



Wadebridge Town Council Budget and Precept 2022/23

Wadebridge Town Council has set its budget for the financial year 2022/23 recognising the continuing impact that COVID 19 continues to have on the funding and delivery of Council services. These services include:

- Management of the Town Hall and Egloshayle Pavilion (providing space for concerts, plays, functions, community events, weddings, office space and exercise, craft and dance classes);
- Maintenance of Egloshayle Playing Fields, Coronation Park and the Cemetery.
- Provision, management and maintenance of allotments.
- Provision and maintenance of Children's play areas.
- Management of Jubilee and Egloshayle Car Parks.
- Provision, cleaning and maintenance of public conveniences on the Platt and at Egloshayle Playing Fields.
- Provision and maintenance of the Christmas Lights in town.
- Delivery of the Library and Information Service in Wadebridge – a devolved service working in partnership with Cornwall Council.
- CCTV in Wadebridge – a service provided and funded by the Town Council.
- Provision and maintenance of Wadebridge Skatepark.

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BUDGET and PRECEPT 2022/23						
	Estimate 2021/22			Estimate 2022/23		
	GROSS		(NET)	GROSS		(NET)
	Income	Expenditure	(Expenditure)	Income	Expenditure	(Expenditure)
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Car Parks	154,200	112,309	41,891	149,300	117,906	31,394
CCTV	0	9,600	(9,600)	0	9,900	(9,900)
Communications	0	12,000	(12,000)	12,000	24,000	(12,000)
General Admin & Staffing	4,200	280,059	(275,859)	4,500	274,291	(269,791)
Grants	0	12,300	(12,300)	0	12,300	(12,300)
Library	10,150	111,182	(101,032)	9,400	111,877	(102,477)
Parks & Cemeteries	40,650	201,366	(160,716)	43,350	210,437	(167,087)
Public Conveniences	0	31,620	(31,620)	0	38,452	(38,452)
Skatepark	0	9,500	(9,500)	0	4,500	(4,500)
Town Hall	11,000	107,854	(96,854)	23,700	109,837	(86,137)
TOTAL	220,200	887,790	(667,590)	242,250	913,500	(671,250)
Council Tax Support Grant	14,658	0	14,658	7,075	0	7,075
Contribution from/to Reserves	128,531	0	128,531	95,200	0	95,200
Precept to meet this Expenditure	143,189	0	(524,401)	102,275	0	(568,975)

Estimated Reserves at:

	General £	Earmarked £
31 st March 2021	247,232	219,368
31 st March 2022	270,395	259,868



COVID-19

- COVID-19 has continued to impact the income and services of the Town Council in 2021/22 with reductions in parking income and rent and room hires for the year.

Budget & Precept Setting 2022/23

- For 2022/23 the budgeted expenditure will be funded by the precept of £568,975 and the Council Tax Support Grant of £7,075. The Council Tax Support Grant that Wadebridge Town Council receives from Cornwall Council has reduced by £7,583 for 2022/23 (a 51.74% reduction from 2021/22). Since 2016/17 the Council Tax Support Grant received has seen an overall reduction of £21,531 (75.27%).
- The Council's 2022/23 budget represents an increase of £11,240. This increase in budget is mainly due to the increase in general expenditure and the gradual recovery of the Council's income generating services which remain far from pre Covid levels.
- The Town Council's element of the Council Tax for a Band D equivalent property for the coming year is £231.93. This represents an increase of £10.82 a year (4.89%) which is equivalent to 21p per week.
- The Council will be utilising reserves of £95,200 in 2022/23 to deliver the budget for the year.

Forward Planning

- All Town and Parish councils have previously been advised that the Council Tax Support Grant paid to them will be reducing. This reduction in income is expected to continue with a proposal from Cornwall Council that 2022/23 will be the final year of this grant. As Cornwall Council seek to devolve services to a local level the Town Council will continue to review the financial position when considering any future developments for Wadebridge and the impact that these may have on the Precept.
- The Town Council operates The Platt and Egloshayle Public Toilets – both devolved from Cornwall Council. We aim to invest in the Platt Toilets this year and create a changing places toilet cubicle in addition to the standard toilet provision.
- Since December 2018, the Town Council also deliver the devolved Library Service in Wadebridge. The Town Council look to improve and enhance the library service to benefit all of our community.
- Wadebridge has its own Skatepark which is a fabulous facility for the Town which quietly opened in December 2019. There are plans to develop the surrounding landscape of the skatepark for the benefit of users and the environment.
- In the area where a small skatepark previously existed in Jubilee Fields this will be replaced with Adult Exercise equipment this year.
- The Town Council deliver the Christmas Lights for the town each year and are supported in this by volunteers. A review of the current provision will take place this year.
- The Town Council declared a Climate Change Emergency in July 2019. An initial working group for the Council was established which has now expanded to include wider Community Membership.



Working with Cornwall Council and our Community the aim is to make Cornwall carbon neutral by 2030. We will address Wadebridge's role in achieving this target. As part of our commitment to the Climate Change Emergency the Town Council has resolved to instal Electric Vehicle (EV) charging points in our car parks and instal, where possible, solar panels on all our buildings.

- In 2018/19 the Town Council agreed to fund public CCTV in Wadebridge and there are now 6 CCTV cameras operating throughout the town which are being monitored by Cornwall Fire and Rescue HQ at Tolvaddon. The Town Council will continue to provide this service and will fund ongoing maintenance and monitoring costs in 2022/23 to support our town and businesses. We will work with the Police and Local Businesses to understand the benefits that CCTV brings to our Town.
- The Council currently employs 10 full time and 10 part time members of staff.

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