

# Annual Report

Newbury Town Council has approved a budget of £2,429M. We are determined as a Council not to cut services. We shall continue with our carbon reduction programme as well as improving our services, striving to make Newbury a vibrant and attractive market town whilst also providing funds to partner organisations such as Berkshire Youth and Citizens Advice.



Councillor Gary Norman,  
Chairman of the Policy &  
Resources Committee

Councillor Gary Norman, the Leader of the Council said  
"The rise in Council Tax precept for households in Newbury will be £0.34 per week for Band D council taxpayers. The cost of providing services across the board in local government is rising much faster than the underlying rate of domestic inflation. Potential large outlays in the year 2024-2025 include necessary investment in Town Hall health and safety compliance, together with the increasing maintenance demands of a 150-year-old building, installation of solar panels on the Town Hall and the Shaw Cemetery Chapel, surveys to investigate options for extending Shaw Cemetery which will run out of capacity in the next few years, restoration of the War Memorial, major works in the playgrounds at Nightingales, a disabled ramp for the bandstand, a complete resurfacing of the Splash Park in Victoria Park, a 5-yearly survey of the state of all our trees, the 10-year pollarding of the lime trees in Victoria Park and the addition of contactless payment in the Wharf toilets, to name but a few.

We have also decided that setting up an annual maintenance fund against future high outlay is the prudent thing for a responsible council to do. We also feel that it is wise to retain an amount in the budget to ameliorate the effects on the Town of services which may be discontinued by West Berkshire Council. We shall endeavour to fund some of this by using CIL money and reserves where possible. The rest is to be funded by revenue generated and the Precept, as per the graphs on page 3. We shall continue to endeavour to make Newbury a town to be proud of."

## Need help to pay

If you are on a low income or benefits then you may be eligible to receive help with your rent and Council Tax. If you think that you might qualify then please visit <https://www.westberks.gov.uk/benefits>

Advice may also be sought from Citizens Advice West Berkshire, 4-8 The Broadway, Newbury. RG14 1BA. Tel: 01635-516605. [www.citizensadvicewestberkshire.org.uk](http://www.citizensadvicewestberkshire.org.uk)

Details of other local organisations that seek to support residents with advice and financial support can be found on our website [www.newbury.gov.uk](http://www.newbury.gov.uk)



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proud of***

# ANNUAL REPORT & BUDGET 2024-25

**How the Town Council spends your money to  
make Newbury a town we can all be proud of**

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# The precept explained 2024-25

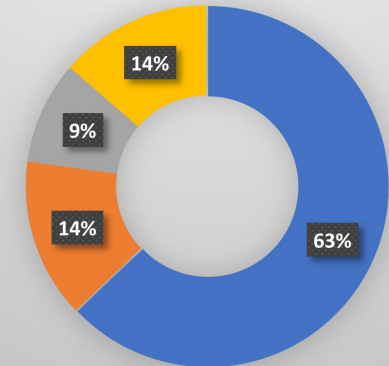
The Council Tax payable by West Berkshire residents is split into amounts for West Berkshire District Council, Thames Valley Police, the Fire and Rescue Service and your local town or parish council.

Newbury Town Council plans to spend £2,429M next year to provide services and facilities for the people of Newbury.

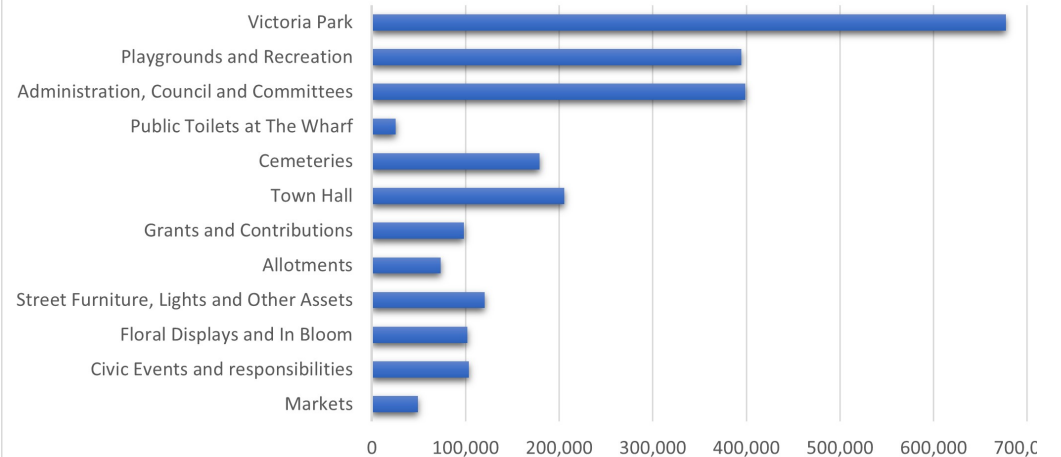
63% of those funds come from what is known as "The Precept" which is the amount of Council Tax collected by West Berkshire District Council and paid to Newbury Town Council

## TOWN COUNCIL INCOME - 2024/25

- Precept
- Reserves
- Developer Contributions
- NTC Generated Income



## WHERE THE MONEY IS SPENT



Newbury households will pay an average of £112.32 in 2024-25 to Newbury Town Council for the services we deliver to the people of Newbury (an average of £2.16 per household, per week).