

Tesco's Bags of Help Initiative

Burgess Hill Town Council is delighted to be a recipient of Tesco's #BagsOfHelp initiative which will allow the Town Council to promote walking and cycling to residents, workers and visitors to the town. Walkers and cyclists will be able to find out about the history and features of Burgess Hill including the flora and fauna of 12 trails around Burgess Hill and the immediate countryside from new information boards, markers and maps. It will encourage exercise and complements the existing Green Circle around the perimeter of the town.



Financial Summary

2015/16 Budget Analysis

The Town Council's budgeted gross revenue expenditure for the year amounted to £1,071,775 and the Council is pleased to announce that a modest surplus will be achieved which will be reinvested to provide future services for the community. A total of £771,618 was raised from residents of the town and the Town Council is fully accountable to residents at the Annual Town Meeting, to be held this year on 13 April 2016 in Cyprus Hall. The cost of Town Council services for a Band D property was £68.34 per year, equating to £1.31 per week. **For 2016/17, the Town Council can announce there will be a small increase in the level of charges for the Town Council's element of the council tax. Standing at £69.70 for a Band D property for 2016/17, this is an increase of just over 2.5 pence per week.**

Community Grants Awarded	£	Analysis of Budgeted Income and Costs £000s		
Royal British Legion Women's Section	500	Where the money comes from		
Kangaroos	1,472		2015/16	2016/17
Summerhaven	1,000	Council tax payers	772	795
Home-Start (CHAMS)	777	Partner income (MSDC/WSCC)	153	155
Enable Me	1,000	Hire of Council facilities	16	16
4Sight	400	Burial Ground Income	22	24
Respect Youth Club	400	Roundabout Sponsorship	18	22
St Catherine's Hospice	500	About Town magazine	15	14
Burgess Hill Rugby Club	500	Other	54	*126
SASBAH	250	Total Income	1,050	1,152
Signposts Mid Sussex	1,000	Where the money is spent		
Speak Up	1,000	Help Point Services	89	91
Windmills Opportunity Playgroup	500	Mobile & Grounds Maint. & Burial Ground	321	344
Mid Sussex Older People's Council	400	Community Partnerships & Events	168	175
St Peter & St James Hospice	1,000	Community/Facility Development	135	*194
Southway Home School Association	2,500	Civic and Planning	186	177
St John the Evangelist	3,000	Total Direct Services	899	981
TOTAL	£16,199	Support Services	106	109
		Insurance, Business Rates, Utilities etc	67	62
		Total Revenue Expenditure	1,072	1,152
		Support from Reserves	(22)	0
		*inclusive of monies to develop the Cultural Quarter		
		Council Tax—Band D rate per annum	£68.34	£69.70
		Council Reserves at the 1 April 2015 £000s		
		General Reserve	159	
		Earmarked Reserves	241	
		Total Reserves	400	
		Town Council Employees		
			Bud	Act
		Full-time equivalents	19.7	19.2
			Bud	19.1

In addition to the above awards, the Town Council has continued to provide support totalling circa £30k to some of the key voluntary organisations in the town via subsidised office accommodation. Local charities that benefited during 2015/16 include HAMSV (formerly Mid Sussex South CVS), the Stroke Association, Royal British Legion Industries, Time4Children and Sussex Oakleaf.

Public Notice

Under the Accounts and Audit (England) Regulations 2011 (SI 2011/817) it is reported that the accounts for year ending 31 March 2015 for Burgess Hill Town Council have been duly audited by the District Auditor in accordance with the requirements of the Audit Commission Act 1998 and Code of Audit Practice.

Councillors' Allowances Claimed

Annual Allowances are paid under the Local Authorities (Members' Allowances) Regulations 2003

Agate, Wendy	£1,130	Jones MBE, Anne ^	£1,694	Travel & Subsistence costs reclaimed for undertaking official Town Council duties. Jones MBE, Anne ^ £ 252 Barrett-Miles, Andrew £ 35 £ 287 (claims received as at 17/03/2016)
Barrett-Miles, Andrew	£0	Landriani, Jacqui ^^	£1,130	
Catharine, Cherry	£1,130	Merrill, John	£1,130	
Cherry, Chris	£1,130	Moore, Pru	£1,130	
Cherry, Richard	£1,130	Page, Kirsty	£1,130	
Fussell, Claire	£1,130	Thomas-Atkin, Chris	£1,130	
Hansford, Steve	£285	Thomas-Atkin, Mandy	£1,130	
Heckels, Diane	£1,130	Thorpe, Julian	£1,130	
Henwood, Janice	£1,130			
Holden, Colin	£1,130			
Total Allowances Claimed: £18,929				

^ Town Mayor
^^ Deputy Town Mayor