



## **Bingham Town Council**

### **Statement of Activity for 2023/2024**

Bingham Town Council has set its expenditure for the year at £389,535 along with a projected income of £23,511. 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 £366,024, this equates to an increase of £4.39 to £95.09 (4.84%) 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
- Town Centre CCTV
- St. Mary's Churchyard and 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
- Producing a Town Guide to promote Bingham and provide a directory of services and groups
- Taking care of the many green spaces and assets owned within the Town

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 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 to meet the increased sports demand at Butt Field
- Memorial testing in the Cemetery and Churchyard
- Cemetery Review
- Supporting progression of a community project on Chapel Lane
- Improving maintenance and security of the Linear Park and open spaces
- The refurbishment of the Cogley Lane play area

The Town Council is not in a position to self-fund all of the above projects. 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 if required.

The Town Council currently employ: a Town Clerk as well as two part-time administrative assistants, a full-time member of grounds staff, and a part-time cleaner. There are currently two vacancies at the Town Council for a Grounds Operative and Deputy Clerk/Project Support Administrator. The recruitment for the vacancies is taking place in January 2023, prior to the new financial year.

### **TOWN COUNCIL BUDGET 2023/2024**

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.

	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Budget</b>
	<b>2021/2022</b>	<b>2022/2023</b>	<b>2023/2024</b>
<b>Budget Headings</b>			
Allotments	1,660	1,660	2,110
Cemetery	10,620	14,190	13,787
Environment	3,200	3,300	3,300
Finance	29,150	29,300	33,125
Old Court House	23,750	25,750	34,278
Professional Fees	7,000	7,500	4,500
Community and Events	26,750	26,250	30,750
Recreation	13,030	16,030	16,060
Recreation Equipment	15,448	18,325	18,925
Reserves	30,000	32,840	17,000
Salaries and On Costs	175,724	190,005	215,700
Totals	336,332	365,150	389,535
Less income	18,095	23,426	23,511
<b>Precept Demand</b>	<b>318,237</b>	<b>341,724</b>	<b>366,024</b>
<b>Tax Base</b>	3647	3767.6	3849.1
<b>Band D property</b>	<b>£87.26</b>	<b>£90.70</b>	<b>£95.09</b>

The Town Council's income sources have always been 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