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Welcome from the Mayor, Councillor Tim Gill



Since September, Ludlow Town Council has been considering the 2020/21 budget. In October, the Government announced that there will be no 'referendum principles' for town and parish councils in 2020/21, which is positive, but it will be considered again next year, so the possibility of a precept cap still exists. Referendum Principles mean that a referendum (costing up to £14,000 in election fees for Ludlow) would be required to raise a precept higher than say 4%.

The 4% cap of Shropshire Council's 2019/20 precept of over £154 million raises in excess of £6 million; but a 4% cap of Ludlow Town Councils half a million precept (£557, 037) raises just over £22,000 – and a higher rise would cost the tax payer up to £14,000. Ludlow Town Council is committed to providing funding for one-off projects to improve infrastructure. Clearly, such a decision could severely limit the effectiveness of the Town Council.

The Town Council has been hoping for financial help from Central Government, but the Non-Domestic Rating Public Lavatories Bill fell through due to the recent prorogation of Parliament. It would have removed business rates for buildings with public toilets, effectively making the facilities cheaper to run, and Ludlow Town Council would have saved at least £4,578 a year, but we now has to continue to pay the rates to keep Castle Street, Smithfield and the Linney public toilets open. Further budget information can be found on Page 2.



LUDLOW MEDIEVAL CHRISTMAS FAYRE

£3 OFF

ENTRY TO LUDLOW
MEDIEVAL CHRISTMAS FAYRE
ON SUNDAY 24TH NOVEMBER

2019
Ts&Cs apply



Budget Setting

Ludlow Town Council are currently setting the budget for financial year 2020/21.

The Town Council's plan since 2017 has been to grow its financial reserves to enable us to undertake a number of projects and create financial capacity to assist Ludlow in areas that Shropshire Council are reducing funding for youth services, tourism and transport. Annually Ludlow Town Council's budget delivers a range of local services. Some services also generate an income.

These charts give a brief summary of the Town Council's income and expenditure for 2018/19

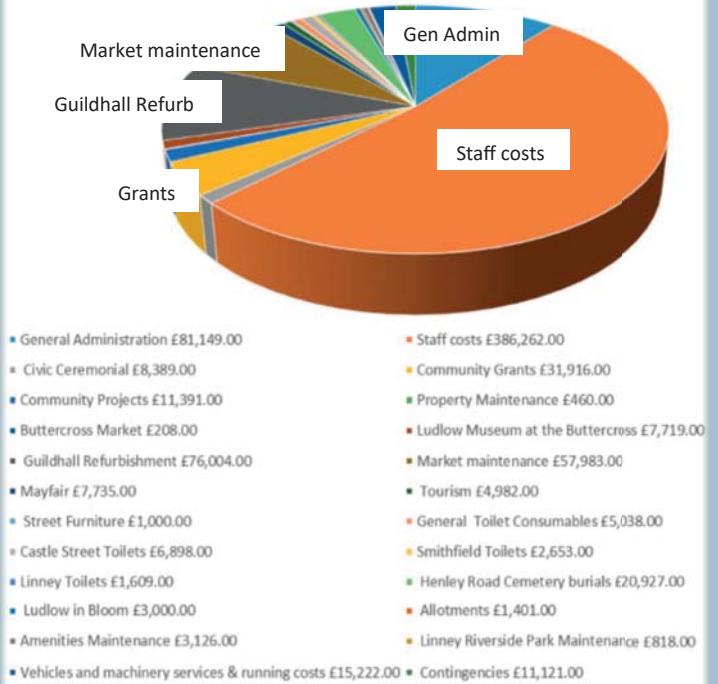
Smithfield Toilets Refurbishments are Complete!

Refurbishment works to the Smithfield Public Toilets are now finished.

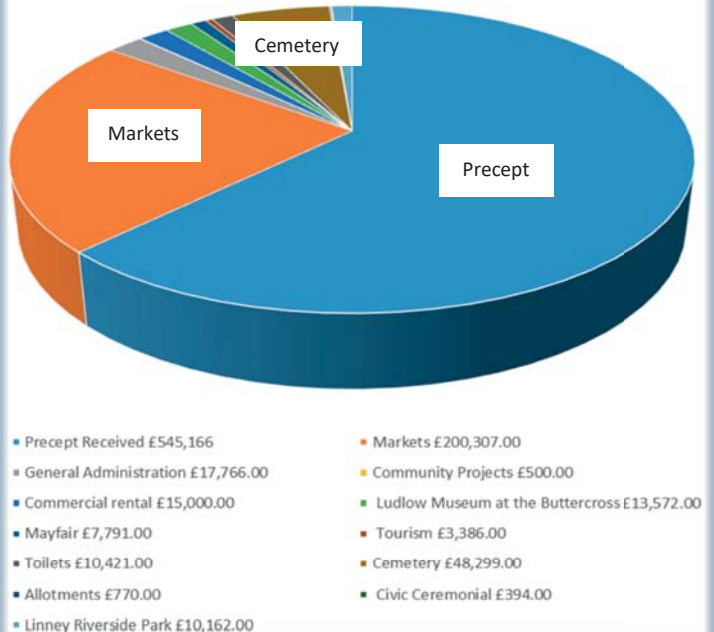
Works included painting of woodwork and ceilings.



Expenditure 2018 / 19 £747,011.00



Income 2018 / 19 £873,534.00





Regular Markets are held on Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays. Specialist Markets will also be held as follows:



NOVEMBER

- Sat 2nd November—Made in Shropshire
- Sun 3rd November—Antiques
- Thurs 7th November—Food & Craft
- Thurs 14th November—Local Produce
- Sun 17th November—Antiques
- Thurs 21st November—Christmas
- Sat 23rd November—Medieval
- Thurs 28th November—Local Produce

DECEMBER

- Sun 1st December—Antiques
- Tues 3rd December—Tinsel Tuesday
- Thurs 5th December—Christmas
- Sun 8th December—Christmas
- Tues 10th December—Tinsel Tuesday
- Sun 15th December—Antiques
- Tues 17th December—Tinsel Tuesday
- Sun 22nd December—Christmas

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY 2019 will be held on 10th November.

Please arrive on the Market Square by 10:30am for the outdoor Service, which will be followed by a Parade to St Laurence’s Church for a second Service, all are welcome. There will be a brief town centre road closure, and Castle Street Car Park will be closed from approx. 10:30am until 11:30am.



LUDLOW CHRISTMAS LIGHTS SWITCH ON

Saturday 23rd Nov 2019

Castle Square 2pm—5pm

Father Christmas will arrive at 2pm in a reindeer-pulled sleigh with the winner of the Christmas 2019 School Art Competition organised by the Town Council. Lots of fun for all the family, with free gifts from Santa, music with the Town Band and choirs, Sunshine Radio and much more.



LUDLOW RESIDENTS SENIOR CITIZENS’ CHRISTMAS PARTY

Thursday 5th Dec 2019

Ludlow College 1.30-4.00pm

Guests will be served a glass of sherry or port and a light lunch. Entertainment includes carols sung by local school children, bingo and prizes generously donated by local businesses. Tickets are free, but limited. Contact 01584 871970 or visit us at the Guildhall on Mill Street to book a place.



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Meetings & Events

Remembrance Sunday—10th November 2019—St Laurence Church
Representational Committee—13th November 2019—7pm—Guildhall
Christmas Lights Switch on—Saturday 23rd November 2019—Castle Sq
Services Committee—25th November 2019—7pm—Guildhall
Policy & Finance Committee—2nd December 2019—7pm—Guildhall
Senior Citizen's Christmas Party—5th December 2019—Ludlow College
Full Council—9th December 2019—7pm—Guildhall
Representational Committee—11th December 2019—7pm—Guildhall
Services Committee—13th January 2020—7pm—Guildhall

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