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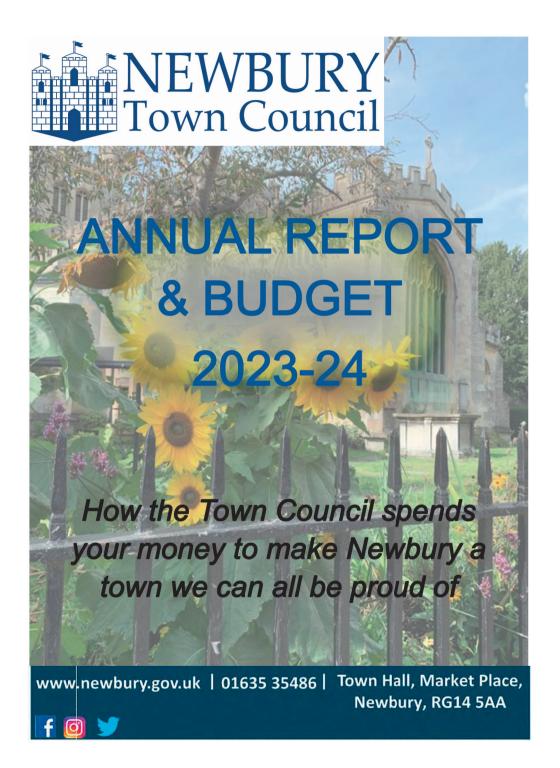




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Annual Report

Newbury Town Council has approved a budget of almost £2.3M, for next year, 2023-24. The budget includes provision for our new grounds maintenance contract, as well as providing all of the other services and facilities for which the Council is responsible. Highlights from the budget include plans to upgrade playground facilities in the Nightingales, as well as improvements to open spaces at Wash Common and Hutton Close.



Councillor Martin Colston,
Chairman of Policy &
Resources Committee

Councillor Martin Colston, the Leader of the Council and Chairman of the Policy and Resources Committee said "The Council framed this budget with the cost of living crisis in mind. I am really pleased that we were able to achieve this with a rise in Council Tax for Newbury households which is well below the current rate of inflation. The rise in Council Tax precept for households in Newbury will be only 6.4%, compared to the Retail Price Index increase of 13% over the past year. This Council has continued its strategic aims to improve the town of Newbury, to support our communities and to take actions to address the Climate Emergency. The budget includes our plans for the new Community Café in Victoria Park, which has been delayed due to Brexit, the pandemic, inflation and the current strains on the construction sector. It should be noted that we aim to fund the café from contributions received from developers, from our own reserves and a Public Works loan, with no addition to the Council Tax precept."

The full details of the budget are available on the Council's website, www.newbury.gov.uk



Accessible seesaw opening
In Victoria Park



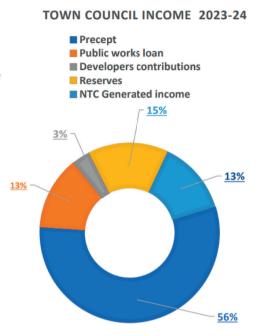
Victoria Park Family Day 2022

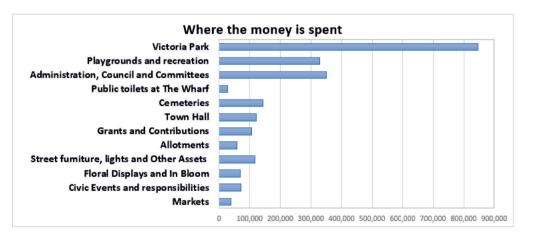
The Precept Explained 2023-24

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 £2.281M next year to provide services and facilities for the people of Newbury.

56% 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. The rest of our funds come from the other sources shown in the chart.





Newbury households will pay an average of £94.67 in 2023-24 to Newbury Town Council for the services we deliver to the people of Newbury (an average of £1.82 per household, per week).