



Lechlade on Thames

Town Council

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To continue to preserve and maintain our local services the precept requirement of Lechlade on Thames Town Council for the year 2023/2024 is £219,111. This is based upon the estimate of expenditure as set out below.

Summary of estimated expenditure 2023/24	Allocated £'s
Administration, Legal & Professional Fees <i>Including Office facilities, Information technology, Auditors, and Website</i>	21,568
Staff Costs	114,233
Town Grants and Subscriptions	5,135
Town Maintenance <i>Cemetery, Grass cutting, Open spaces, Tree maintenance, Property maintenance, Recreation facilities and Street furniture</i>	15,187
Other Financial Commitments <i>Including Training, Projects, Events, and Public Work Loan Board Repayment</i>	62,988
TOTAL	£219,111

Unlike the larger District and County Councils the Town Council receives no funding from Central Government or Business Rates, so the net cost of our services is funded entirely from the council tax payers of Lechlade on Thames.

The small element of your council tax which comes our way, based on a Band D property equates to £ 133.49 per annum which is £2.57 per week. This represents an annual increase of £3.42 or 29p per month.

The Town Council promotes the interests of Lechlade on Thames in its representations to other bodies, and works in partnership with Cotswold District Council, Gloucestershire County Council, and other agencies to provide and supplement local government services within Lechlade on Thames. The Town Council is consulted on all planning applications made in respect of properties in Lechlade on Thames and written representations are submitted.

Meetings of the Town Council are open to the press and public and all meetings are publicised on the Town Council's notice boards and web site – www.lechladeonthames.co.uk. There is an opportunity for members of the public to raise any comments or queries that they have with the Town Council. It is helpful if you contact us prior to attending the meeting so that the Council is better informed and able to help you.

Lechlade on Thames Town Council works within our community to support local services and groups. We have been able to award grants that directly go to organisations that provide support for our population.

To keep up to date with Lechlade on Thames Town Council news, residents are encouraged to read the Town Council newsletter. This is distributed to most households in Lechlade and surrounding areas within the Parish as part of the Council's resolve to improve communication with the Town and show what the Town Council is doing.

Current projects being progressed include:

- Updating the Play Area by the Memorial Hall
- Facilitating a Multi-Use Path between Lechlade and Fairford which incorporates the old railway track
- Improving access to the Riverside by Halfpenny Bridge in liaison with the Cotswold Water Park Trust
- Improving the appearance of the Town Centre area with new street furniture and signage
- Seeking solutions to traffic and parking problems in the town
- Running Speedwatch and Lorry Watch initiatives
- Christmas Light event