

LUDLOW TOWN COUNCIL

BUDGET FIGURES FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 2005-2006

Ludlow Town Council will raise £223,780 through the Council Tax
This equates to £63.42 per household for Band 'D' property. In 2004/05
it was £61.58

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

Committee	Service	Budget 2005/06	Net Expenditure 2004/05	Change
Finance & General Purposes	General Administration	32,166.00	35,670.00	-7,933.00
	Staff Costs	130,000.00	133,150.00	26,050.00
	Civic Ceremonial	11,400.00	9,650.00	1,480.00
	Grants	29,250.00	24,400.00	-16,373.00
	Projects	15,000.00	19,000.00	1,700.00
	Property	-10,550.00	-18,450.00	600.00
	Capital	39,000.00	40,000.00	39,500.00
Markets & Community Regeneration	Markets	-96,820.00	-90,450.00	-7,858.00
	Tourism	8,050.00	6,650.00	4,000.00
	Capital	1,500.00	3,000.00	3,000.00
Planning & Development	Street Lighting	21,300.00	20,100.00	1,650.00
	Street Furniture	3,500.00	3,500.00	2,500.00
Amenities	Cemetery	11,284.00	13,430.00	-700.00
	Allotments	-600.00	-600.00	0.00
	Amenity Areas	16,500.00	16,515.00	3,259.00
	Linney Park	12,800.00	1,700.00	-9,710.00
TOTALS		223,780.00	217,265.00	28,765.00

Precept Comparisons

Date	Precept	Band D	D % Increase	Tax Base
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
2005-2006	223,780.00	63.42	3.00	3528.40

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 include the management of Ludlow Market, Henley Road 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 a team of 3 full time and 2 part time 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 a Statutory Consultee on planning and licence applications. The Committee also comments on all structural, development, transport and environmental plans and policies or strategies that have an impact on the town.

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, Health & Safety and the 512 street lights. 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, the Ludlow Town Design Statement and Cittàslow Ludlow.

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.

BRINGEWOOD WARD

Cllr Griffiths 38 Wheeler Road SY8 1JD 07811 418294
Cllr Newbold 3 Teme Avenue, SY8 1NY 01584 876400

CLEE VIEW WARD

Cllr Davies 42 Stanton Road, SY8 2PI 01584 873013
Cllr Mrs Glaze 3 Friars Field, Weeping Cross Lane SY8 1JJ 01584 874817

CORVE WARD

Cllr Kidd 12 Corve Street, SY8 1DA 01584 877946
(Town Mayor) Email: gkidd@townscape.co.uk
Cllr Mold Quality Cottage, Quality Square, SY8 1AR 01584 873201

GALLOWS BANK WARD

Cllr Owen The Old Clinic, Dinham, SY8 1EJ 01584 879159
Cllr Ward Springmeadows, Livesey Road, SY8 1EZ 01584 875701
Cllr Williams 3 Old Bell Cottages, Park Road Ludford, SY8 1PP. Email: oldbell3@aol.com 01584 877913

HAYTON WARD

Cllr Fuller Trotter House, 102 Corve Street, SY8 1EB 01584 877982
Cllr Holcombe 41 Gravel Hill, SY8 1QR 01584 876955

ROCKSPRING WARD

Cllr Burgoyne 88 Sandpits Avenue, SY8 1SY 07971 329444
(Deputy Mayor)
Cllr Orsborn 64 Sandpits Avenue, SY8 1TB 01584 878042

WHITCLIFFE WARD

Cllr Perks 20 Honeymeadow, SY8 1TG 01584 878202
Cllr Smithers 13 High Street, SY8 1BS 01584 872674

The Town Council staff are:

Town Clerk	Paul Russell
Community Services Officer	Dick Harpur
Market & Tourism Manager	Roy Guestford
Administrative Officer	Hannah Coleman
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