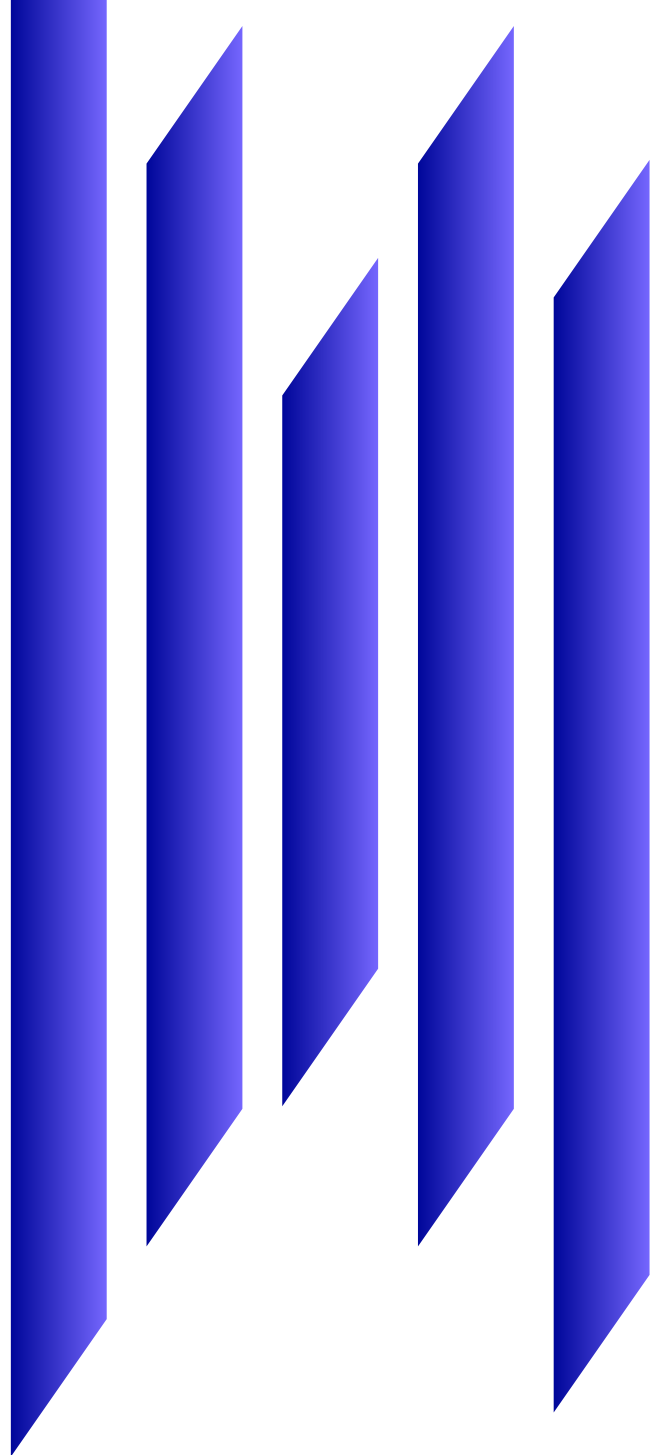




TEWKESBURY
TOWN COUNCIL



ANNUAL REPORT

2022 / 2023

Welcome to Tewkesbury Town Council

Tewkesbury Town Council is made up of 16 Councillors who live in Tewkesbury Town parish. Councillors volunteer to serve on the Town Council and receive no payment for their time.

Their role is to represent the 5,411 households in Tewkesbury.

Councillors attend eight Full Council meetings each year, which are held on the second Monday of the month. In between there are Committee meetings which cover Buildings & Moorings, Environment & Amenities, Finance, Staffing, Severn Ham & Planning.



Tewkesbury Town Council elections took place in May 2023. We were delighted to see a mix of new and experienced Councillors making up the Council for the next four years. and at the first Council meeting of the year, Cllr Chris Danter was elected Town Mayor for 2023/24 and Cllr Paul Jones was elected Deputy Town Mayor.

The Town Council has been busy again in 2023 and is grateful to have received several grants to help restore our beautiful listed buildings. The Town Hall received a facelift in the Spring and the Museum building is currently covered in scaffolding and undergoing significant works.

Other improvements around the Town have included the replacement of railings on the Riverside Walk, a new bus shelter opposite the Odessa, a larger noticeboard for Newtown, maintenance to the Arrivall sculptures and completed significant repairs to the path on the Severn Ham, to make it more accessible for wheelchair users.

In addition, the Town Council organised music festival, 'Tewkesbury Live' returned for a second year and brought over 100 bands to the Town in July



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Our Committees

The Town Council has once again been busy working on behalf of the people of Tewkesbury. The work of each of our committees over 2022/23 is detailed below and members of the public are welcome to attend any committee meetings.

Environment & Amenities

Cllr Simon Raywood is the Chair of the Environment & Amenities Committee. The highlights from the year were the installation of new steel doors at Spring Gardens to reduce vandalism, the first swap box being installed at Prior's Park and six Play Ranger sessions were funded.



Buildings & Moorings

Cllr Chris Danter is the Chair of the Buildings & Moorings Committee. Highlights from this year include the improved access to the river for paddleboarders at St Mary's Road, the increased use and success of the Watson Hall and the facelift of the Town Hall.



Severn Ham

Cllr Phil Brookes is the Chair of the Severn Ham Committee. The Committee have overseen the installation of the Eel Pass by the Abbey Mill, worked with Severn Trent on the pipeline restoration and had green hay spread on the site to continue to improve the floristic diversity.



Planning

Cllr Joanne Raywood is the Chair of the Planning Committee. This year the committee responded to over 200 planning applications and responded to a number of complex planning consultations.



Finance

The Town Mayor is always the Chair of the Finance Committee. The Committee ensure that all Committees operate within their set budgets as well as overseeing grants and general costs for the Council, such as IT requirements and regalia.

Staffing

The Deputy Mayor is always the Chair of the Staffing Committee. The Committee review the staffing needs and budget for the Council. They meet twice a year.

Our Aims for 2023/24

As well as the day to day running of the Council, our aims for 2023/24 are:

- To oversee the significant refurbishments to 64 Barton Street made possible by the MEND funding (£367,000)
- To make Tewkesbury Live an annual event and bring significant footfall into the Town
- To provide Warm Spaces and Daytime Discos for the community over the winter months
- To start investigative works to make the Town Hall more accessible
- To increase the number of swap boxes following the successful pilot in Prior's Park
- To consult with the community regarding the Derek Graham Play Area refurbishment

Income and Expenditure Account for Year Ending 31st March 2023

Opening Balance	£121,463
Income	
Precept	£460,026
Mayor's Charity	£4,683
Tewkesbury Live	-£17,345
Moorings	-£28,248
Town Hall	£9,639
Severn Ham	£43,708
Watson Hall	£79,387
Memorial Benches	£368
Total Income	£552,218
Expenditure	
Staffing	£215,595
Finance	£77,764
Mayor's Charity	£2,759
Tewkesbury Live	£921
Moorings	£43,870
64 Barton Street	£21,675
Town Hall	£29,316
War Memorial	£22
Play Parks	£1,926
Spring Gardens	£18,926
Gloucester Road	£3,160
Cleaning & Consumables	£3,912
Outside Spaces	£20,619
Severn Ham	£16,471
Watson Hall	£102,781
Memorial Benches	£2,209
Total Expenditure	£561,926
Transfer to reserves	£54,398
Closing Balance	£57,356

Financial Summary

The majority of income to the Parish Council, comes in the form of the precept (which is collected by Tewkesbury Borough Council and is included in the Council Tax payments).

Of the monies we hold, much is set aside in earmarked reserves, which are monies set aside for Town projects either current or future. There are also general reserves which are monies in case of emergencies.

At the end of March 2023 Tewkesbury Town Council held £334,499 in both types of reserve.

This includes £57,356 in general reserves and these are some of the major amounts held in earmarked reserves:

£36,756 Town Hall maintenance and projects
 £19,319 Watson Hall projects
 £31,438 64 Barton Street maintenance and projects
 £20,105 Playground projects
 £37,413 Severn Ham projects and protection
 £26,257 Moorings maintenance and projects

Full details of all earmarked reserves can be found in the finance meeting packs on the website.

The year end accounts for 2022/23 were presented to the Full Council meeting in June 2023 and were accepted and then submitted as the Annual Return for the Council.

EXPENDITURE AT A GLANCE 2022/23

