

If you have any questions, please contact the Town Clerk on 01761 418701, by e-mail to townclerk@msn-tc.gov.uk or by post to The Town Hall, The Island, Midsomer Norton, Radstock BA3 2HQ.

Midsomer Norton Town Councillors

Eleven Councillors sit on Midsomer Norton Town Council. If you wish Council to consider any local issues please contact either your local Town Councillor or the appropriate B&NES Ward Councillor.

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Councillor Martyn Plant (Chair of Staffing Committee) (07903 951168)
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One Councillor Vacancy

Budget 2023/2024

Expenditure	
Central Services – Council Office, Staff, Equipment, Professional Fees	£200,000
Democratic Process & Civic Support – Training etc	£5,500
Capital & Projects – Town Park, Town Centre Regeneration etc	£8,000
Community Support - Grants & Events	£90,000
Youth Activities	£24,000
Town Environment	£133,000
Security in the Town	£6,425
Wellow Brook	£1,115
Town Park	£1,000
Allotments	£1,300
Memorials	£1,000
West Clewes	£3,900
General Reserves/Contingency	£1,000
Total Net Budget Expenditure	£476,240
2022/23 Precept	£435,495
Income	
2023/24 Precept	£469,190
Misc. Income	£2,700
Allotments	£1,350
West Clewes	£3,000
Total Budget Income	£476,240

Officers:

Paul Russell – Locum Town Clerk
Caroline Brown – Project Support/Administration
Joanne Corbett – Finance/Administration
David Paisey – Town Warden



Midsomer Norton Town Council

2023/2024 Precept Explained

How much does the average D Band household pay each week towards your Town Council?



That's based on an annual Precept of £115.04 for a Band D Property

THE COUNCIL'S STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES

- To develop a strong sense of community
- To encourage civic pride in our town
- To be a well-run council that delivers results

Since its formation in 2011 **Midsomer Norton Town Council**, its eleven Councillors and its Officers, have worked to deliver an increasing range of projects and services to help improve the quality of life of the town.

COUNCIL PROJECTS

We directly run or facilitate, in partnership with the community, a wide range of projects including:

The Town Hall – The Midsomer Norton High Street Heritage Action Zone (HSHAZ) has enabled the Town Hall Transformation initiative to commence. It aims to improve the building for community use. The successful HSHAZ bid to Heritage England includes a budget allocation to help support reinstating the original Market Hall alongside other funding.

Wellow Brook – Low key improvements to Wellow Brook to preserve the natural character of the area have been implemented with on-going management and maintenance of the site alongside the protection of the ecology of the site.

High Street Heritage – After the successful bid from Heritage England work has commenced on the following projects:

1. Re-establishing the original medieval town marketplace in The Island,
2. High Street shop front and signage improvement scheme

Community Events – We will continue to support events including the Arts Festival, the Summer Fayre, M-Fest, Carnival and the Outfield Festival.

Community Grants – We will provide £20,000 next year to various community groups. Please see the website for details on how to apply for a grant.

Grants Awarded in 2022/2023	£
Outfield Festival	£2,000
Nature Reserve	£500
Somer FM	£3,000
Musician Southwest	£440
Farmers Market	£1,200
Welton Rovers	£147
Cricket Club	£2,000
Dragonfly Leisure	£5,000
P.E.O.P.L.E.	£750
U3A	£200

IMPORTANT DATES FOR 2023-24

Elections for the Town Council will be held on Thursday 4th May 2023.

The **Annual Town Council Meeting** (when the Town Council elects the Town Mayor for the forthcoming civic year) – Monday 15th May 2023 at the Hollies.

The **Public Annual Town Meeting and Midsomer Civic Awards Ceremony** will be held on Saturday 27th May 2023 at 6pm at the Somer Centre.

Midsomer Town Fayre - Saturday 8th July 2023.

Remembrance Parade – Sunday 12th November 2023

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETINGS

Council Meetings are normally held monthly on the first Monday of the month. The meetings start at 7.00pm and are normally held at the Town Hall, The Island, Midsomer Norton. During refurbishment works meetings are being held in the Hollies. There is a public session prior to the meetings when questions can be asked of the Council by members of the public although they may not take part in the meeting itself. Members of the public are welcome to attend all Town Council and Committee Meetings.

Planning applications are considered by the Planning Committee which normally meets on the third Monday of the month at 7.00pm in the Town Hall.

The Planning Committee continues to contribute to a range of planning consultations and makes a strong case for development that enhances the character, sustainability and infrastructure of our town.

The Neighbourhood Development Plan, managed by a Steering Group consisting of Councillors and volunteers, continues to be developed.

