

WALLINGFORD TOWN COUNCIL



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The Town Council is committed to preserving the quality of life and community facilities in the town and is obliged to maintain the listed buildings, such as the Town Hall and Wallingford Museum, in its ownership to a high standard. It is responsible for nearly all of the public buildings and open spaces within the town as well as several commercial properties which are let for the benefit of the community.

The Town Council maintains and provides the facilities for:

- Allotments
- Castle Gardens and Band Concerts
- The Town Hall, Market Place and Fountain
- The Regal Centre
- Town Information Centre
- Town Clock
- Bullcroft (Football, Tennis, Basketball, Play Area, Pavilion)
- Kinecroft
- Riverside moorings
- War Memorial
- St John's Green
- St Leonard's Square Roundabout
- New Road garden
- Rest garden opposite Waitrose
- Disused churchyards
- Hanging baskets, floral displays, banners and Christmas decorations around the town
- Grants to local organisations, Contribution towards Youth Worker
- Wallingford Charter Market
- Financial contribution towards the town's CCTV
- The Wigod Centre

The town receives a nominal grant towards the maintenance of the disused churchyards. All other costs fall on the Town Council. The Town Council is currently providing some services such as cutting of grass verges which are no longer carried out by the County Council along with Health and Safety processes and Data Protection.

The Town Council continues to have a number of challenges arising in the coming year which include the Town Hall essential repairs, the rebuilding of the Regal Centre, along with the regeneration of The Bullcroft Park and property maintenance across all areas. In addition to the above; prudent financial management requires the Town Council to increase the Wigod Family Centre grant by the sum of £10,000 to allow the continued support to local families within the committee along with making an allowance for possible bad debt caused by the impact of Covid. A figure of £30,000 is considered sufficient to cover that and the requisite legal fees for recovery if required. Other areas of expenditure have been cut back temporarily to reduce the impact as much as possible on the precept and therefore residents. Therefore it has been necessary to increase the precept for 2022/23. This increase will show a small rise in Band D properties of £0.77 pence per month.