

Amersham Town Council

Delivering, protecting and enhancing
community facilities

ANNUAL TOWN COUNCIL BUDGET 2023-24

Amersham Town Council operates and looks after a wide range of community facilities, including allotments, cemeteries, residential street lighting, community halls, public open spaces, play areas and recreation grounds. For a full list, please see www.amersham-tc.gov.uk. The Town Council also oversees an impressive array of town centre improvements under our Amersham in Bloom initiatives in conjunction with the fantastic support of our 'Bloom' volunteers.

For any organisation to operate effectively it needs a sound budget. The past two financial years have been difficult for most and there are expected to be continued financial pressures in the forthcoming year. Please see overleaf for figures relating to Amersham Town Council's Budget for 2023-2024. Amersham Town Council also remains committed to assisting local groups who do so much for the town. This is achieved by offering grants and practical support where possible.

Some of the functions and facilities the Town Council provides

Floral displays
and Christmas
Lights



3
Allotment
sites



Football
and cricket
pitches



3
Cemeteries

Community
Buildings



Public
open
spaces



Community
Events

Weekly
Saturday
Market



Over 900
residential
streetlights



3
Play areas



Visit
Amersham
initiative



Where does the Amersham Town Council budget come from? (2023/24 budget)

Annual Precept
£967,302

Income From Services & Let Properties
£392,000

Reserves
£7,700

Wherever feasible the Town Council aims to provide community facilities at the lowest cost possible to reduce the burden on the taxpayer. At the same time providing the facilities that the community wants and needs. This is often achieved with the assistance of volunteers for which the Town Council remains very grateful. There are some facilities which are not commercially viable including maintenance of public open spaces and play areas which do not generate income, as they are free for public use. The council has its own team of grounds staff who not only maintain our cemeteries and parks, but also carry out contract work for Buckinghamshire Council within Amersham and in other parishes, thereby providing an income stream for the Town Council.

Community Services

Public open space, play areas & town centre - net cost £157k

Street lighting - £56k

Allotments - net cost £1k

Events - net cost £7k

Cemeteries & Memorials - net cost £6k

Community Venues - net cost £91k

Total net cost £318k

Administration & Facilitation

Central Services, & Council Offices - £425k

Outside Services (incl grounds team) - net cost £105k

Civic & Democratic (incl elections) - £7k

Christmas Lights - £20k

Grants & Donations - £3k

Let Properties - (net income £77k)

Total net cost £483k

Community Investment

Loan repayments - £93k

Capital provision - £81k

Total - £174k

Average Band D home contributes
£138.63 per annum / £2.66 per week
(6977 council tax paying households)