

LUDLOW TOWN COUNCIL

BUDGET FIGURES FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 2004-2005

Ludlow Town Council will raise £217,265 through the Council Tax
This equates to £61.82 per household for Band 'D' property. In 2003/04
it was £51.59

Outlined below is the Town Council's projected income and expenditure:

Committee	Service	Net Expenditure 2004-5	Net Expenditure 2003-4	Change
Finance & General Purposes	General Administration	35,670.00	43,603.00	-7,933.00
	Staff Costs	133,150.00	107,100.00	26,050.00
	Civic Ceremonial	9,650.00	8,170.00	1,480.00
	Grants	24,400.00	40,773.00	-16,373.00
	Projects	19,000.00	17,300.00	1,700.00
	Property	-18,450.00	-19,050.00	600.00
	Capital	40,000.00	500.00	39,500.00
Markets & Community Regeneration	Markets	-90,450.00	-82592.00	-7,858.00
	Tourism	6,650.00	2,650.00	4,000.00
	Capital	3,000.00	0.00	3,000.00
Planning & Development	Street Lighting	20,100.00	18,450.00	1,650.00
	Street Furniture	3,500.00	1,000.00	2,500.00
Amenities	Cemetery	13,430.00	14,130.00	-700.00
	Allotments	-600.00	-600.00	0.00
	Amenity Areas	16,515.00	13,256.00	3,259.00
	Linney Park	1,700.00	11,410.00	-9,710.00
TOTALS		217,265.00	176,100.00	28,765.00

Precept Comparisons

Date	Precept	Band D	D % Increase	Tax Base
1997-1998	99,500.00	32.45		3,065.92
1998-1999	139,120.00	44.50	37.13	3,126.38
1999-2000	147,855.00	46.60	3.51	3,209.90
2001-2001	152,970.00	46.97	1.98	3,256.13
2001-2002	156,350.00	46.96	-0.02	3,328.78
2002-2003	160,207.00	47.76	1.70	3,353.80
2003-2004	176,100.00	51.59	8.02	3,413.70
2004-2005	217,265.00	61.82	19.83	3,514.50

Message from the Mayor of Ludlow – Ludlow Town Council only receives a share of your council tax bill – for most council tax payers in town (who live in a property rated as Band D), Ludlow Town Council will receive £61.82 this year.

Yes, that is a rise of £10 over last year's Ludlow Town Council tax. Mostly this rise will be used to service a loan from the government of £375,000 which the council is taking out, over fifteen years fixed at today's low rate of interest. We have increased the tax that funds core Ludlow Town Council services by little more than the rate of inflation this year – a policy we wish to stick with from here on.

Why are we taking out this loan? To fund much-needed improvements that will benefit all people in the town. Projects will start happening later this year, and you will soon start seeing a real difference.

After years of neglect, we are investing in the cemetery, Castle Gardens, the Garden of Rest and play areas, including the Linney and Wheelers Road. And the provisions of the new Disability Discrimination Act (DDA) mean we have to spend money on council property to bring facilities up to date.

What is the Town Council? – The Town Council is the most local level of government and has the same status as a parish council. Its main responsibilities are managing Ludlow market and cemetery, providing and maintaining street lighting, managing and maintaining a variety of open recreational spaces, organising civic events and representing the local community through lobbying and consultation.

Who is on the Town Council? – There are 15 Councillors elected every 4 years to represent the 7 Town Wards. The Council's administration is run by the Town Clerk and other officers.

When and where does the Town Council meet? – Meetings are normally held at the Bishop Mascall Centre and a list of meeting dates is available from the Buttercross.

How does the public know what is to be discussed? – Agendas are displayed in the Buttercross notice board and are available at Ludlow Library & Museum Resource Centre.

Can the public attend meetings and speak at meetings? – All Council meetings are open to the public and there is an item on each agenda when members of the public can address the Town Council on issues relating to the Town.

TOWN COUNCIL COMMITTEES:

Planning & Development – Meets once every two weeks and is Statutory Consultee on planning and licence applications. The Committee also comments on all structural, development, transport and environmental plans, policies or strategies that have an impact on the town as well as being responsible for 512 street lights.

Finance & General Purposes – Meets monthly. Responsibilities include the determining and monitoring of the annual budget, policy formulation, staff management, grants, donations, civic and ceremonial functions, insurance, risk assessment and Health & Safety. It also manages the portfolio of council property, land and buildings.

Amenities – Meets bi-monthly. Responsibilities include the twelve amenity areas, Henley Road Cemetery and the development of the Wigleys Field Allotments. In partnership with other authorities it helps maintain seating, bus shelters and other street furniture.

Markets & Community Regeneration – Meets bi-monthly. Responsibilities include the management and promotion of the market and the promotion and enhancement of Ludlow in partnership with other groups.

Initiatives that the Town Council is Involved in – Market Towns Initiative Strategy & Action Plan, Ludlow Marches Partnership, Ludlow in Bloom, Late Night Ludlow, Ludlow Festival, Ludlow Town Plan and the Ludlow Town Design Statement.

The Town Council welcomes your views on all the services provided. You can contact your local councillor, attend all Council meetings and speak directly to the committee if you wish.

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(Deputy Mayor) SY8 1JJ

CORVE WARD

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WHITCLIFFE WARD

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