



Residents update on the increase to the Precept for Uttoxeter for 2025-26



Uttoxeter Town Council would like to provide the residents of the town with an update on the increase to the Precept (annual budget) for Uttoxeter for 2025-26 which includes funding towards an increase in the services to be provided to benefit the Town residents. The Council Resolved on 14 January 2025 to an increase of £58,330 to the Precept for Uttoxeter in comparison to 2024-25 Precept, which has not been increased since 2018-19. This equates to an increase in the Parish Rate for Uttoxeter from £61.96 to £72.44, an increase of £10.48 per annum per Band D property (approx. 20 pence per week). The increase to the Town Council's Precept will provide funding to meet the increased cost of some current services and the provision of additional services for the town:

- ♦ £8,400 to fund the return of the much needed Citizens Advice Services (CAB) for the town, one day a week, from within the Town Hall,
- ♦ Offering free office space for the return of the Registration Services for the town from within the Town Hall,
- ♦ Increase the annual Christmas Lights Contract by £900 to £15,040, to extend the Christmas lights further up Church Street and Carter Street, as requested by local businesses and local residents,
- ♦ £2,500 Town Centre Regeneration for Town Centre Quick Win Funding by The Town Centre Forum, as supported by local businesses,
- ♦ Increase to £5,000 for Town Hall and Town Centre Events to increase footfall within the town and to provide more community events,
- ♦ Over £35,000 increase for the associated costs for the Grounds Maintenance of Uttoxeter Cemetery and St Mary's Churchyard,
- ♦ £18,500 towards the costs for hedge works, tree and wildflower planting projects within the existing and extension to the Town Cemetery,
- ♦ As part of the Council's commitment to future proof the town Cemetery for an additional 100 years, the Council will fund the additional costs for the permeable extension to the existing carpark area within the Cemetery and the additional pathways required (as in accordance with Planning Consent obtained). This is in addition to the £100,000 already earmarked for infrastructure costs,
- ♦ £12,500 towards the structural works required at Redfern Cottage Museum in Carter Street to increase its visitor capacity,
- ♦ £1,780 for additional warranty for the Speed Indicator Devices in place throughout the Town as part of the Community Speedwatch



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