

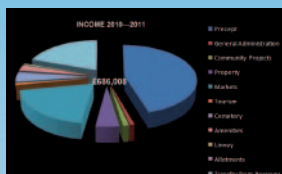
# Buttercross Bulletin

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## MAYOR'S WELCOME

Ludlow Town Council has been very busy in the past year and we have seen a year of improvements to service and progress on many fronts.

Capital projects include the refurbishment of the market, improvements to the Cemetery; and consultations on the Linney enhancement. Our five year Town Development Plan is being worked up and consulted on. This will provide the basis for our future priorities.

An extensive programme of works to improve the Buttercross has commenced. Until last year the building housed our offices, but falling ceiling plaster endangered staff, so the town clerk organised an emergency move to the Stable Block at Shropshire Council's site in Corve Street. Officers now enjoy the benefits of purpose-built facilities and recently the move was made permanent (more on p.4).

The Town Clerk has worked hard to improve our internal processes and we now have confidence in our accounts package. Shortly, our Council is expected to be awarded Quality Status.

I hope you'll agree that Ludlow Town Council has achieved a great deal in the past year – and there is plenty more to come. As a Council, it is our aim to serve Ludlow well, and at the heart of that aim is communication and we would love to see you at the Annual Town Meeting on 19 May (see right)

It has been a privilege to serve you over the last year and I thank you for your support. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Graham Davies, who is retiring as Common Sergeant after serving Ludlow at Civic Events for many years, and wish the new Mayor, John Aitken, the best of luck in what are exciting times for the Town.

Best wishes,

Martin Taylor-Smith  
Mayor of Ludlow

## MAYORS SUNDAY



confirmed their vow of commitment to the town and Cannon Jeffrey Wilcox, also a Town Councillor gave an appropriate and moving sermon from the pulpit.

On Mothering Sunday the town had more than one cause for celebration.

Visiting Mayors and dignitaries from the whole of Shropshire attended the Mayor's Sunday Service at St Laurence's Church.

In attendance with the congregation were Leader of Shropshire Council; Vice Chair of Shropshire Council; Mayor of Hereford; Chair of Shrewsbury Town Council; Mayor of Kidderminster Town Council; Vice Chair of Craven Arms Town Council and Ludlow Town Councillors.

During the service the Town Council

## MAYOR MAKING

Ludlow Town Council's Mayor Making Ceremony will be held at Ludlow Assembly Rooms on Wednesday 26th May 2010 at 7pm.

At this ceremony, the Mayor Elect selected by Councillors at Full Council meeting on 26th April 2010, becomes Mayor of Ludlow.

The new Mayor will announce his charity for the year, and the previous Mayor's charity – Working Together will be presented with a cheque for all monies raised during the year. The Mayor will present the Civic Awards, which honour people who have undertaken voluntary work of an outstanding nature for the community. The work may have been for a single event, or for a period of exceptional service over several years.

There are two types of award, one for people under 18 (Young Persons Civic Award), and an adult Civic Award.

The Civic Ceremony is led by the Town's Common Sergeant, John Coxill and Mace Bearer, and the Town's Ceremonial regalia will be on display.

As well as invited guests, members of the public are very welcome to attend. Public seating will be available in the balcony area.



## ANNUAL TOWN MEETING Democracy in Action...

On Wednesday 19th May 2010 at 7:30pm in Oscar's, Ludlow Assembly Rooms, residents are invited to attend the Annual Town Meeting. Councillors will update residents with information about events and projects undertaken in 2009.

There is also an opportunity for residents to raise questions, which need to be sent to the Town Clerk before Monday 10th May 2010.

All residents of Ludlow are welcome to attend.

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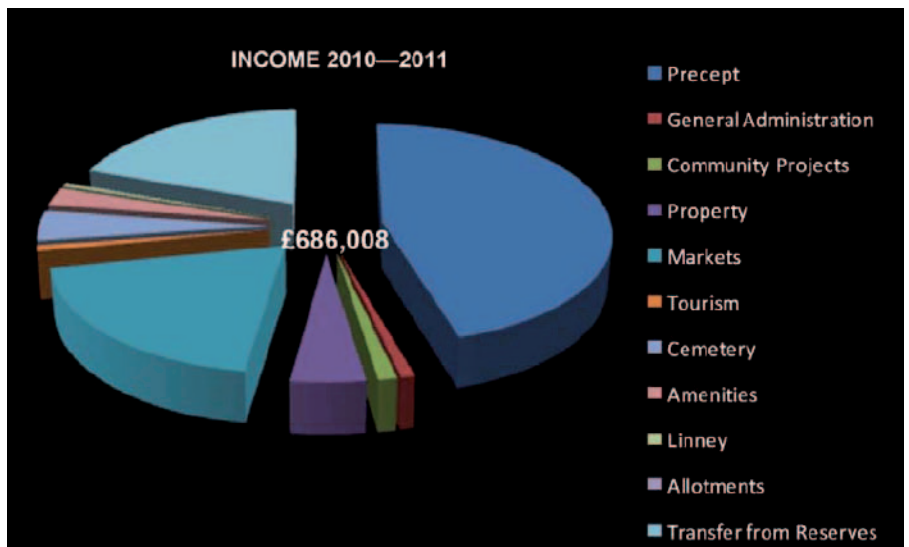
# ZERO INCREASE IN COUCIL TAX 2010-2011

## TOWN COUNCIL BUDGETED INCOME & EXPENDITURE 2010-2011

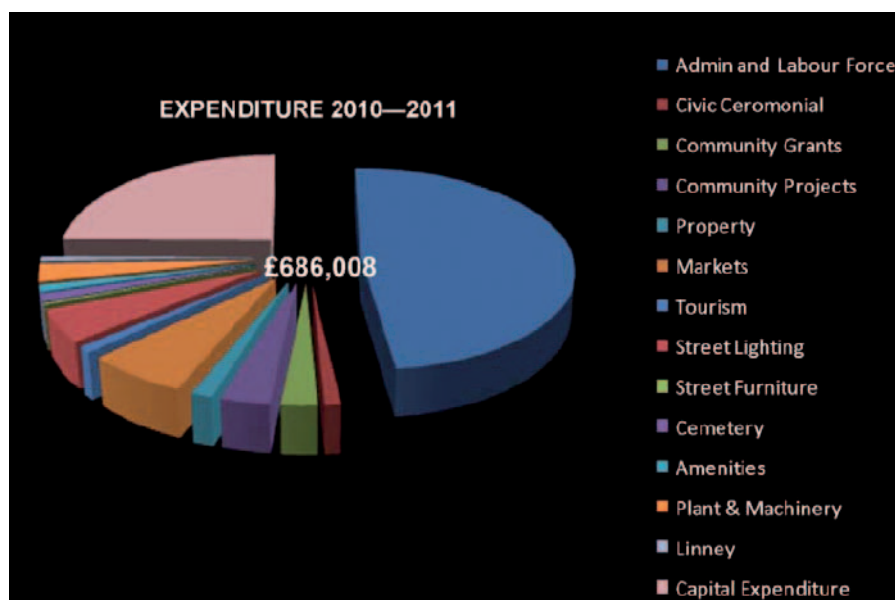
### INCOME

The Mayor and councillors, mindful of the current economic climate, felt it was important that they did not raise the precept, which is raised from council tax paid by local residents.

As you can see from the pie chart opposite, the precept is only one element in the Town Council's overall income. Other sources of income include Ludlow market, allocated grant funding, Henley Road Cemetery, and rent from properties. As a local authority, Ludlow Town Council finances are a matter of public record. A copy of the annual accounts will be available at the Annual Town Meeting on 19th May (more details on page 2).



**Pie Charts** Please read the colour coded list from the top, and the pie charts clock-wise



## EXPENDITURE

In 2010/11, the Council will deliver projects at Henley Road Cemetery, Buttercross, the Linney and Castle Gardens. Projects expenditure will be partially met by grants from outside bodies. The remainder financed by allocated funds in the Council's capital reserves.

Ludlow Town Council also provides services including the maintenance of street lighting, the administration and maintenance of Henley Road Cemetery; management of Ludlow Market, street furniture such as bins, benches and bus shelters, maintenance of recreation areas including Wheeler Road Park, The Linney, St Laurence's Garden of Rest and Castle Garden – see expenditure chart opposite for a more detailed breakdown.

## LOCAL CHARITY FOCUS

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## LUDLOW TOWN PLAN 2010 – 2015 CONSULTATION

Having first analysed the previous Town Plan 2004-2009, and assessed the scope and values of a plan for Ludlow from 2010-2015, town councillors led by working group chairman Cllr Susan McCormack, held a series of meetings with local organisations, and residents to discuss the future development of Ludlow. Cllrs have received a wide range of ideas, which will feed into the core strategies of the Town Plan.

The first public consultation event, held in a 'pop-up' stall on Ludlow, provided an especially rich vein of feedback, which has encouraged councillors use this more informal method of consultation in future.

Comments from residents indicate that they 'Welcome Town Council driving a plan'. The primary areas of concern seem to be facilities for young people, tourism and signage; other concerns include traffic, parking and policing.

Councillors would love to hear your views on the future direction for Ludlow.

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[www.ludlow.gov.uk](http://www.ludlow.gov.uk) or write to the Town Clerk at the address on the back page.



## LINNEY RIVERSIDE PARK CONSULTATION



Ludlow Town Council would like to thank everyone who took part in the Linney Riverside questionnaire – and

reserve special thanks for the children of Ludlow School, Ludlow Junior School, St Laurence's School, and 'Busy Bodies' Nursery - who enthusiastically gave their expert opinions on play equipment.

The children's preference for the Wicksteed scheme (pictured) formed the basis for our Playbuilder grant application, which if successful will secure this part of the project. We now expect to

hear whether or not the application has been successful in mid June, so although it may appear that progress is slow, nothing can happen on site until we know the funds are in place.

One clear preference has emerged from the initial analysis of the resident's feedback. Residents share Ludlow Town Council's concern to protect the flood plain eco-system. Ludlow Town Council is currently working with experts from Shropshire Council Environmental Maintenance, the Environment Agency Development and Control team, and contractors to achieve our goals and protect our investment in recreational facilities whilst maintaining the area's capacity and important function as a flood plain.

Wider analysis of the consultation information is taking place, and we would at this stage be happy to receive further constructive comments. Please contact Christopher Bayliss via email: [cso@ludlow.gov.uk](mailto:cso@ludlow.gov.uk) or on **01584 838 014** if you would like to take part and comment further.

## LUDLOW MAYFAIR 2010

In recent months, the Mayfair Safety Advisory Group (SAG) including Ludlow Town Council, the Principle Event Organisers Mr & Mrs Wynn, Emergency Services, Shropshire Council and representatives from organisations and businesses in Ludlow have been working to address public concerns and ensure a safe environment and an enjoyable experience with a minimised impact on residents and businesses.

If you have any feedback to put to the next SAG meeting, please let us know via [admin@ludlow.gov.uk](mailto:admin@ludlow.gov.uk) - your views are important to us.





## PERMANENT MOVE TO THE STABLE BLOCK

It's official, Ludlow Town Council is now based at the Stone House site in Corve Street! The purpose built offices include a ramp entrance to the side of the building, a meeting room and parking.



We welcome in person enquiries from 9:30 to 4pm Monday to Thursday and 9:30 to 3:30pm Fridays - or ring us on **01584 838 010**

We don't want to let this move affect our sense of connection with the heart of Ludlow, so we are in the process of setting up a Shropshire Council dog 'poop scoop' bag distribution centre in partnership with the Visitor Information Centre (VIC) **01584 875 053**, opposite the market. You will also be able to fill in a form to report faulty street lights.

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## TOWN CLERK'S UPDATE

Ludlow Town Council has come a long way in a year. In 2009/10, the Council's projects resulted in improvements to the drainage at Henley Road Cemetery, the complete replacement of Ludlow Market, and the completion of phase one of the Buttercross.

The consultation has taken place and it is hoped that planned works will begin later this year. Developments continue and the Town Council will consult on the Castle Gardens project, as well as continuing with improvements to the Buttercross and the development of the new Cemetery area.



## CASTLE GARDENS CONSULTATION WILL COMMENCE SOON

Look out for further info in local press and at [www.ludlow.gov.uk](http://www.ludlow.gov.uk)

## PROJECTS UPDATE HENLEY ROAD CEMETERY

### Cemetery Training

Town Council officers, funeral directors and memorial masons working at the cemetery have recently completed an extensive training programme, which was initiated to ensure that high standards are maintained. The course was well attend and twenty certificates were issued.

### Cemetery Toilets

Following advice from Shropshire Council Access Officer facilities will be unisex with a designated accessible toilet. Work is expected to begin soon. To create a disabled access and to refurbish the toilets.

### Chapel Doors

Work to improve the chapel doors will commence soon.

### Buttercross Repairs

The project continues to move forward – the lower level works including painting of the exterior doors has been completed. The next phase involves repairs to the roof and cupola.

A bid has been made to English Heritage to fund repairs to the ceiling of the first floor.



Ludlow Market offers a wide range of products –everything from fruit and veg to shoes laces and bone china. At the heart of Ludlow, the market is an important to the local economy and a great resource for residents and visitors.

The market manager, Chris Bayliss, works closely with traders to develop the market for the benefit of all. Town Councillors are also keen to find out what customers would like to buy from the market so please take this chance to tell us

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## FREE HOME FIRE RISK ASSESSMENT INCLUDING SMOKE ALARMS



Shropshire Fire and Rescue Service believe that they can play an important role in advising members of the public about the potential dangers they may have in their homes. With the busy lives that people lead today, at times little attention is paid to safety in the home, but unfortunately statistics show that it is often those neglected safety aspects that result in the majority of fires that occur within the household. Our purpose is not to judge the lifestyle of people, but to ensure people are aware of the hazards and that people can make the necessary changes thus preventing a fire starting.

As part of the FREE Home Fire Risk Assessment we will test your smoke alarms ensuring they work and are located in the right place. We recommend one per level as a minimum placed in the hall and on the landing area. For those in unprotected properties we will fit one alarm per level for free.

The Home Fire Risk Assessment will also entail discussing having a Fire Escape plan, which is crucial for all to have. If you would like to book a safety check call **01743 260298** and leave your details on our dedicated line and your details will be passed to your local fire crew and they will call you to arrange a suitable time to visit. If you have any queries you can call the Community Fire Safety Department on **01743 260260**

## NIP GARDEN CRIME IN THE BUD

Download a leaflet [www.westmercia.police.uk](http://www.westmercia.police.uk)



West Mercia Police are urging local householders to help "weed out" garden crime by reviewing and improving their garden and shed security. Even though Ludlow has a relatively low-crime area. Even so, around 1,500 shed burglaries are reported every year across the whole West Mercia region.

Many of these incidents could be avoided with a little more thought given to security and crime prevention. Many people leave valuable equipment in gardens and unsecured sheds, providing easy pickings for opportunist thieves. PC Tim Weaver, Shropshire's Crime Prevention Manager, said: "While many people take steps to protect their homes and the property inside them, they often leave valuable equipment such as power tools, mowers, garden tools and bikes in unsecured sheds in their gardens or allotments."

**Physical security of sheds:** Fitted good quality, close-shackle padlocks; windows should be fitted with a grille or mesh; inexpensive battery-powered shed alarms can be bought from hardware shops and DIY stores.

**Security of property inside sheds:** Expensive items such as bicycles, power tools, mowers, garden tools and golf clubs should preferably not be stored in sheds. If there is no alternative, they should be secured to a strong anchor within the shed, e.g. metal rings fixed to concrete on the shed floor. Large items should be chained together – it is more difficult for a thief to carry one large heavy lot of items.

**Defensible planting:** Defensible planting (prickly plants) is nature's own way of deterring burglars and increasing the security of your home and garden, and complementing other security measures to protect perimeters, windows and drainpipes. Boundaries and lighting: Boundary fences, gates and walls should be kept in good repair as they can prevent thieves from getting to the back and sides of a property.

**Security of tools and ladders:** Garden tools and ladders should not be left lying around in gardens. Unsecured tools and ladders can be used to break into a property. Garden equipment should be property marked.

For further advice or information, contact your local policing team via **0300 333 3000**

## CORRECTION FOUR RIVERS SENSORY GARDEN

It was erroneously stated in the last issue that the sensory garden had been completed - in reality - the planned scheme of works has suffered delays and the work has not yet begun. Committee members are actively involved in ensuring fund raising continues, even though the project is guaranteed to go ahead - loans will need to be repaid. If you would like to support the excellent Four Rivers sensory garden project, which will greatly enhance the lives of residents, pop along to a coffee morning at Four Rivers Nursing Home, Bromfield Road with strawberries and cream from 10am on 15th June 2010

**Date for your diary** Fashion Show at the Edinburgh Woollen Mill shop on November 18th at 7.30 pm - tickets will be for sale both in the shop and at the Four Rivers Nursing Home.

**STOP PRESS** Work is expected to commence in early May 2010!



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### MAY 2010

COMMITTEE	DATE	TIME	VENUE
Services	17 May 2010	7pm	SBSH
Annual Town Meeting	19 May 2010	7pm	Ludlow Assembly Rooms
Policy & Finance	24 May 2010	7pm	SBSH
Mayor Making	26 May 2010	7pm	Ludlow Assembly Rooms

### JUNE 2010

COMMITTEE	DATE	TIME	VENUE
Representational	1 June 2010	7pm	SBSH
Council	14 June 2010	7pm	LCC
Representational	29 June 2010	7pm	SBSH



All meetings are open to members of the public. Open session for public questions to committee is available for 15 minutes at the beginning of meetings. The chairman will invite you to speak. For further information, please ring **01584 838 010**

**VENUE KEY:** **LCC** Ludlow Conference Centre, Lower Galdeford, Ludlow SY8 1RZ **SBSH** The Stable Block, Stone House, Corve Street, Ludlow SY8 1DG

## GREAT NEWS FOR BUDDING BOXERS

Ludlow Amateur Boxing Club is planning to update facilities to help ensure the continuation of this much valued resource to the local community.



Ludlow Amateur Boxing Club (ABC) was originally set up and run by the late John Morris, who was the uncle of Duncan Morris, who along with PC Tony Sewell, Stuart Richards and Steve Davies revived the club in October 2007.

As Duncan explains, "It all started again after my son, Craig Morris and his friend Jamie Wilson, wanted to start boxing."

Craig is now a Midlands champion and has reached the semifinals of the ABA and the CYP Championships. Unfortunately, the wooden hut currently occupied by the boxing club is now described as 'beyond repair.' So the club are seeking external funding for a new building on the same site. The proposed new timber framed building will accommodate a large area for training, unisex accessible toilet facilities, storage and changing room. Sound proofing will be installed throughout the building to reduce noise and improve the energy efficiency of the building. There is also provision for six parking spaces.

Ludlow Town Council has provided funding to get the project started with the assistance of John Bryan local surveyor, who donated his time drawing up plans free of charge to the club.

Colin Richards, Historic Environment Manager, John Harrison and Nick Taylor of Shropshire Council also deserve thanks for their contribution. Anyone wanting more information about Ludlow ABC, which meets on Wednesdays during the season at the Old Hut in Wheeler Road, should contact Duncan on **07890844418**

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## CIVIC EVENTS IN MAY

**ANNUAL TOWN MEETING** Wednesday 19 May 2010 7pm Ludlow Assembly Rooms

**MAYOR MAKING** Wednesday 26 May 2010 7pm Ludlow Assembly Rooms

All residents of Ludlow are welcome to come along and find out more about your Town Council

Other Town Council meeting dates in May are listed on the previous page

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