

Quedgeley Town Council
“Working with the community for the community”

SPENDING PLANS

As the Town Council sets a precept of more than £140,000 it must let you know how it intends to spend the money. The total budget for the year 2023/2024 amounts to £569572

Service Provided	2022/23	2023/24	Income	2022/23	2023/24
Recreation, amenities & the environment	£93916	£98543	Hiring of facilities etc	£227,534	£248,260
Planning & Development & Strategic Development	£10108	£11040	Contribution by Gloucester City Council	£0	£0
Two Community Centres	£156,068	£172,491	Contribution by Gloucestershire County Council	£0	£0
Waterwells Sports Centre & Sports Pavilion	£133,906	£144,919	Miscellaneous	£500	£500
Town Council Office & administration of the council	£134,852	£135,479	Transfer from Reserves	£0	£0
Repayment of Long-Term Loans	£0	£0	Balances brought forward	£50,000	£50,000
Grant Allocation from Glos City Council	£0	£0		£0	£0
Grants to Local Organisations	£7,100	£7,100	Total Income	£278,034	£298,760
Contingency Sum	£0	£0	Leaving Council Taxpayers to fund	£257,916	£270,812
Budget Required	£535,950	£569,572			

It will be no surprise to anyone that finances at the moment are strained, especially with the maintenance of 4 large community buildings, each generating their own energy costs. Having just returned to a degree of normality since the pandemic, it has been disappointing to now be hit by extraordinary energy costs etc. We are very thankful to all of our local residents for supporting our community buildings, a large proportion of the annual budget goes towards maintaining these

buildings to a high standard with a view to ensuring our community benefits from the very best. Local residents who reside in Quedgeley/Kingsway continue to receive a favoured rate when booking our facilities as a thank you for your loyalty and to reflect the fact that these facilities are on your doorstep.

The 2023/24 budget has been carefully considered as your councillors are keen for business to continue as normal, whilst remaining mindful of the financial pressures faced by our local residents. All our events will continue with the popular Easter Egg Hunt at the Quedgeley Nature Reserve on Easter Monday, our Dog Show event on Sunday 4th June at Kingsway Sports Pavilion, our Fireworks event on Saturday 11th November and our newly established but very popular Christmas event on Sunday 10th December 2023. All of these events are either free or very cheap to attend, our main focus being that we want to provide as much opportunity for our residents to come together and feel like a community. There is also a Coronation Event being held on Sunday 7th May which is being organised by the local charity Help if we can but supported by this council.

Projects: Improvements to Quedgeley Community Centre, a coronation bench and Improvements to Kingsway Community Centre to name a few, as well as maintaining open spaces, playgrounds, allotments and the cemetery.

Want to be part of the team? Contact The Clerk on **01452 721552** for further information. Due to a successful recruitment campaign, we currently have no vacancies, however we are always happy to place you on a waiting list.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank our community once again for all the support this council enjoys. Our pledge to you as payers of the precept is to provide you with a one stop shop for complaints and concerns or just a safe warm haven, as well as providing an immediate response to problems. We are seeing more and more people who through frustration of not being able to get through to 'a person' at various organisations, come to us for help. You can ring us, or visit us, we always answer the phone personally and promote a 'can do' policy.

A small increase to the average taxpayer this year is inevitable, however all expenditure is scrutinised with only one objective and that is to provide residents with a fantastic place to live.

Thank you to everyone.

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Residents are always welcome at our public meetings, advertised on our Town Council noticeboards, Office window and on our website.