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## FOREWARD

*Points of Light* is a collection of case studies highlighting the work that local (parish and town) councils are undertaking to support their communities. Each case study features a summary of the work carried out alongside electorate, precept and expenditure figures of the local councils involved.

The case studies have been compiled to promote good practice and raise awareness of the diverse range of services local councils are facilitating. Managing the local water supply, providing breakfast packs for families on low incomes, employing a family support worker, operating a discounted housing scheme and setting up a food bank are just some of the examples of activity contained in this edition.

Research for *Points of Light* has come from a range of sources, including articles from *LCR* magazine, Council Spotlight, entries to NALC's Star Council Awards and local news stories.

NALC hopes this guide inspires all local councils to take that extra step to support their community and aides understanding of what they do.

## **ART, CULTURE AND HERITAGE**

### **Buckhurst Hill Parish Council, Essex**

Electorate: 8,970

Precept: £356,979

Expenditure: £356,979

Runs a blue plaque scheme in Buckhurst Hill. The council defines a blue plaque as a permanent sign installed in a public place to commemorate the link between a location and a famous person, event, or former building on the site. The council hopes that by doing this they will create a real sense of history in the parish and make Buckhurst Hill's heritage better known and valued. Anyone wishing to make a new application can do so by getting in touch with the council.

### **Bridgwater Town Council, Somerset**

Electorate: 26,620

Precept: £878,814

Expenditure: £809,348

Owns and operates the Blake Museum, the local museum for the archaeology and history of Bridgwater. Exhibitions are spread out over six rooms, including The Battle Room, The Archaeology Room, The Transport Room and the Bygones Room. There is also a permanent display featuring the work of local artist John Chubb, a café based in the Victorian Kitchen and museum gardens. For children the council has a find the mice hunt, with a small reward on offer for those who complete it. The museum also plays host to a number of events, including a monthly coffee morning, summer band concerts, spring and Christmas fairs and a programme of talks. The museum is currently open for three days a week, however the council hopes to increase this as it rebuilds its volunteer base following the COVID-19 pandemic.

### **Brimscombe and Thrupp Parish Council, Gloucestershire**

Electorate: 1,585

Precept: £49,250

Expenditure: £57,641

Instigated a bus shelter arts project. The council worked with Studio 18, a community based music and arts venue to design a brief. This was put out to the local artist community and six designs were chosen. Selected designs include signs evoking the industrial history of Brimscombe and Thrupp, a collage piece inspired by the surrounding valleys mixed with surreal landscapes, a celebration of the human figure incorporating elements of movement and dance, a black and white design in recognition of everyday people and a world of blue skies, fluffy

clouds, rainbows and magical mirrors. The project has been well received, with the council receiving feedback that the bus shelter project is one of the best things to happen in Stroud in years, the decorated bus shelters really cheer the place up and that they are a brilliant idea which really lifts the area.

### **Royston Town Council, Hertfordshire**

Electorate: 13,046

Precept: £331,469

Expenditure: £425,168

Owns and runs the Royston and District Museum and Art Gallery. The museum and art gallery has six aims, including: to be at the centre of the community, be resilient, become a centre of learning, become a noted centre of volunteering in the district, have a fully documented and maintained collection of objects and to maintain and develop its professional standing in the sector. Collections are diverse and cover the history of Royston from prehistoric times through to the present day. This includes the Royston Tapestry, a 24 metre long piece of linen with stitching's depicting 64 million years of local history and the Royston Crow newspaper archive, which the council is hoping to digitise and make available online. The art gallery is home to the E.H Whydale Art collection, containing a number of etchings by the artist, who lived in Royston for over thirty years.

For schools, the museum offers the loan of a number of artefact and activity boxes, allowing students to experience history hands on. On site sessions for schoolchildren are also offered, with previous topics including life before electricity, be a curator for the day and an introduction to the Stone Age. In addition, the museum hosts fortnightly toddler music and dance workshops and regular craft workshops for children aged 4 to 10 years old, as well as craft workshops for adults and the chance to use an 1855 Colombian Printing Press. For older children and adults the museum offers the opportunity to create artwork and displays through community projects such as the Young Curators Art Festival Project and the Museums in Motion Project.

### **Spennymoor Town Council, County Durham**

Electorate: 17,126

Precept: £1,360,181

Expenditure: £1,307,679

Owns the Bob Abley Art Gallery. The main gallery is dedicated to local artist Norman Cornish and includes a selection of original pieces of his work. There is also video footage of Mr Cornish talking about Spennymoor, as well as how and why he painted in the way he did. A selection of original artwork, along with framed and unframed prints, books, post cards and posters are available to purchase. The displays are complimented by work from other local and regional artists, whose work is for sale and which changes on a regular basis. There is also

a display of Coal Essence Jewellery, made from 300 million year old coal stone collected from Durham Coalfield.

### **West Dean Parish Council, Gloucestershire**

Electorate: 8,459

Precept: £167,643

Expenditure: £235,440

Supports and hosts Canopy, a creative network that supports a wide range of cultural activities in the Forest of Dean. The network aims to embed the arts into society on every level, by developing effective networks and meaningful engagement between artists, communities and businesses. It celebrates the unique qualities of Forest people and places through creative practices, aims to be economically and environmentally sustainable in everything it does, seeks to become a strong, accessible cultural community in the Forest of Dean and supports and profiles contemporary arts in the area. Artists, poets, musicians, performers, makers and designers are invited to share their events and thoughts on the group's Facebook page. The network also hosts a wide range of events, including group walks, Zoom get togethers, café chats and large showcase events. Upcoming events planned include a Showcase Festival and a number of creative walks.

West Dean Parish Council was instrumental in the founding of the network, leading on the successful bid to Arts Council England in 2018 and supporting the recruitment of a project manager at the end of that year. The council also provided significant guidance during the setup of the organisation, inputted into the steering group and led its growth and development by providing hot desk space and a physical home to the organisation.

## **COMMUNITY AWARDS**

### **Darley Dale Town Council, Derbyshire**

Electorate: 4,682

Precept: £208,637

Expenditure: £109,446

Instigated the Darley Dale Town Council Community Awards. The awards were set up to thank local people who give their time to help others and to celebrate local businesses who go the extra mile for their customers. Categories in 2020 included Community Business, Community Project of the Year, Volunteer of the Year, Teacher of the Year, Health and Social Care Award, Young Hero of the Year and Lifetime achievement.

### **Etchingam Parish Council, East Sussex**

Electorate: 712

Precept: £76,000

Expenditure: £76,271

Instigated the Emma Beeney Award to reward outstanding service to the village of Etchingam. The award is open to any person who has been resident in or has an active role in the village of Etchingam or a village based group where the majority of members are residents of Etchingam. Eligible nominees must have carried out an activity during the year that has been an outstanding achievement and has benefitted the community of Etchingam. The award will be given out every year that nominations are received and will be presented at the parish meeting in May.

The recipient of the inaugural award was chosen by Etchingam Parish Council for providing support to the community throughout the COVID-19 pandemic. The council intends for future recipients to be nominated by those who live and/or work in Etchingam and has developed a nomination form to facilitate this.

### **Haslington Parish Council, Cheshire**

Electorate: 5,995

Precept: £90,759

Expenditure: £91,010

Holds an annual Best Kept Garden competition. Awards are given to the owners of the front gardens which catch the eye of judges through use of vibrant colours, design or using other methods that make the garden stand out. The three prize categories are small, medium and large front gardens. Judging takes place automatically when the judges visit the villages of Haslington, Oakhanger and Winterley on foot.

## **COMMUNITY GROUPS**

### **Tollerton Parish Council, Nottinghamshire**

Electorate: 1,551

Precept: £65,824

Expenditure: £89,124

Acts as trustees for the Tollerton Community Trust. The trust was established in 2016 and supports fundraising, local causes and volunteering in Tollerton. The trust committee organises the annual Tollerton Village Faye, a traditional style fete held on the community open space in Tollerton. The trust also acts as a landlord to the village community pub, which is owned 50:50 by Tollerton Parish Council and the trust (via residents owning shares).



## **COMMUNITY EVENTS**

### **Cromer Town Council, Norfolk**

Electorate: 6,304

Precept: £283,574

Expenditure: £351,210

Sponsored a summer theatre programme in North Lodge Park. The Summer of Theatre 2021 featured five outdoor productions, including Macbeth, Gilbert and Sullivan, The Scarlet Pimpernel, Alice in Wonderland and a new version of Robin Hood. Advanced tickets cost £7.50 per person or £25.00 for a family, with on the day tickets costing £10.00.

### **Filey Town Council, Yorkshire**

Electorate: 5,708

Precept: £162,400

Expenditure: £255,008

Holds an annual series of summer band concerts. The concerts take place every Sunday from late July to mid-September in the Crescent Gardens or at Filey Methodist Church. Bands scheduled to play in 2021 included the Driffeld Silver Band, Scarborough Concert Band, Malton White Star Band, Stape Silver Band and West Yorkshire Brass. The council is grateful to a number of local businesses, including Filey in Bloom, Filey Museum, Filey Golf Club, Nicholsons Estate Agents, Abbots Leigh Guest House and Autocool Radiators for supporting maintenance of the bandstand.

### **Ripponden Parish Council, Yorkshire**

Electorate: 5,795

Precept: £55,000

Expenditure: £74,551

Held a Santa tractor parade. The parade saw over fifteen tractors and Farmer Klaus in a special sleigh trailer drive around the main roads in the parish. In total over a thousand residents, including lots of local children, came out to wave to Santa as he went past.

## **Selby Town Council, Yorkshire**

Electorate: 12,405

Precept: £505,241

Expenditure: £734,643

Held a free family fun day at the Scott Road Community Field. Activities on offer included fun fair rides, donkey rides, a climbing wall, bouncy castles, circus workshop, tombola's, raffles and other fun games. There was also a tea dance with the Andersons's in Selby Community Centre.

## **COMMUNITY SAFETY**

### **Staplehurst Parish Council, Kent**

Electorate: 4,911

Precept: £194,191

Expenditure: £192,943.81

Installed seven CCTV cameras around the parish. Four are static and are located on Surrenden Playing Field. The remaining three are mobile and are currently placed on The Parade, Jubilee Field and on Market Street. Since their installation Kent Police have noted that they have been used to great effect in the detection and prevention of crime.

### **Sudbury Town Council, Suffolk**

Electorate: 10,298

Precept: £691,100

Expenditure: £694,564

Employs a team of community wardens, in partnership with Babergh District Council and Great Cornard, Great Waldingfield, Little Waldingfield, Lavenham and Chilton Parish Councils. The council describes the wardens as the 'eyes and ears of the community' who provide a highly valuable presence. They are able to deal with issues such as abandoned vehicles, littering, fly tipping, graffiti and vandalism. Members of the public are encouraged to contact them when they encounter a problem, so that prompt and appropriate action can be taken. During the COVID-19 pandemic the wardens also provided support to the most vulnerable members of the community and the town's small and independent businesses. This included working with the council's community network volunteer co-ordinators to deliver food and prescriptions to vulnerable isolating individuals and families, working with the council's advice team to ensure foodbank and e-vouchers got to families in need, ensuring orders were delivered from local independent shops to customers identified as vulnerable and providing

extra support for Sudbury Market's essential retail provision by ensuring traders were safe and the set up was consistent with social distancing measures.

## **COMMUNITY VENUES**

### **Battle Town Council, East Sussex**

Electorate: 5,231

Precept: £368,830

Expenditure: £650,887

Developed a plan to repair and improve the Grade II\* listed Almonry Building. The council's vision for the building incorporated three key elements: providing excellent services to residents, supporting town development and economic growth and preserving the heritage of Battle. A consultation process to understand how residents wanted the project taken forward was undertaken in 2020. Plans to bring an architect and quantity surveyor on board were approved by the council in January 2021 and the following recommendations were accepted:

- To accept a £573,193.53 tender to carry out the following work: internal and external repairs and renovations to the fabric of the building, electrical rewiring and provision of electrical heating supplied by renewable power, provision of disabled access to the building, upgrading of toilet and kitchen facilities and provision of a Tourist Information Point within a reception area for town council and Rother District Council officers
- To apply to the Public Works Loan Board for a loan facility of £600,000 and the Rother District Council Community Strategic Infrastructure Levy(CIL) Fund for funding towards the development of wheelchair access and toilet facilities
- To apply for all necessary additional planning and other permissions, the cost of these and other professional fees associated with overseeing the works

Work to repair and maintain the building commenced in April 2021.

### **Goole Town Council, ERNLLCA**

Electorate: 14,411

Precept: £994,500

Expenditure: £1,434,747

Owns and manages the multi award winning Junction Arts Centre. The community venue is the administrative and civic base for Goole Town Council, as well as a mixed use art and community centre featuring cinema and satellite screenings, a range of live events, a workshop programme and outreach activities. Upcoming events scheduled include screenings of *Free Guy* and *Romeo and Juliet*, a family friendly theatrical performance of the *Magic Flute*, musical performances from The

League of Ukulele Gentlemen and the Two Pianos and comedy from the Barnstormers Comedy Club. A number of groups also meet regularly at Junction, including the Electric Youth Theatre, Tuesday night music club, School of Rock and Ukulele Junction.

### **Newbury Town Council, Berkshire**

Electorate: 24,893.

Precept: £1,135,249

Expenditure: £1,501,431

Hires out the council chamber for weddings. The chamber is oak panelled with a high beamed medieval style ceiling and can accommodate up to 55 guests. There is also a grand oak staircase and imposing civic entrance which can be used as a backdrop for wedding photos. Prices for hiring the hall are £420 on Monday to Saturdays and £540 on Sundays and bank holidays and include an hour before and after the ceremony. Glasses for a champagne toast can be provided for an extra £10. The town hall is also suitable for wedding receptions and there is a large catering kitchen adjacent to the chamber, with outside catering allowed. The town hall has an entertainment licence until midnight.

### **Tenbury Town Council, Worcestershire**

Electorate: 2,452

Precept: £192,980

Expenditure: £209,906

Owns The Regal, Tenbury Wells, a multipurpose community arts venue. The venue includes a 264 seater auditorium which is used for film screenings, comedy and larger theatrical performances and a studio which hosts smaller theatrical performances and musical theatre classes. Upcoming events scheduled to take place at The Regal include performances of four Radio Staged Plays, a night at the musicals with The Opera Boys, comedy from Seann Walsh and a pantomime version of Sleeping Beauty. The Regal also runs the Regal School of Creative Arts and is associated with the Regal Community Theatre.

### **South Killingholme Parish Council, ERNLLCA**

Electorate: 934

Precept: £16,440

Expenditure: £15,514

Owns and manages South Killingholme Community Centre. The community centre is substantial and consists of a meeting/waiting room, two offices, large concert hall with stage and bar facility, small hall with bar facility, kitchen and cloakroom. Behind the community centre is an additional building which can be used for

sports and recreation. It is available for hire privately by residents and by clubs and organisations. Local residents typically hire the facilities for wedding receptions, christening receptions and birthday parties, whilst clubs and groups hire the premises for activities such as bingo, community breakfasts and Friday evening social nights. Anyone wishing to hire any of the facilities is able to do so by filling out a form on the council website. Charges range from £3.00 to £17.00 an hour depending on the room required. It is also possible to hire the small and large halls all day for £70 and £100 respectively.

## **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

### **Alberbury with Cardeston Parish Council, Shropshire**

Electorate: 781

Precept: £9,500

Expenditure: £16,710

Hosts adverts for local businesses and services on the council website. Adverts cost £25.00 and are displayed until further notice. Organisations currently advertising on the website include Castle Country Club, Halfway House Stores, Homemaster Relocations, Ladybugs Nursery and Pre-School, T.O. Tomlins Ltd haulage, crane hire and storage specialists, Whitley Crest Kennels and Cattery and Agripost organics recycling.

### **Chard Town Council, Somerset**

Electorate: 10,409

Precept: £661,062

Expenditure: £698,563

Runs Chard Local Information Centre. The information centre is staffed by a friendly and knowledgeable team who can provide information on many local attractions, help arrange days out as well as offering advice on public transport, cycling and local walks. Merchandise, including local ordinance survey maps, local history books, Chard and Somerset souvenirs, postcards and other small gifts are available to purchase. The information centre also sells tickets for local attractions including West Somerset Railways, The Brewhouse Theatre Taunton, Princess Theatre Torquay, discount tickets for Wookey Hole, Fleet Air Arm and Crealy Devon and for local and national events, including Devon County Show, Royal Bath and West Show and Truckfest.

### **Flitwick Town Council, Bedfordshire**

Electorate: 10,582

Precept: £854,243

Expenditure: £854,000

Adopted the draft Flitwick Town Strategy 2021-2025. The strategy aims to provide the framework within which the community, other councils, the voluntary sector and businesses can engage with Flitwick Town Council over the next four years. It also provides an outline from which the council will develop more detailed annual delivery plans and budgets. The strategy covers the council's vision for Flitwick and its mission for how it will achieve this, the council's philosophy and how it will bring it to life in the way it works, the context of the area, the main themes for the council's work in the next four years and how the council will monitor progress towards its vision and how it will review the strategy.

Actions contained in the strategy include: supporting the enhancement and development of the village hall and the adjacent market, working with local businesses to encourage networking, investment and job creation, lobbying for increased health, education and other infrastructure provision for the town's residents, doing everything the council can to preserve the natural environment, parkland, biodiversity and important landscapes, encouraging and facilitating walking and cycling in and around the town, working with grant awarding and third party bodies to maintain and upgrade the various play parks in the town and reducing social isolating and loneliness by supporting befriending schemes and community transport. The strategy was developed following consultation with residents.

### **Hadleigh Town Council, Suffolk**

Electorate: 6,517

Precept: £368,081

Expenditure: £708,651

Worked with Hadleigh Thrift Shop, Hadleigh Chamber of Commerce and Visit Hadleigh to create a town wide loyalty scheme. The scheme, which is currently running on a six month trial basis, involved the development of a loyalty card which can be stamped in participating stores. Once a card has been filled with twelve stamps, it can be used to enter a monthly draw for a £100 voucher. Loyalty cards can be picked up from Visit Hadleigh or participating high street retailers and dropped off at the town council offices or Visit Hadleigh. Participating retailers include Adnams, Coblers Bar and Café, Double Take Hair Salon, Papillon Menswear, Rachel Boutique and The Idler Bookshop.

### **Potton Town Council, Bedfordshire**

Electorate: 4,259

Precept: £345,908

Expenditure: £239,210

Supports the running of the Four Seasons Market. The market is held quarterly on the third Saturday of March, June and September and on the second Saturday of December. It aims to use local producers and offer a breadth of products not offered by the Market Square shops. A range of goods are typically on sale including: chilli products, preserves, artisan breads, beer, game and free range meat, cheese, fruit and vegetables, honey, chocolate and sweets, cupcakes, bead jewellery, hand-made needlecraft, crocheted and children's clothing, plants, frozen fish, farm produced pies and a hog roast.

### **Teignmouth Town Council, Devon**

Electorate: 11,711

Precept: £750,369

Expenditure: £845,329

Administers pavement café licences on behalf of Devon County Council. Licences cost £50 and entitle the holder to have outside seating on the front of their premises. All licence holders must allow space for wheelchair and pram access, access for the emergency services and must keep all emergency exits and routes clear. Licences are granted for one year and are not transferable.

### **Tupton Parish Council, Derbyshire**

Electorate: 2,655

Precept: £102,000

Expenditure: £128,209

Developed and adopted a strategic plan for 2021/2. The plan acknowledges that local councils are having to think differently about how they work, connect and engage with their communities given the profound impact that the coronavirus pandemic has had on them. It also contains the council's vision statement, adopted at a meeting in June, that the council is committed to ensuring people are treated fairly and to promoting equality of opportunity for everyone to live, learn, work and relax in the parish. The strategic plan is split into four sections: supporting community, supporting the local economy, supporting health and wellbeing and supporting the local environment. Since putting the plan together, the council has resolved to begin negotiations to extend the lease on the community garden and Birkin Avenue Park.

## **Weymouth Town Council, Dorset**

Electorate: 41,783

Precept: £3,354,060

Expenditure: £4,123,770

Manages Weymouth town centre in partnership with partners and stakeholders, including Dorset Council and Weymouth Business Improvement District (BID). Management priorities include: managing projects that support the regeneration of Weymouth town centre; to support and enable town centre businesses, creating revitalised and more viable town centres; to encourage inward investment and reduce vacancy rates; to hold regular town centre management meetings to include councillors, Weymouth Town Council officers, Weymouth BID, Weymouth and Portland Chamber of Commerce Dorset Police, Dorset Council departments together with associated stakeholders and partners; to ensure town centre stakeholders are engaged and involved in major regeneration projects impacting on them and to ensure a safe night time economy that is robust and engaging to residents and visitors. Weymouth Town Council is keen to point out that the town centre has a wide range of shops and businesses, including both nationwide stores and independent family run shops. For visitors with disabilities, allocated parking is available in the middle of the town centre.

## **ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT**

### **Bellingham Parish Council, Northumberland**

Electorate: 1,003

Precept: £35,295

Expenditure: £33,903

Provides two 7kW Electric Vehicle (EV) chargers at the rear of the town hall. The Type-2 sockets are available for use by any EV driver, including residents with no off street parking and visitors to the village. The sockets are part of the Pod Open Point Charge Network. Users can pay for electricity by loading credit onto their Pod Point accounts. Full instructions on how to use the sockets are provided on the council's website.

### **Berkhamsted Town Council, Hertfordshire**

Electorate: 14,294

Precept: £294,099

Expenditure: £296,058

Declared a climate emergency at a full council meeting in 2019. A Climate Action Steering Group was formed to devise the council's strategy. At its first meeting the group agreed the following objectives: to provide leadership in order to achieve carbon neutrality in the community by 2030, to undertake practical



measures within the council's powers to reduce the impact of the council's activities on the environment, to work with all sectors of the community to publicise the declaration and develop initiatives and practical measures to help the community towards achieving carbon neutrality, to call upon the borough and Hertfordshire County Council to systematically review their services, planning regulations and local plans and implement measures to reduce their impact on the environment and climate breakdown and to call upon the Government to provide regulations and resources that will enable communities to meet the goal of carbon neutrality by 2030.

To help achieve the objectives of the Climate Action Steering Groups, three working groups covering energy, habitat and travel from carbon were set up. The council is also a member of Climate Action Berkhamsted and offers grants of up to £5,000 to organisations with projects or services that will benefit the environment and diversity of Berkhamsted.

### **Bourn Parish Council, Cambridgeshire and Peterborough**

Electorate: 780

Precept: £35,000

Expenditure: £48,017

Issued a climate change statement following an approach from a number of residents. The statement acknowledges the climate emergency and that climate change may represent a threat to the life opportunities and wellbeing of future generations. It also acknowledges that the council's future actions and decisions should take account of the need to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and the desire to reach net-zero carbon by 2030. Since issuing the statement, the council has supported a number of initiatives aimed at reducing carbon emissions. This has included helping set up a Climate Change Working Group, accelerating plans for rewilding verges and undertaking a programme of tree planting. The council has also encouraged the village hall committee and sports club to undertake carbon footprints of the village hall and sports pavilion and invited a representative from Heating Swaffham Prior to talk to the Climate Change Working group about the work they have done to get a village wide ground source heating system in place.

In summer 2021 the Climate Change Working Group launched a village wide survey with the aim of establishing attitudes to climate change and appetite for making lifestyle and behavioural changes amongst residents.

### **Bradford upon Avon Town Council, Wiltshire**

Electorate: 8,145

Precept: £885,590

Expenditure: £885,590

Approved a climate and ecological emergency strategy. The strategy outlines how the council will tackle the joint emergencies up until 2025. It includes specific measures approved by the Environment and Planning committee in December 2021, provision for around £100,000 of specific funding in 2021/22 and a commitment from the council to allocate at least 10% of its annual budget to this ongoing work in future years. The strategy also sets out actions the council has already taken, including installing solar panels on the roof of St Margaret's Hall, appointing a green spaces officer, reducing the use of chemicals to control weeds and pests and backing the community effort to become plastic free. Upcoming projects the council will be supporting with funding include installation of EV charging points at various locations in the town, provision of Terracycling collection points, provision of recycling bins and procurement of electric vehicles for use by the town wardens and CEVs. The council has also established a climate and ecological emergency fund for projects that address environmental issues and recognised the value of collaborative working with community groups, local businesses and organisations further afield with specific expertise.

### **Brenchley and Matfield Parish Council, Kent**

Electorate: 2,301

Precept: £125,000

Expenditure: £138,243

Leases Cinderhill Woods from Tunbridge Wells Borough Council. The woodland is a local wildlife site covering 12 hectares and contains a variety of habitats, including heathland, woodland and streams. An area of the heathland is fenced to enable sheep and cattle to graze in the summer months, helping to maintain the habitat for reptiles such as common lizards, slow worms and grass snakes as well as birds such as the stonechat. The Sweet Chestnut Coppice at Cinderhill is being brought back into management so that the wood can be harvested in a sustainable way for fencing materials, garden furniture and firewood.

### **Chaddesley Corbett Parish Council, Worcestershire**

Electorate: 1,202

Precept: £34,061

Expenditure: £51,826

Owns a community orchard. The first planting of fruit trees took place in February 2009. Today the orchard is home to trees bearing a variety of fruit, including

apples, pears and mulberry fruit. Fruit from the trees is available free of charge to residents and friends of the parish. The council recently received a grant from Awards for All to install fencing along the footpath side of the orchard, improving the environment for orchard users. The council also monitors play equipment located in the orchard.

### **Char Valley Parish Council, Dorset**

Electorate: 932

Precept: £20,515

Expenditure: £22,935

Passed a motion declaring a worldwide climate and ecological emergency. Since then the council has developed a climate action plan with 21 key proposals for steps it can take to support the local community and encourage change at a county and national level. These include: supporting planning applications for new renewable energy schemes where they meet low carbon standards; adapting and running the Frome Carbon Footprinting Tool to get an idea of the council's carbon footprint; creating a 'local green guide' to include advice for residents on reducing their carbon footprint; working to get as many Dorset schools as possible to participate in one of the green school projects; development of a community website to share information, resources, ideas and news and pressing Dorset Council to support and implement sustainable economic growth. The council is already working on a community led project to better manage the River Char.

### **Churt Parish Council, Surrey**

Electorate: 962

Precept: £50,908

Expenditure: £67,367

Developed a charter for Churt in support of achieving net-Zero carbon emissions by 2050. The charter covers four key areas: hardwiring the consideration of climate change and sustainability into all parish council decision making; working with Surrey County Council, Waverley Borough Council and local partners to facilitate and implement their climate emergency action plans where appropriate; working with the Surrey Nature Partnership, Surrey Wildlife Trust, the Environment Agency and other local organisations to monitor local natural assets and to conserve biodiversity and working through the newly established Churt Environment Working Group of local residents (CHEWG) to encourage and support local households and businesses to reduce their carbon emissions and improve biodiversity and environmental sustainability. The council will also look to launch initiatives and projects in the following areas: energy use at home, transport and travel, carbon offsetting, tools and environmental stewardship.

### **Crediton Town Council, Devon**

Electorate: 6,130

Precept: £325,197

Expenditure: £333,085

Runs the Keep Crediton Clean Campaign. The campaign aims to encourage residents and businesses to take action now to reduce littering, dog fouling and flyposting. To help with this, the council provides equipment to anyone organising a clean up and has free dog poo bags available for residents to use. The council has also installed cable ties to street furniture to make it easier for people to erect posters without the need to use sticky tape or staples.

### **Finchampstead Parish Council, Berkshire**

Electorate: 9,930

Precept: £168,500

Expenditure: £168,521

Launched a local 'adopt a street' scheme. Residents can sign up to look after a road or part of a road to help keep it clean and tidy. To help with street cleaning efforts the council can provide sacks, a litter picker and high visibility tabard. Problems with signs, fly tipping, faulty street lights and other similar issues can also be reported. There is no minimum time commitment required. Residents interested in signing up are invited to get in touch with the council.

### **Fownhope Parish Council, Herefordshire**

Electorate: 847

Precept: £32,000

Expenditure: £34,638

Worked with Herefordshire Green Network and local charity Caplor Horizons to develop The Great Collaboration Fownhope Portal. The web platform supports people in their journey towards reducing their impact on the environment and helps Fownhope Parish Council better understand the needs of the community. Portal users can choose from a number of actions on display and add them to their basket, starting a journey to support a cleaner greener future for Herefordshire. Fownhope Parish Council looks at the actions chosen and those that aren't, to see where local people need more support to act. For example, if lots of local people would like to drive electric cars, but feel concerned about the lack of local charge points, the council can apply for funding to get more points installed locally.

### **Goodworth Clatford Parish Council, Hampshire**

Electorate: 655

Precept: £27,727

Expenditure: £40,457

Funds the Goodworth Clatford Environmental Group. The group was set up in response to a desire to restore the waste ground between the Royal Oak Pub and the River Anton. Since then the group has also restored the riverbank adjacent to the Deep Ford in the area called Riverside Rest and begun to restore the Riverside Haven as a wildlife area. When undertaking this restoration work, the council has a number of aims including wildlife conservation, education, riverbank access and preserving the local history. The group is limited by association, with a constitution, which means it is an autonomous group that undertakes work on behalf of Goodworth Clatford Parish Council. An annually elected committee consists of a chair, treasurer, secretary and projects manager and is responsible for organising task days and AGM, raising funds and finding sponsors and keeping records of the group's activities. A nominated parish councillor liaises with the group.

### **Hollinswood and Randlay Parish Council, Shropshire**

Electorate: 4,220

Precept: £235,273

Expenditure: £248,126

Established a climate change working group in response to setting a target of being carbon neutral by 2030 and declaring a climate emergency. Over the next few months the council will share what councillors are doing to reduce their carbon footprint and help the planet. Initial suggestions include cutting down plastic use by using shampoo/conditioner bars, reducing electricity by having one day a week screen free, saving water by using boiled vegetable water (once cooled down) to water the garden, reducing waste by taking a reusable mug to coffee shops, using less petrol by walking to every meeting and reusing paper before it is recycled by writing shopping lists on the back of envelopes. The council is also undertaking a review of its processes, including utility usage and renewals, options for an electric van, LED lighting and solar.

### **Lutterworth Town Council, Leicestershire and Rutland**

Electorate: 7,882

Precept: £423,823

Expenditure: £353,055

Nominated three councillors to be tree wardens. The tree wardens gather information about local trees, get involved in local tree matters and local practical

projects related to trees and woods. Other actions the tree wardens can take include championing their local trees and woods, plant and care for trees, carry out woodland management, set up tree nurseries using seeds collected locally, survey trees and gather information about them, provide early warning of threats, disease, decay or vandalism, get together with likeminded people for training and field trips, spearhead Tree Council initiatives such as the Hedge Tree campaign to reverse the decline of trees and hedges and be consulted when a planning application affects trees in the area.

### **Marden Parish Council, Herefordshire**

Electorate: 1,105

Precept: £51,500

Expenditure: £62,488

Leads an environment and sustainability group. The council has identified a number of actions as priorities for the group. This includes promoting recycling; promoting walking, cycling and running; setting up a bicycle recycle scheme; encouraging people to rewild; increasing awareness about leaving engines running when stationary; providing education and information on various issues including mending/reusing clothes; raising/tackling concern over river pollution and fish stock levels; encouraging a community composting initiative; promoting upcycling of furniture; reducing food waste; buying carbon offsets when flying; reducing the use of pesticides and considering a community bulk buy of energy, heat pumps and solar panels. The group is chaired by a councillor from Marden Parish Council, with most other members coming from the community.

### **Nutfield Parish Council, Surrey**

Electorate: 2,074

Precept: £65,685

Expenditure: £109,956

Actively manages three areas of woodland with the help of the local tree warden group. The first wooded area is located within the council's cemetery, where a natural woodland burial section allows people to choose to be buried amongst the trees. The oldest is a small pocket woodland called the Triangle Wood which had reverted to impenetrable scrub. The Tree Wardens help manage the wood, which has oak, cherry, and birch among other species. A glade was made in the centre around a mature oak, and a short circular walk from the village was created. It is now much used and a beautiful area.

Nutfield Parish Council, again with the help of the Tree Wardens, is also planting a new three hectare woodland on a field that they own. This is a community project and an interesting task to start planting the trees in the middle of the pandemic in

March 2021, and will be completed in 2022. About a thousand trees and shrubs are going in, and natural regeneration is being encouraged.

### **Shalford Parish Council, Essex**

Electorate: 463

Precept: £22,395

Expenditure: £22,395

Supports the village tree warden. The tree warden's function is to coordinate between the local community and various council officials on matters affecting the upkeep of trees and hedgerows in the village. They can, with the help of the local community, inform the principal authority of diseased/dying trees, infringements of tree preservation regulations, infringements of conditions attached to planning permission and vandalism. Residents are invited to contact the tree warden if they require any advice or have any queries.

### **Portreath Parish Council, Cornwall**

Electorate: 1,248

Precept: £65,000

Expenditure: £81,809

Declared a climate emergency and agreed to establish a climate action network. With support from Love Portreath and a limited number of volunteers, the climate action network has created an action plan for Portreath Parish Council. This aims to help it achieve its objectives of reducing its own carbon footprint and supporting climate change mitigation initiatives within the parish. Short term actions on the plan include switching to a renewable energy supplier for all parish council run buildings and street lighting; stopping the use of weed killers and other chemicals in parks, green spaces, verges and paths; committing to using local suppliers wherever possible for the supply of goods and services and using public noticeboards to highlight environmental initiatives. In the longer term the council aims to, amongst other things, engage with other parish councils, Cornwall Council and national organisations to promote policies, actions and legislation to combat the impact of climate change, lobby for recycling points in the parish, encourage the use of public transport, lobby Cornwall Council for improved bus services and develop a programme to facilitate a transition to low carbon heating for homes and businesses.

## **Sampford Courtenay Parish Council, Devon**

Electorate: 533

Precept: £10,497

Expenditure: £15,875

Established the Sampford Courtney Environmental and Sustainable Living Group (SCEnSus). SCEnSus, a subcommittee of Sampford Courtenay Parish Council, aims to increase awareness of the way that the actions and lifestyle of members impacts the world around them, adapt aspects of members actions and lifestyles to reduce carbon emissions and other wasteful by-products and improve communication between local people. The SCEnSus webpage contains a number of climate change suggestions for everybody to consider. It also sets out other priorities the group has, including reducing reliance on regular vehicle use, promoting and stimulating dialogue between local communities and creating an outside community space that encourages biodiversity, as well as providing links to a number of useful resources such as green home grants, the recycle Devon website and Devon bus timetables.

Since its establishment, SCEnSus has supported a horticultural peat free Sampford Courtney, created a community hub to encourage those who live and work locally to be more in touch with each other and supported Keep Britain Tidy volunteers in their cleanup around the parish. The group also hosted a 'Bug Hotel' event as part of Great British Green Week 2021. This saw residents scatter wildflower seeds on a strip of the village green, fill 'bug hotels' with accommodation that bugs and pollinators prefer, learn the many different ways they can reuse plastic bottles, play traditional games and grab a fairy cake and a cup of tea and listen to a local story teller.

## **Snettisham Parish Council, Norfolk**

Electorate: 2,246

Precept: £98,000

Expenditure: £88,681

Owns Snettisham Common. The common is managed under a plan devised with Norfolk Wildlife Trust in order to encourage ecological diversity and make the most of its geological features. A new plan was adopted in 2020 which aims to set out an action plan for restoring parts of the site to lowland heath/acid grassland. The plan sets out a vision for 2020-2025, including for the two areas of relict heath to become more open, less heavily shaded and dominated by heather and heathland grasses; a mix of heather plants to be achieved through implementing cutting and raking of heather areas on rotation; woodland management to potentially be achieved as a result of a 'wood work' scheme; the face of the area directly beneath the sand pit to be kept open and the open area in front of it to be cut regularly and the visitor experience at the site to be improved through the



provision of an information board. The plan also sets out conservation priorities for 2020-2025. These include to improve the wildlife value of the woodland through increasing the range and diversity of age classes in the secondary woodland; to increase the area of existing heathland and increase connectivity between existing heathland fragments; to maintain access through bridleways and rides through regular scrub removal and to create new areas of acid grassland along edges of track ways.

### **Thurlaston Parish Council, Leicestershire and Rutland**

Electorate: 585

Precept: £25,500

Expenditure: £16,901

Established the Daniel Newton Wood alongside a bridle path near the M69 motorway. Trees for the wood were donated by East Midlands Landscaping, with Yennards Farm making the land available for planting. A competition to name the wood was held, with pupils from the local primary school invited to suggest a name and highlight the reason why they had chosen that name. The response was commendable, with creative choices by pupils of all ages. The winning name, chosen by two pupils, was Daniel Newton, in memory of a local boy who sadly passed away.

### **Wheathampstead Parish Council, Hertfordshire**

Electorate: 5,060

Precept: £266,890

Expenditure: £362,304

Installed several new litter bins across the village. The new style bins are closed at the top, making it more difficult for animals such as foxes and squirrels to get at the rubbish. The bins are also mixed waste, meaning that dog poo can be safely disposed of in them. All bins owned by Wheathampstead Parish Council are emptied twice weekly.

## **FLOOD MANAGEMENT**

### **Eynsford Parish Council, Kent**

Electorate: 1,501

Precept: £83,392

Expenditure: £65,363

Produced a leaflet for local householders in areas at risk of flooding. The flooding advice leaflet covers what to do in the event of flooding, who to ask for help and what to do to prepare for flooding. The leaflet also sets out the responsibilities of

the Environment Agency, Sevenoaks District Council and Riparian Owners (managers of waterways) and provides contact details for Floodline, Sevenoaks District Council, Kent Police, Kent Highway Services and the National Flood Forum.

## **GARDENING**

### **Eastwood Town Council, Nottinghamshire**

Electorate: 8,489

Precept: £110,565

Expenditure: £124,386

Runs a gardening assistance scheme. Elderly and disabled people living in Eastwood are invited to apply for help tidying their garden. The scheme runs annually from early Spring to late Summer and is for residents who cannot get help from relatives, friends or Broxtowe Borough Council.

## **GRANTS AND FUNDING**

### **Campbell Park Parish Council, Milton Keynes**

Electorate: 10,263

Precept: £753,508

Expenditure: £1,253,891

Set up the Geoff Taylor Educational Trust to help people of all ages further their education. Anyone resident in Campbell Park and currently in school, on an apprenticeship, undertaking industrial or professional training or at college or university can apply, including those studying part time and/or by distance learning. Applications for grants are open annually during July and August and requests for all types of educational expenditure are considered. The council also provides information on its website about the Chapman's Educational Foundation, a local charity which gives grants to young people aged 18 to 25 to support them in further education.

### **Linton Parish Council, Yorkshire**

Electorate: 111

Precept: £5,750

Expenditure: £7,444.37

Administers the Linton Community Fund. The fund offers grants for community projects and to support young people's education and travel experiences.

Community projects should aim to improve the quality of life for people living in the parish, for example through the purchase of equipment, upgrading of community buildings or the environment and one off social activities. The maximum grant available is £3,000.

Young person's travel grants are usually given to residents below the age of 25, whose travel experience will have an educational or vocational component and where travel arrangements are made through an educational establishment or reputable organisation. The applicant should also be intending to devote a considerable amount of their time on the trip to voluntary work and should be making efforts to raise a substantial part of the funds they need to finance the trip. The maximum grant available is £750. Young person's education grants normally go to residents of the parish below the age of 25, who are planning to study full or part time at a recognised educational establishment. The maximum grant available is also £750.

### **Morecambe Town Council, Lancashire**

Electorate: 26,187

Precept: £282,245

Expenditure: £127,328

Provides grant funding for organisations requiring financial support for a festival, sponsorship or event. The council encourages applications from local community based not for profit or charitable organisations, including voluntary groups, societies, clubs, playgroups, and schools (for activities such as educational trips or special events not on the normal curriculum). There is no limit to the amount that can be applied for and funding can be used for capital projects or running costs. The council recognises the challenges faced by community organisations due to COVID-19 and welcomes applications for remote solutions that can be delivered via the internet.

### **Penrith Town Council, Cumbria**

Electorate: 12,714

Precept: £450,069

Expenditure: £450,069

Administers a green funding scheme. The grow nature fund aims to encourage and support local green projects that deliver a clear and demonstrable benefit to the natural environment. Examples of eligible projects include conservation or restoration of community greenspace, environmental improvements to a community centre or village hall grounds, initiatives to reduce single use plastic, initiatives to help local people connect with their environment and activities which increase the public understanding and enjoyment of wildlife and heritage. Priority is given to schemes which result in tangible examples of environmental growth,

for example new habitats or an increase in the health of native wildlife. Organisations must be not for profit and based in Penrith. The maximum grant awarded is £1,000.

### **Porlock Parish Council, Somerset**

Electorate: 1,183

Precept: £69,500

Expenditure: £64,096

Set up the Porlock High Street Recovery Fund together with Somerset West and Taunton Council. The Porlock High Street Support Group was formed to deliver the £25,000 grant, which was given specifically to support and help the recovery of the high street following the COVID-19 pandemic. An indicative plan, setting out how the money should be spent, was developed following consultation with Porlock High Street Traders, residents and organisations and approved by Porlock Parish Council and Somerset West and Taunton Council in March 2021. Since approval of the indicative plan, the group has started work on the agreed projects, including extending the opening hours of the public toilets on the high street, provision of an additional public toilet, developing a programme of free events and activities throughout the year, purchasing extensive new signage and arranging a number of floral displays.

### **Wanstrow Parish Council, Somerset**

Electorate: 394

Precept: £6,922

Expenditure: £11,525

Established an environmental fund to help parishioners improve the local environment. Anyone in the parish can apply for funding to cover the cost of work or materials for small environmental improvements within public areas of the parish, such as tree planting, installing a bench or clearing up a neglected area. Costed estimates, preferably with quotations for work and materials, are required for applications over £100. Applicants are responsible for ensuring that any necessary landowner permissions are obtained. Funding for the grant scheme is derived from grants made to the council from local renewable energy projects.

## **HEALTH AND WELLBEING**

### **Abbots Langley Parish Council, Hertfordshire**

Electorate: 16,457

Precept: £782,075

Expenditure: £752,360

Installed eight community access public defibrillators in locations around the parish. The defibrillators are located in locked security cabinets. A code to access the units is generated by the ambulance service when they receive a 999 call and the control room operator identifies a patient is having a cardiac arrest. Full instructions are located next to each unit and no prior training is required to operate them. Funding for the defibrillators came in part from donations the council received.

### **Banwell Parish Council, Avon**

Electorate: 2,393

Precept: £93,908

Expenditure:

Worked in collaboration with Weston-Super-Mare Food Bank, Banwell School, Love Banwell and Banwell Minibus Society to set up Banwell Foodbank. The foodbank is based in Banwell Youth and Community Centre, where food can be donated and collected. Initially the food was used to top up pupil premium food parcels given out by Banwell School, however this was soon expanded to include anyone in need. The clerk of Banwell Parish Council was particularly instrumental in the establishment of the foodbank, arranging funding from the council to purchase food and ID cards, securing priority shopping with local supermarkets and funding for a local charity to purchase food as well as doing the shopping herself. Since it was set up, the foodbank has grown and is now a recognised outpost of the Weston Food Bank.

Banwell Parish Council also set up several initiatives to complement the foodbank. This included delivery of a non food parcel and children's activity pack over the summer, the establishment of an Easter and summer food club, purchase of chocolate selection boxes and Easter Eggs at Christmas and Easter, also for pupil premium families and in, association with Asda, funding ingredients for 22 Christmas meals for pupil premium families which were then cooked by chefs from The Bell Inn. For the Easter and summer food clubs, ingredients, equipment and recipe cards were delivered to pupil premium families.

### **Barrington Parish Council, Cambridgeshire and Peterborough**

Electorate: 852

Precept: £75,573

Expenditure: £71,965

Supports the Harden and District Village Warden Scheme. The scheme is aimed at those living independently who would feel more secure if they had someone they could turn to at short notice. For £3 a week for an individual, or £4.50 for a couple, the warden scheme will provide daily contact and help with minor tasks and outings. The scheme is available as an ongoing weekly service or for short periods such as following discharge from hospital or when family members are away.

### **Billingham Town Council, Cleveland**

Electorate: 15,681

Precept: £265,546

Expenditure: £288,357

Runs a weekly lunch service. Vulnerable elderly residents can have a free two course meal delivered to their door every Sunday. The service provides a hot meal for those not able to cook and a familiar friendly face in the form of the volunteer delivery driver. Volunteers have also been able to help in other ways, including assisting one resident who had fallen over and wasn't able to get up or get to the phone to call for assistance. In January 2021, as part of its annual budget, the council agreed a financial commitment that will enable the lunch service to run until at least March 2022 and expand its reach to support 150 residents each week.

### **Bungay Town Council, Suffolk**

Electorate: 3,978

Precept: £142,545

Expenditure: £134,997

Works in partnership with East Suffolk Council and Halesworth Volunteer Centre on Bungay Live Well. The scheme aims to offer and promote opportunities for people of all ages to make a real difference in their local community. It also aims to reduce social isolation and loneliness and keep people active whilst improving the quality of life for themselves and others. A database of community groups, clubs, organisations and volunteering opportunities in Bungay and surrounding areas is available on the Bungay Town Council website. This extensive list of over 40 organisations and opportunities includes the Black Dog Judo Club, Fisher Theatre, Joyful Voices Community Choir, Bungay Rotary Club, Ditchingham Men's Shed and Waveney Mental Health Support Groups. Community groups, clubs and

organisations interested in being added to the database are invited to complete the contact information form available on the Bungay Town Council website. Postcards advertising the opportunities on offer are distributed across Bungay and surrounding areas.

### **Charlton Kings Parish Council, Gloucestershire**

Electorate: 9,347

Precept: £146,175

Expenditure: £203,356

Launched a project to tackle loneliness and isolation in Charlton Kings. A community development researcher was employed by Charlton Kings Parish Council on a short term contract, co funded by the council and a grant from Gloucestershire County Council's 'Growing our Communities' fund. The first phase of the project involved the research and mapping of existing support services and activities available in Charlton Kings and the wider Cheltenham area. The information was then put together as an online directory for social prescribers and as a hard copy publication for distribution across community hubs. A comprehensive report from the community development researcher also made recommendations for further service developments to build community resilience: physical health, mental health, transport and mobility, digital inclusion and young people and families. The project is now focused on working with local GP practices, pharmacies, churches, community social prescribers and other grassroots community organisations to build on the recommendations arising from the research report, starting with a community engagement exercise in understanding more about individual and collective experiences of the COVID-19 lockdown.

### **Denham Parish Council, Buckinghamshire and Milton Keynes**

Electorate: 6,168

Precept: £378,049

Expenditure: £248,929

Installed outdoor gym equipment at two locations in the parish. The gym at Way and Tillard recreation ground includes a chin up and dip up, abs bench, hydraulic high pulley, hydraulic stepper and hydraulic chest press. The Knighton Way Lane gym features hydraulic triceps, hydraulic leg press, spinning bicycle, hydraulic shoulder press and elliptical trainer. The equipment allows users to exercise all the main core muscles as well as undertaking cardio vascular workouts. Signage on the equipment with QR tag technology links to instructional videos on how to safely use it.

## **Galleywood Parish Council, Essex**

Electorate: 4,365

Precept: £107,176

Expenditure: £112,618

Established a health and wellbeing working party to look at all aspects of health and wellbeing in Gallywood. Two documents have been produced by the working party. The Health and Wellbeing Plan for Gallywood aims to illustrate how the council will consider social isolation, mental health, learning disability, physical activity and weight management in its vision for Gallywood. Actions identified in the plan include encouraging cycling, holding a community drop in café, running computer classes and providing play equipment for older children. The plan also contains contact numbers for key organisations including Active Essex, Citizens Advice Bureau, Galleywood Volunteer Group and Inform Gallywood. The Gallywood Wellbeing leaflet sets out details of groups that people can join or drop in for some company and a chat.

## **Oldland Parish Council, Avon**

Electorate: 11,511

Precept: £161,788

Expenditure: £377,459

Set up a Cycling and Walking Steering Group to encourage more people to cycle and walk. Since being launched in 2020, the group has generated interest and support from other local councils, South Gloucestershire Council and Bath and North East Somerset Council and local residents. The project is now operating through integrated 'cross border' collaboration and reflecting this cross border involvement, has been relaunched as the Bristol East Fringe Cycling and Walking Group. The group aims to take full advantage of the opportunity to make positive and practical changes to improve the existing cycle/walking network on the area, particularly in light of the launch of recent campaigns and funding schemes by the Government and the West of England Combined Authority to promote and support cycling and walking. The group recognises that to enable people to choose to walk and cycle instead of using their cars will require an improved local cycling/walking network which is inclusive, inviting, integrated and inherently safe.

To ensure the project reflects the views and needs of the whole community, an online consultation exercise was carried out to see where improvements were required to make cycling and walking safer, attractive and more convenient. Submitted comments were consolidated into an issues log which is being used by the group to prioritise and track actions and monitor the outcomes. Actions taken so far include obtaining funding for cycling/pedestrian friendly bollards, improved road markings and enhanced safety barrier visibility, clearance of vegetation on



the Ring Road path and repairing of potholes which cyclists previously had to ride over.

## **HOUSING AND PLANNING**

### **Chichester City Council, West Sussex**

Electorate: 22,375

Precept: £702,156

Expenditure: £895,747

Works in consultation with Royal Mail, property developers and other interested parties to implement street naming and numbering in the City of Chichester. Residents and business owners looking to change, add or remove a property name are invited to request permission by filling out a form and returning it to the council.

A separate form is available for the registration of new dwellings and developments. For single dwellings a number is allocated to the property by the street naming and numbering officer and an application sent to Royal Mail to register the address. Once confirmation of the address has been received from Royal Mail, the City Council informs the Emergency Services and Chichester District Council. A formal letter together with a plan and numbering schedule is then sent to the applicant. Where a development consists of two or more properties, it is a statutory requirement that Chichester City Council Planning and Conservation Committee is consulted and approves the name and numbering. Information is then sent to Royal Mail and a postcode allocated. Once the City Council has received these, the Emergency Services and Chichester District Council are informed and a formal letter together with a plan and numbering schedule is sent to the developer. Guidelines for developers on numbering of properties is available on the council's website. The council also carries out the provision and maintenance of street nameplates within the city.

### **City of Ely Council, Cambridgeshire and Peterborough**

Electorate: 15,373

Precept: £613,419

Expenditure: £886,226

Operates a discounted housing scheme. The scheme includes a development of fifty four properties, which, when completed in 1992, had gas central heating, double glazing and a fully fitted kitchen. Applicants to the scheme must either live, work or have close relatives living in the parish and their income must be insufficient to enable them to purchase a home in the commercial housing market. All properties are sold on a fixed shared equity leasehold basis, whereby the purchaser owns around 76% share of the equity and pays a monthly rent in

respect of the remaining percentage. A publication covering the idea and the process to make it happen has been produced by the councillor who thought up the idea and has been bought by other local (parish and town) councils.

## **LIBRARIES**

### **Branston and Mere Parish Council, Lincolnshire**

Electorate: 3,673

Precept: £151,358

Expenditure: £236,233

Employs a volunteer coordinator to oversee Branston Community Library along with approximately 20 volunteers. The library is located on the site of Branston Community Academy in a property leased by the council. It is open four days a week and has a wide range of books and talking books, with new stock added every week. A variety of community groups meet at the library, including U3A Bridge and Scrabble, Poetry and Prose, Family History and Reading Group, the Lego Club and the Adult Craft Group. Children's craft activities are also available every Saturday and during school holidays. Funding for the library lease comes from a Community Hub Annual Revenue Grant from Lincolnshire County Council.

### **Newquay Town Council, Cornwall**

Electorate: 17,591

Precept: £1,801,523

Expenditure £2,140,361

Manages Newquay Library and Information service, with support from Cornwall Council. The library is open six days a week and offers a range of facilities and services, including free wifi, access to computers, scanning, photocopying and processing of bus pass applications. The information service offers signposting of services and assistance for the vulnerable and homeless. Throughout the COVID-19 pandemic the council has provided book bundles and lucky dip picture books for those who do not wish to browse the library.

### **Paulton Parish Council, Avon**

Electorate: 4,720

Precept: £244,632

Expenditure: £271,005

Manages Paulton Library. The library is open six days a week and has hundreds of books available to borrow, including a colourful selection of children's books. A dedicated and enthusiastic group of volunteers staff the community facility and can order in books that are not currently on the library shelves. The library has recently received a delivery of reading well books which help people understand

how to manage their health and wellbeing. Later this month it will host an open evening to enable people to find out more about their local library.

### **South Swindon Parish Council, Wiltshire**

Electorate: 43,000

Precept: £2,567,193

Expenditure: £2,622,686

Took over the management of Old Town Library in 2017 when community libraries in Swindon were under threat of closure. Following a revamp of the children's section of the library and new dedicated staff, interest in the library grew exponentially with book loans increasing by 125% and library events often becoming oversubscribed. When Covid struck the library was creative in how it could engage library members and the local community more generally. Library volunteers delivered book bundles to people who were shielding or medically vulnerable, the librarian started a weekly programme of online children storytimes called "Old Town Library At Home" and the library started story trails in local parks for children and adults to enjoy while doing their daily exercise.

Once government guidance allowed, the library reopened in a Covid safe way with events like story, rhyme and craft restarting. In July 2021 a library event called "The Amazing Race – Jumanji" was organised to launch Swindon's Summer Reading Challenge. It was a free event for family teams to race around a local park solving puzzles and completing challenges as a team. The council is very proud of the successes of Old Town Library which couldn't have been achieved without its inspiring staff and dedicated volunteers.

### **Stowey Sutton Parish Council, Avon**

Electorate: 1,234

Precept: £24,625

Expenditure: £24,625

Oversees the operation of Chew Valley Library as part of an agreement with Bath and North East Somerset Council. Day to day operations are run by a core group of volunteers, with a subcommittee of councillors providing the link between Stowey Sutton Parish Council and the library. Around 3,000 books are available to borrow and there are also wifi facilities, local newspapers and an onsite café. A number of events and activities take place at the library, including the summer reading challenge and craft afternoons. The library is always looking for new volunteers to check books in and out, help with filing and serve in the café.

## **PARKS AND OPEN SPACES**

### **Beaminster Town Council, Dorset**

Electorate: 2,571

Precept: £199,947

Expenditure: £265,426

Secured grant funding to develop a skate park for Beaminster. This included over £98,000 from the National Lottery Communities Fund, as well as two additional grants from West Dorset District Council. The skate park features a miniramp; bowled, raised corner; transition area with corner extension and pocket bowl. The need for a skate park was identified following research and consultation with residents and local school children.

### **Deanshanger Parish Council, Northamptonshire**

Electorate: 2,961

Precept: £95,000

Expenditure: £117,455

Owns Deanshanger Pocket Park. The pocket park is intended as both a haven for wildlife and a natural oasis for the people of Deanshanger to enjoy. Amenities in the park include a woodland area, community orchard with fruit trees, ponds, a stone circle, seats and picnic tables and a dipping platform. The park is wheelchair and pushchair accessible thanks to its wide entrance gates and network of stone paths.

### **Hazelmere Parish Council, Buckinghamshire**

Electorate: 7,567

Precept: £290,266

Expenditure: £358,756

Owns and maintains three recreation grounds in Hazelmere. Hazelmere Recreation Ground features seating, dog and litter bins, an enclosed young children's play area and basketball court, trees, exterior fencing and hedging. The council has made a number of improvements to the recreation ground, including upgrading the play area and installing a multiplay area for football and cricket. Local tennis, bowls, football and pigeon clubs all use the facilities at the grounds. Rose Avenue Recreation Ground contains seating, dog and litter bins, an enclosed young children's play area, youth shelter, gym equipment, basketball court, trees, exterior fencing and hedging. Improvement work carried out by the council includes installation of outdoor gym equipment, replacement fencing and additional play equipment for both younger and older children. The Dell is a large open space, woodland and recreation ground with seating, dog and litter bins, young children's play area, kicking wall, trees, exterior fencing and hedging. The

young children's play area was refurbished in 2013, with additional equipment for younger and older children installed in 2018.

### **Mapledurham Parish Council, Oxfordshire**

Electorate: 227

Precept: £5,455

Expenditure: £5,455

Owns and manages the Rokeby Recreation Ground. The ground consists of a field with swings, a slide and other play equipment for children as well as a goal post, seats and a large picnic table. There is also a rear field which can be used for walking. Between the two fields is a spinney (a small area of trees and bushes). Dogs are welcome, except on the play equipment and a dog bin is provided at the entrance of the recreation ground.

### **Princes Risborough Town Council, Buckinghamshire and Milton Keynes**

Electorate: 6,788

Precept: £392,100

Expenditure: £1,200,757

Manages six parks and gardens in Princes Risborough. Wades Park features a play area for children under six, a multi use games area and a selection of adult fitness equipment. At St Dunstan's, amenities include a large children's play area and small toddler play area. Facilities at The Crescent include a children's play area with zip wire. King George V recreation ground contains a large children's play area with zip wire and skate park. The full sized grass pitches at Earl Mitchell recreation ground are normally used for football and there is a small children's play area at Kite Meadows recreation ground.

### **Shepton Mallet Town Council, Somerset**

Electorate: 7,989

Precept: £615,970

Expenditure: £440,433

Manages the Collet Park charity. Collet Park was the first park in the Mendip Area to receive a Green Flag award, which it has now received for three years running. Facilities in the park include a café with outdoor seating, toilets, a defibrillator, two play areas, outdoor gym, bandstand, largely naturally fed pond, ball game area, bike racks and a water refill station. The park is also home to a full calendar of events and activities, including outdoor yoga, parkrun, model boat club and Collet Festival.

## **West Moors Town Council, Dorset**

Electorate: 6,371

Precept: £146,679

Expenditure: £171,719

Owns and manages Fryer Field, a large recreation ground in the north of West Moors. Facilities at the recreation ground include a pavilion building, football pitches, children's play area, skate park and multi use games area. The pavilion contains a meeting room with screen and projector, small kitchen, changing rooms and toilets. There are also free to use tennis courts available.

## **PUBLIC TOILETS**

### **Ludgershall Town Council, Wiltshire**

Electorate: 3,741

Precept: £223,724

Expenditure: £183,567

Owns and maintains the St James Street car park public conveniences. The ladies and gentleman's toilets are open from 8:00am to 19:00pm and are free of charge. The disabled toilet is available to access 24 hours a day using a radar key.

## **PUBS**

### **Longparish Parish Council, Hampshire**

Electorate: 567

Precept: £21,898

Expenditure: £25,601

Supported the Longparish Community Pub Limited (LCPL) in its initiative to secure ownership of The Plough Inn. Following consultation with residents, the council successfully applied for a £300,000 loan from the Public Works Loan Board to help buy the pub. Purchase of the pub was completed in February 2021, with a long-term lease granted to Longparish Community Pub Ltd.

## **PLAYGROUNDS**

### **Ackworth Parish Council, Yorkshire**

Electorate: 6,205

Precept: £209,358

Expenditure: £269,156

Owns three playgrounds in Ackworth. The Carr Bridge playground contains an enclosed area for children under 12, with integrated climbing frame, slide and monkey bars, a climbing wall, two toddler swings, a springy, a spinner, and several balance steps. Outside of the enclosed area is there is a large basket swing, an enclosed slide and a standup see saw. Low Ackworth playground was upgraded in 2017 with funding from Wakefield Council. It now features a timber climbing frame complete with ladder, nets, monkey bars, a fireman's pole and wobbly bridge. A see saw, dragonfly and snail sculptures and a new basketball hoop are among other additions. Equipment at Brackenhill playground includes two toddler swings, intergrated climbing frame and slide, a toddler zone and spinner. The Carr Bridge and Low Ackworth playgrounds are managed by Ackworth Parish Council, while the Brackenhill playground is managed by Wakefield Council.

### **Cubbington Parish Council, Warwickshire and West Midlands**

Electorate: 3,038

Precept: £51,390

Expenditure: £245,866

Worked with contractors to install new equipment in the Austen Court and Recreation Ground playgrounds. Equipment was selected following consultation with children at the two local primary schools and through running a stall at the Cubbington Fun Day. Around 500 responses were received and the council worked to compile them into a wish list. Alongside installation of new play equipment, the council also worked to install a 500m path around the perimeter of the recreation ground to allow all users, including disabled users, to make full use of the ground. Other updates included planting over 90 trees and a 140m hedgerow. The council is now in the process of installing an adult fitness area and a fully inclusive sensory garden to combat social isolation and generate community cohesion. Funding for the refurbishment came in part through a £75,000 grant from the Groundworks Community Project.

### **Downton Parish Council, Wiltshire**

Electorate: 2,619

Precept: £113,249

Expenditure: £151,983

Responsible for a number of playgrounds in Downton and Charlton All Saints. Charlton All Saints playground contains a mini roundabout, swings, slide and park bench. Equipment in Downton Memorial Gardens includes a football pitch, basketball hoop and a playground for early years and primary school aged children. Downton Moot Lane recreation ground features swings for younger children, a pirate ship, kick wall, park benches and BBQ facility. The recreation ground is also home to a skate park and outdoor gym.

### **Pagham Parish Council, West Sussex**

Electorate: 5,133

Precept: £68,598

Expenditure: £75,346

Manages two playgrounds in Pagham. The Village Hall playground caters for children aged 6 and over. Equipment includes a play frame, sports wall, table tennis table, exercise equipment, team swing, infinity bowl and an inclusive springer with disabled access within the safety of a fenced off area. The playground was improved in 2014 following a successful application for a £25,000 grant from Veolia. Equipment at Hook Lane playground includes traditional swings, a tyre swing, multi play unit and seesaw. There is also a combination goal which can be used for basketball and football and an enclosed grassed area for free play.

## **TRANSPORT**

### **Audley Rural Parish Council, Staffordshire**

Electorate: 6,561

Precept: £157,503

Expenditure: £184,673

Subsidises and supports the Door2Door community transport scheme. The scheme is aimed at those who do not have their own vehicle and cannot access public transport easily. Transport can be booked for a variety of journeys, including attending health related appointments, social/recreational events and clubs, visiting friends and banking, shopping and hairdressing. Journeys need to be booked in advance and a fare is charged based on the distance travelled.



### **Lympstone Parish Council, Devon**

Electorate: 1,713

Precept: £47,000

Expenditure: £124,806

Jointly funds Exmouth and District Community Transport Group's ring and ride service. The service is for people of all ages who are unable to access public transport, are rurally isolated or have mobility problems. A minibus operates every Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday and one Wednesday a month.

Destinations include the local Tesco, Exmouth Town Centre, Exeter and community lunch venues, with prices ranging from £7 to £10 for a return journey depending on the destination. The service runs door to door and the driver can help passengers with getting on and off the bus.

### **Wimborne Minister Town Council, Dorset**

Electorate: 6,482

Precept: £438,800

Expenditure: £508,930

Part funds the number 88 community bus service. The service is run by the ECT Charity and goes from Sturminster Marshall to Wimborne on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays except public holidays. Fares are £2.50 for an adult single and £1 for a child aged between 8 and 18. Travel is free for children under 8.

## **SPORT AND LEISURE**

### **Gainsborough Town Council, Lincolnshire**

Electorate: 14,609

Precept: £527,860

Expenditure: £617,704

Manages the Marshall Sports Ground and Pavilion. Outside facilities at the sports ground include seven pitches, of varying sizes, which can be used for cricket, football, rounders, bowls and events. Inside, the facilities include a community hall, kitchen, toilets (including accessible toilets) and changing rooms. The hall has capacity for up to 143 people seated and 240 standing and is suitable for weddings, parties, meetings, exercise and dance classes. Onsite parking is available for 60 cars plus there are four disabled bays. All facilities are available for hire, either per match or, in the case of the community hall, per hour.

### **Hellesdon Parish Council, Norfolk**

Electorate: 8,871

Precept: £514,210

Expenditure: £525,522

Owns a number of sports facilities. The tennis and netball courts are available for hire, whilst the bowling green is home to Hellesdon Bowls Club. Anyone interested in hiring either the tennis or netball courts is invited to give the council a call. There are also three marked football pitches on the recreation ground which can be used by groups from the under 11's through to seniors.

### **Kings Hill Parish Council, Kent**

Electorate: 6,125

Precept: £484,279

Expenditure: £576,585

Operates Kings Hill Sports Park. Facilities at the sports park include a fully equipped 3G pitch which is registered with the Football Association, four grass pitches, an events arena, sports pavilion with eight changing rooms and a sports bar. The sports park is home to many grass roots football teams, including Kings Hill F.C., Rubicon Limericks F.C., Larkfield F.C., Ditton Juniors and Charlton Athletic Girls P.D.C. as well as The Rondos Academy, a dedicated training academy for players aged 5 to 16. In addition to football clubs, the sportspark also hosts Typhoon Rugby, a fun and social touch rugby club. The events arena can be used for a variety of activities, including open air cinemas and music festivals. All facilities are available to hire all year round, including for birthday parties, bubble football, team building and corporate activities. The council also has an arrangement with Rondos Academy to deliver children's football parties.

### **Oakley and Deane Parish Council, Hampshire**

Electorate: 4,363

Precept: £102,500

Expenditure: £124,878

Manages two sportsgrounds in Oakley and Deane. The Newfound Sports Ground contains football pitches of various sizes as well as a cricket pitch. There is also a pavilion with changing facilities, committee room and kitchen. In 2004 the council worked on designing, applying for grant funding and putting aside funding from the precept to build the pavilion. The Peter Houseman Ground contains mini, junior and senior football pitches and is predominantly used by Oakley F.C., although it is also an informal open space for village residents. The original pavilion was demolished and replaced by a new building in 2012 and now contains good changing facilities and a small meeting room. Facilities at both sports grounds are available for hire by contacting the council.

### **Patchway Town Council, Avon**

Electorate: 9,430

Precept: £730,655

Expenditure: £1,372,650

Has a number of sporting facilities available for hire. The large 3G training facility has the flexibility to be used as a 7 aside pitch or two 5 aside pitches. The twin net cricket facility has fully enclosed nets and a screen up at both ends and is perfect for all cricketers. Both facilities are available for hire seven days a week. The council has also recently completed installation of a small basketball court at the Blakeney Road playing fields. Funding for the basketball court came in part from S.106 money from South Gloucestershire Council, with Patchway Town Council contributing the rest.

### **Peterlee Town Council, County Durham**

Electorate: 14,995

Precept: £1,294,911

Expenditure: £2,635,277

Employs a sport and wellbeing manager. The sport and wellbeing manager is responsible for organising, developing and delivering a varied programme of sport, wellbeing and physical activities to encourage people of all ages to become more active and look after their physical and mental health. Together with the activities officer, the sport and wellbeing manager runs the Peterlee Active Community Exercise Scheme (PACES), providing low impact, social exercise sessions for adults. Exercise classes available as part of PACES take place at Peterlee Town Council's Pavilion Sports and Community Centre and include circuit challenge, body tone, health walk, aerobics, yoga and pilates.

### **Shaftesbury Town Council, Dorset**

Electorate: 6,808

Precept: £502,311

Expenditure: £550,291

Runs the Shaftesbury Oasis open air swimming pool. The 25 yard pool is staffed by a team of professional lifeguards and is described as a great place to learn to swim, have family fun or keep fit with lane swimming. A wide range of sessions are available, including adults only, family swim, aqua fit and lane swimming. Slots are also reserved for party bookings, with the pool able to supply floats and slides. Swimming sessions cost £5 per adult, £4 per child, £2 for the under 3's and £7.50 for aqua fit. Regular user discounts are also available, with 12 sessions sold for the price of 10. The pool is open from 06:30-21:00 Monday to Friday and 08:00-16:45 Saturday and Sunday. A family viewing area with free Wi-Fi is available, as are soft drinks and snacks.

### **West Haddon Parish Council, Northamptonshire**

Electorate: 1,488

Precept: £152,509

Expenditure: £241,479

Owns West Haddon Sports and Community Pavilion. The pavilion is used by a number of local sports clubs, including a petanque club, tennis club and the West Haddon Albion football team. Events such as Picnic in the Park also take place there. The Pavilion is available for hire for commercial functions, sporting and social events, sporting fixtures and training events, special events such as festivals and car boot sales.

### **Wroughton Parish Council, Wiltshire**

Electorate: 6,332

Precept: £503,941

Expenditure: £461,678

Maintains a number of sports pitches within the parish. Pitches at Weir Field Recreation Ground, Belmont Farm and the Recreation Ground on Maunsell Way are available to hire for football training, adult and junior football matches, cricket matches, fairs and circuses. The Wroughton Wranglers Cricket Club, Wroughton Football Club and Wroughton Youth Football Club all use the facilities on a regular basis.

## **STREET LIGHTING**

### **Amersham Town Council, Buckinghamshire and Milton Keynes**

Electorate: 11,477

Precept: £763,804

Expenditure: £1,093,793

Owns and maintains 915 streetlights throughout Amersham. The council is gradually replacing the old style bulbs in the lights with LED's. The light from the LED's is brighter and the colours of the bulbs are getting softer and more sympathetic to residential areas. Whilst LED lights are initially more expensive, they last longer and use far less energy than the old style bulbs. Street lights that are out or columns supporting the lights that are starting lean can be reported to the council via their website.

## **WATER SERVICES**

### **Carlton Town Parish Council, Yorkshire**

Electorate: 120

Precept: £15,000

Expenditure: £10,877

Manages the local water supply. Water provided to the residents of Carlton Town comes via a private supply, which the council manages and funds through the parish precept. A water committee checks the water supply every day and twice yearly samples to check the standard of the water are taken by Richmondshire District Council. Carlton Town Parish Council is responsible for all repairs on the main supply pipe, whilst householders are responsible for any leaks that occur from the join with the main supply pipe and along the service pipe to their property.

## **WINTER READINESS**

### **Deddington Parish Council, Oxfordshire**

Electorate: 1,859

Precept: £55,101

Expenditure: £224,506

Runs a snow warden scheme. Local residents who are interested in keeping pavements across the parish clear and clearing paths to the doors of elderly and vulnerable residents are encouraged to get in touch with a member of the council. The council has issued reassurances that if people clear ice or snow from a public footpath in the manner outlined in the government's snow code, then it would very difficult to envisage circumstances where a court would award damages against them.

## **YOUNG PEOPLE AND YOUTH SERVICES**

### **Billericay Town Council**

Electorate: 22,730

Precept: £300,556

Expenditure: £322,250

Hosts Billericay Youth Town Council. The youth council consists of twenty young councillors who are elected for a two year term of office. Councillors meet on the first and third Tuesdays of the month during term time at the council's offices. Benefits of membership include experiencing democracy at work from the inside, being able to present the youth view to the main council and gaining experience

working in a team for the benefit of the community. Activities undertaken by the council since its inception in 1998 include organising the Urban Games, holding sales events to fundraise for local charities and organising an annual music night to showcase the talent of young people in the town. During the COVID-19 pandemic the music showcase was held virtually, giving the young people of Billericay something to achieve during lockdown.

### **Cholsey Parish Council, Oxfordshire**

Electorate: 3,201

Precept: £135,421

Expenditure: £293,742

Employs a family support worker to support parents/carers and young people aged 0-18. The family support worker can offer free support in a number of ways, including talking, listening, offering practical help, referring and signposting to local services, advocacy and befriending. The family support worker is also the administrator for Cholsey Autism and ADHD support page and private group.

### **Great Dawley Town Council, Shropshire**

Electorate: 8,545

Precept: £579,861

Expenditure: £734,957

Provided free breakfast packs for families with children on free school meals. Parents of children living in the Dawley and Aqueduct Borough Ward and Mainslee and Dawley Bank Borough Ward and in receipt of certain benefits, could arrange to collect the packs from Dawley Bank Baptist Church or Dawley House. Each pack included a box of cereals, loaf of bread, butter, yoghurts, baked beans, spaghetti, jam and milk.

### **Keynsham Town Council, Avon**

Electorate: 14,743

Precept: £628,364

Expenditure: £560,578

Employs a youth services team who provide activities for young people aged 11-19. During the COVID-19 pandemic the team ran a range of online activities, including regular quizzes, cooking and music sessions, as well as providing one to one support where required. Prior to the pandemic, the team ran two types of sessions. Time Out Centre Youth Sessions were open drop in sessions taking place twice a week. Entry was 50p, which covered the cost of activities including cooking sessions, music studio recording, filming projects, pool, CV workshops and job searches and arts and crafts. Time Out Detached Sessions took place in

the local community, to meet the needs of young people and promote positive activities. Detached youth work followed on from Outreach, with projects created in the areas young people requested. The council hopes to be able to resume offering the Time Out Centre youth sessions, Detached sessions and Outreach sessions in September 2021.

### **Kirton in Lindsey Town Council, ERNLLCA**

Electorate: 2,582

Precept: £103,488

Expenditure: £103,488

Worked with the Positive Activities Team at North Lincolnshire Council and Clixby Active Pro Sports to organise summer sports sessions for children in school year's three to eight. Sessions took place outdoors most Thursday's from 3 June to 30 September and cost £2 to attend. Sports on offer included dodgeball, cricket, poison ball, football and rocket ball, with children invited to request sports they wanted to play by suggesting them to the coach. The sports proved very popular with young residents and provided a welcome source of outside activities and social interaction after such a difficult last two years. Funding for the purchase of sports equipment and the coach's fees came from the Positive Activities team, with Kirton in Lindsay Town Council committing funding to top this up.

### **Middlewich Town Council, Cheshire**

Electorate: 11,370

Precept: £374,300

Expenditure: £465,866

Worked with Middlewich Vision to organise a programme of summer activities for children and young people. Activities on offer in 2021 included swimming, archery, crazy golf, drumming, arts and crafts, storytelling and willow weaving. There was also a demonstration of bees making honey, an opportunity to meet the owls and falcons belonging to Cheshire Falconry and the chance to watch the Mobile Bike Events BMX team in action. The council teamed up with Middlewich and District Foodbank to offer a free picnic pack for families struggling in the current circumstances, so that they could enjoy the activities and have refreshments without worry.

### **Nailsworth Town Council, Gloucestershire**

Electorate: 4,603

Precept: £350,726

Expenditure: £331,373

Funds Nailsworth Youth Club. The youth club is open to all young people aged 8-19 in Nailsworth and surrounding areas and offers activities including sports, arts and crafts, cooking trips, residential weekends and volunteering opportunities. The youth club also provides young people with information, support and guidance on issues that affect them. Anyone interested in supporting the youth club is invited to volunteer their time, make a donation or enter the Lucky Severn Lottery and name Nailsworth Youth Club as their supported organisation.

### **Newport Town Council, Shropshire**

Electorate: 9,541

Precept: £480,250

Expenditure: £420,143

Runs an annual Christmas card competition. Children aged between 3 and 11 (from nursery up to school year six) and who are educated or live within the parish of Newport are invited to post their designs to the council. All designs must be on A5 card folded in half to be no bigger than 10.5cm by 15cm. Categories are nursery (over 3), reception and year one, school years two and three and school years four, five and six. In 2021 the winner in each category will receive family pantomime tickets, with the overall winner being invited to turn on the Newport Christmas lights.

### **Ripley Town Council, Derbyshire**

Electorate: 16,615

Precept: £342,000

Expenditure: £332,600

Provides a programme of activities for young people in Ripley. The Youth Hub is open every Wednesday for 11 to 18 year olds to attend free of charge. Each week there is an interactive, healthy lifestyle programme with a focus on developing skills and knowledge through practical activities, including art, craft, cooking and interactive games. The programme is staffed by two youth workers from the Blend Project Team who have appropriate training in key areas such as safeguarding, food hygiene and sexual health. Funding towards this initiative comes from the Derbyshire Police and Crime Commissioner.



## **Werrington Parish Council, Staffordshire**

Electorate: 4,603

Precept: £100,005

Expenditure: £147,588

Held a competition to design a new council logo. Local school children were invited to sketch, draw, paint or design a logo incorporating the Werrington Windmill and email to the design to the council. Categories included Key Stage One, Key Stage Two and Key Stage Three and prizes were awarded to the winner in each category, with the overall winner receiving a framed copy of their logo design. The winning design was drawn by two brothers at a local primary school and incorporated the memorial stone, union flag, the well and Staffordshire knot.