

Winter 2023

TEWKESBURY TOWN COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

WARM SPACES AT TEWKESBURY TOWN HALL & WATSON HALL

We are a
Warm
Space

Every Monday and Thursday, between 9.30am and 2.30pm the Town Hall is open as a warm space. On Tuesday afternoons between 1pm and 5pm, the Watson Hall is also open as a warm space. Tea and coffee are available at both venues, as well as a selection of magazines and a warm welcome from the Town Council team.

What have Tewkesbury Town Council done in 2022?

2022 has been another busy year for the Town Council. We've been working on a number of new initiatives around the town. Toilet door replacements at Spring Gardens, installing defibrillators at the Town Hall and Watson Hall, working with the Environment Agency on the eel pass at the Abbey Mill, installing our first 'swap box' in Prior's Park and improving river access for paddleboards and canoes near the Abbey Mill.



The Watson Hall has also received numerous upgrades over the last year. New accessible electric doors, fire exits and courtyard doors were just the start, followed by new safety flooring, the installation of WiFi, stage lighting and a PA system and speakers for the main hall. We've introduced a second bar for larger events and improved the catering equipment on offer in the kitchen. If you're thinking of a location for your next event, why not come and have a look around? We've hosted everything from corporate training sessions through to concerts, parties, weddings and wakes.



Community Groups in Tewkesbury

Looking for something new to do in Tewkesbury this year?

Why not join or volunteer at one of the many community groups throughout the town.

If you run a community group and would like to be added to the list, please call 01684 294639.

- Battlefield Society - tewkesbury.org.uk
- Bookworm - 01684 438385
- CAMRA - tewkesbury.camra.org.uk
- Chess Club - facebook.com/groups/3038960146394893
- Manor Players - facebook.com/manorplayers/ - 07875 336475
- Priors Park Neighbourhood Project (PPNP) - priorsparkneighbourhoodproject.co.uk - 01684 290069
- Plastic Free Tewkesbury - plasticfreetewkesbury.com
- The Roses Theatre - rosetheatre.org - 01684 295074
- Royal British Legion - tewkesbury.secretary@rbl.community
- Tewkesbury Alleycats - alleycat.org.uk
- Tewkesbury Art Society - tewkesburyartsociety.org
- TADS - Tewkes Arts & Drama - tads.org.uk
- Tewkesbury in Bloom - tewkesburyinbloom.co.uk/
- Tewkesbury Town Band - ttb.org.uk/
- Tewkesbury U3A - tewkesburyu3a.org/ - 01684 325013
- Tewkesbury Historical Society - tewkesburyhistory.org/ -
- Tewkesbury Pub Singers - facebook.com/tewkesburypubsingers/
- Tewkesbury Town Museum - tewkesburymuseum.org/ - 01684 292901
- Tewkesbury Nature Reserve - tewkesburynaturereserve.org.uk/
- Tewkesbury Friends of the Earth - <https://www.facebook.com/groups/745802085580025/>
- Tewkesbury Culture - facebook.com/TewkesburyCulture/
- Tewkesbury Repair Cafe - tewkesburyrepaircafe.co.uk/
- Tewkesbury Civic Society - tewkesburycivicsociety.org 01684 290114
- Tewkesbury and District Wheelchair Bus Association - tewkesburyanddistrictwheelchairbusassociation.co.uk/

Why don't you hold events on the Severn Ham?

We're often asked why we don't hold events on the Severn Ham as it is just a big field.

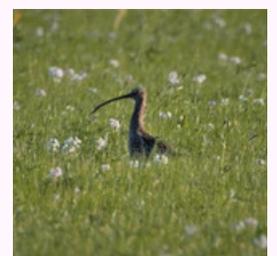
In fact the Severn Ham is one of 5% of floodplain meadows left in the UK and is a Site of Special Scientific Interest, which means that what we are allowed to do on the land is limited.

The Ham is protected in law and even has its own Act of Parliament from 1808!

We're always looking for ways we can enhance the Ham and have been working on enhancing the pollinator corridor by spreading green hay from other floodplain meadows. We hope that this will bring more flowers and insects to the Ham.

Interested in getting involved more with the Severn Ham?

We're looking to start up a volunteer group, so why not contact the office on 01684 294 639 to find out more.



Whats on at the

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WATSON HALL

January 2023

CAMRA

Winter Ales Festival

26/01/23 - 28/01/23

February 2023

Eliza Carthy and the Restitution Band

11/02/23

March 2023

Northern Soul

04/03/23

Back to the 80's Disco - To Have and To hold

18/03/23

Records

Supersonic Queen

25/03/23

**TEWKESBURYTOWNCOUNCIL.GOV.UK/WHATS-ON/ OR WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/WATSONHALLTEWKESBURY
FOR MORE INFORMATION AND TICKETS**

Charging points for electric vehicles in Tewkesbury

The consultation on where to place EV charging points across Gloucestershire remains open throughout the duration of the three year project. If you would like to recommend a location, please use the link below (we're sorry it isn't very user friendly if you are reading a print version, but it isn't our link! We're happy to complete it for you if you give us a call on 01684 294639)

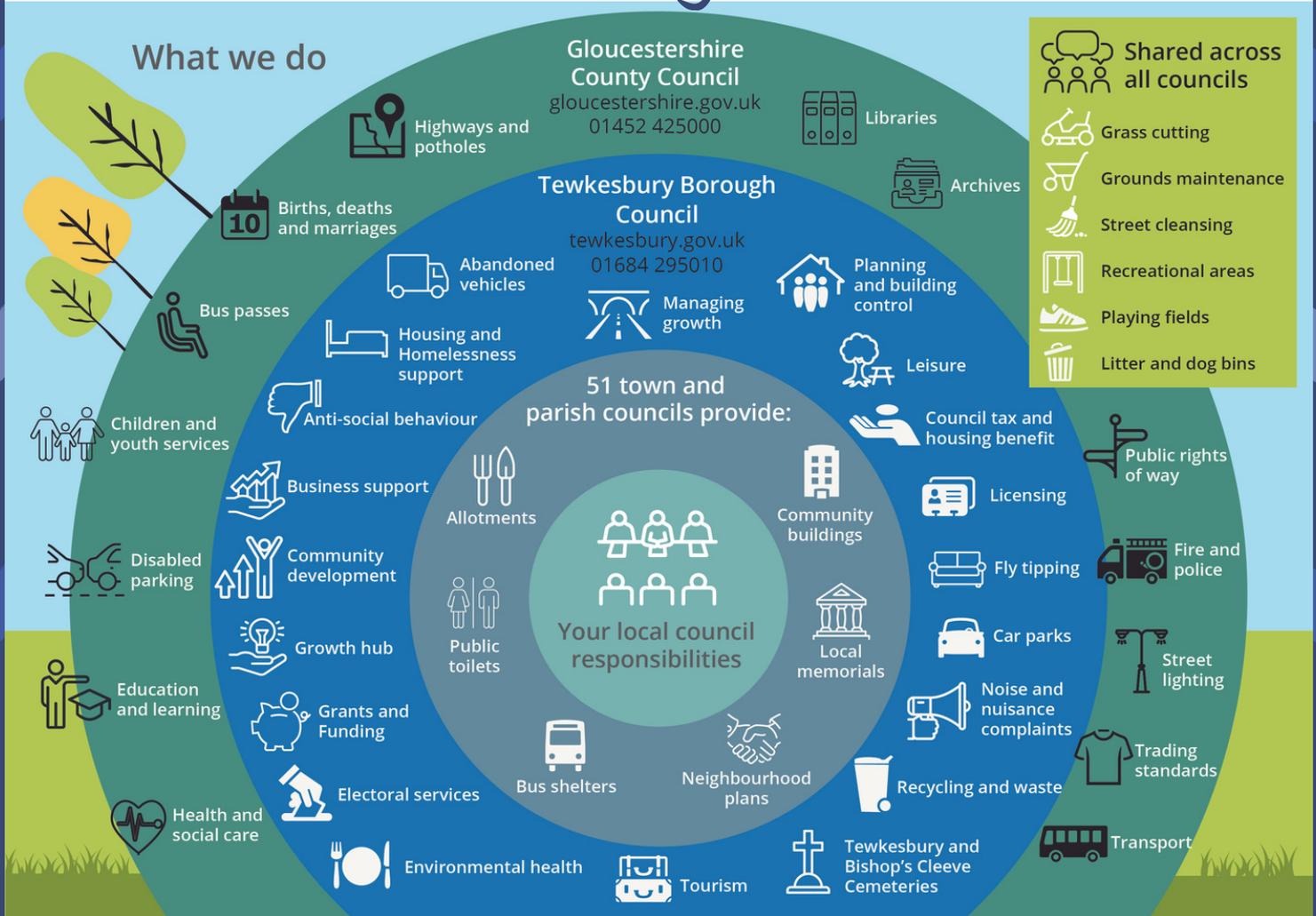
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Rural footpath monitoring

We're looking at better ways to monitor the rural footpaths around Tewkesbury and make sure all issues are reported back to Gloucestershire County Council. If you regularly walk a footpath in the Parish and would like to be involved with the project, please email the Assistant Town Clerk -

assistanttc@teWKesburytownCouncil.gov.uk, with your name and which footpath(s) you regularly walk and one of our Councillors will be in touch with you about the next steps!

Who does what in Tewkesbury?



Precept Information – Annual Report

Tewkesbury Town Council is made up of 16 Councillors who live in Tewkesbury Town parish. Councillors volunteer to serve on the Town Council and unlike Borough and County Councillors, they receive no payment for their time. Their role is to represent the 5,411 households in Tewkesbury.

Precept for 2023-2024

On Monday 9th January the council voted to increase the precept from £419,939 to £469,750.

For each house banding it equates to the following increase:

- Band A from £77.76 to £86.88 a year, increase of 18p per week
- Band B from £90.72 to £101.36 a year, increase of 20p per week
- Band C from £103.68 to £115.84 a year, increase of 23p per week
- Band D from £116.60 to £130.25 a year, increase of 26p per week
- Band E from £142.56 to £159.28 a year, increase of 32p per week
- Band F from £168.48 to £188.24 a year, increase of 38p per week
- Band G from £194.40 to £217.20 a year, increase of 44p per week
- Band H from £233.28 to £260.64 a year, increase of 53p per week

This increase has been necessary due to rising utility costs, a large increase to insurance costs and the growing number of repairs required to the three properties that the Town Council owns including two Grade II* listed buildings.