants to community organisations, leisure and the arts. For further information visit our web site in April at www.newbury.gov.uk call us on 01635 35486, or come along to the Town Hall.

NYC (Newbury Youth Council) if you are aged between 12 and 21 and are interested in local issues for youth, please contact the Town Hall for more information.

The Precept Explained

2016/17

Newbury Town Council provides a number of public services to the residents of Newbury, and to do this we raise our own form of Council Tax, which is known as the Precept.

For 2016/17 this will be £984,706 (in 2015/16 it was £929,815). The precept is collected on our behalf by West Berkshire Council and is included in your tax bill. There are 14961 households in within Newbury town boundary, graded across bands A-H. An average (Band D) household charge will be £79.17, an increase of 4.64%, i.e. £3.51 a year or 7p a week.

More than half the households within the town boundary are in bands A-C and will pay less than this.

Spending highlights for 2016-17

- £15,000 for external refurbishment of the Town Hall
- £59,000 for neighbourhood wardens
- £17,500 for Newbury CAB
- £16,000 towards Christmas lights
- £10,550 for grants to local organisations. (Apply through Greenham Common Trust's Find me a Grant website)
- £1,000 for events to celebrate the 90th birthday of Her Majesty, The Queen

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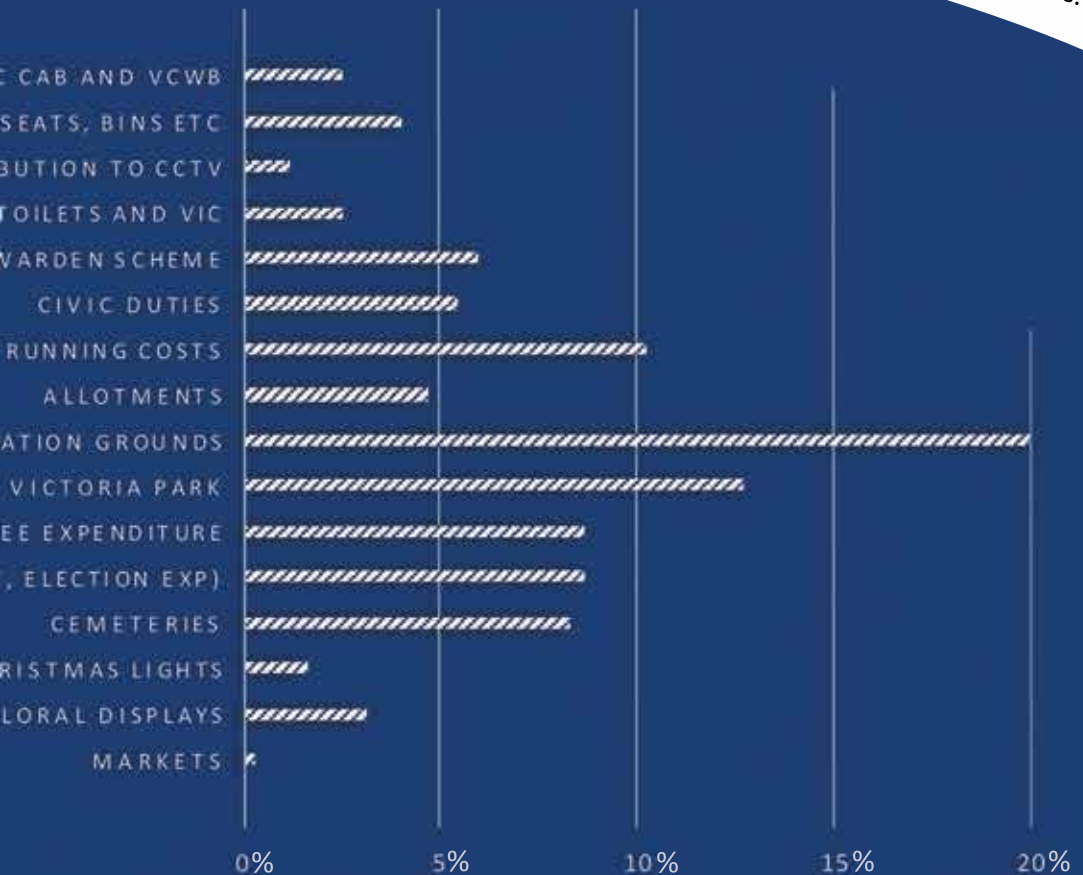
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- £12,000 towards CCTV for Newbury Town Centre
- £15,000 contribution to the Wharf toilets
- £10,000 contribution towards a Visitor Information Service for Newbury, working with Newbury Business Improvement District who provide the website www.visitnewbury.org.uk

We will also be spending £430,000 upgrading Victoria Park (from recent legal settlement money). See page 7

The illustration below shows how the average band D charge (£79.17) will be divided across our different services and functions.

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Newbury Town Hall

Chamber Hire

The Town Hall Chamber is an historic, impressive room which boasts a high vaulted ceiling, stone fireplaces and many other original Victorian features. The room is light and bright, with tall windows and a view overlooking the Market Place. The Chamber can be hired with or without the use of the Town Hall's ceremonial front doors and large sweeping staircase.

The Chamber accommodates up to 60 people and is accessible to all using the Town Hall's lift, and the chairs and tables can be laid out in a variety of styles. The chamber can be hired for a variety of functions, such as wedding receptions, private parties, Christmas receptions, awards presentations, training and seminars. Hirers can self-cater using the kitchen which is adjacent to the Chamber.

Additionally, the Town Hall has 5 suites of rooms that are let out on long leases to local businesses and charities. If you may be interested in renting a suite please get in touch as these become vacant every so often.



Newbury in Bloom

On 4 April 2016 Newbury Town Council will be relaunching this popular environmental campaign. The categories for this year's competition include:

- Primary Schools
- Pubs and restaurants
- Small businesses and
- Allotments
- Churches

Please go to our website for an application form
www.newbury.gov.uk

The judging will take place in July.



Victoria Park 2016

"We are very proud of Victoria Park and the highlight of the Council's year in 2015 was the financial settlement reached which will enable us to make essential repairs to the Park. Together with the repairs we plan a fantastic programme of works which will enable us to bring the Park back to its full glory so that once again it will be seen as The Jewel in Newbury's Crown."

Granville Taylor

Community Services Manager



The Programme of works for Victoria Park includes:

- A new children's water play feature to be installed in the Spring.
- Repairs to the boundary wall, the footpath at Parkway, the tennis courts, the bowling green and the football pitch.
- Plans for an exciting new Café facility in the Park.
- Relocating the statues of Victoria and her lions to the entrance of the Park.
- The installation of new inclusive playground equipment, for children with disabilities or limited mobility.
- Lighting scheme on the footpath between Park Way and St Mary's Road.
- Replacing, installing new benches and upgrading flower beds.

Sunday 17 April 2016, 1pm
Start from the Town Hall
Beating the Bounds South
7 Mile Walk

Thursday 21 April 2016
Time TBC Lighting a Beacon
in Victoria Park on
The Queen's actual birthday

Sunday 24 April 2016, 2pm
Start from the Town Hall
Beating the Bounds North
5 Mile Walk















**Come join us and Celebrate
The Queen's 90th Birthday
in Newbury**



Sunday 12 June 2016, 12noon-3pm,
Victoria Park, Picnic in the Park,
bring your picnic and enjoy the
entertainment, games, traditional
stalls, cars and much more of the 9
decades of the Queens life.

Councillors

Do you have a question about the services the Town Council provides or perhaps a suggestion for an event or improvement that can be made? Why not contact your local Newbury Town Councillor?

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Saturday Surgery

Each Saturday in the year two Newbury Town Councillors are available to answer questions from the public outside Newbury Town Hall's main entrance, between 10am and 12 noon.