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DRAFT MINUTES of the **Annual Town Meeting** held on Wednesday 30th March 2022 at 7.00pm in Croft Hall, The Croft, Hungerford, RG17 OHY

Present: Approx. 100 people (in addition to those exhibiting). Members of press were also present.

- 1. Intro** - The Mayor thanked everyone for coming and said she was pleased to see so many people. She encouraged everyone to look around all the exhibits and ask any questions. Town Councillors were present to help answer any queries. Future aspirations and projects of the town council include a new skate park, improvements to Croft Field Centre and, working in collaboration with John O Gaunt School and the Football Club, a new 3G pitch all of which were on display. The Mayor welcomed each stall holder and specially thanked Hungerford butcher, Christian Alba, for raising over £5,000 for the Ukraine crisis.

Those exhibiting included:

H2036 Neighbourhood Plan, Hungerford Hub, West Berks Council representatives including District Cllrs, HEAT (Hungerford Environmental Action Team), Community Markets, HAHA (Hungerford Allotment Holders Association), Chamber of Commerce, Town & Manor, Arts for Hungerford, Hungerford & Downlands Neighbourhood Policing Team, Royal Berks Fire and Rescue Service, Hungerford Defibrillators, Hungerford Surgery, John O Gaunt School with Hungerford Football Club, Hungerford Primary School, Hungerford Nursery, Skate Park Working Party, Smarten Up Hungerford, Bedwyn Train Passenger Group.

Some of the literature that was promoted at the meeting by various organisations, is attached.

- 2. Agreement of minutes of meeting held on 20th March 2019:** *Cllr Simpson proposed the minutes, seconded by Simon Hobden, no objections.*

Meeting closed around 8.30pm

Bedwyn Trains Passenger Group (BTPG) Hungerford Briefing Note (30/03/2022)

Prior to Covid Hungerford was served by (i) three dedicated IETs serving Paddington to Bedwyn (ii) stops on some through IET peak time services and (iii) a Newbury diesel shuttle to give a half hourly evening peak service. This gave 27 departures, 19 direct to Paddington and 25 arrivals, 16 direct from Paddington. This should have been the standard service Hungerford returned to post-Covid.

However, to cut costs, the DfT/GWR are redeploying the three dedicated IETs to the Cardiff/Penzance route, replacing them with a single diesel shuttle services to Newbury, leaving Bedwyn, Hungerford and Kintbury as the most sacrificed services on the GWR region. This gives 21 departures, 7 direct to Paddington and 20 arrivals, 5 direct from Paddington as shown in the timetable below (Hungerford off-peak has fared slightly better than Kintbury and Bedwyn with stops on through services). As connections at Newbury are frequently not held, for late inbound services, journey times will be affected more than shown.

BTPG have shown that it is not possible to run a decent off-peak service with just one diesel shuttle, so in the short term we are requesting some immediate changes to the May timetable to (i) fix flaws in the first off-peak service and (ii) address the lengthy journey times after the 1836 Paddington departure. BTPG have also requested one IET is returned for December and our three IETs are returned from May 2023 (requiring either (i) the leasing of additional stock to serve Cardiff/Penzance or (ii) switching three Class 387 trains (electric only, serving Paddington/Newbury) to the Paddington/Bristol line to free up three IETs (bimode) to serve Paddington to Bedwyn).

Other options include (i) fitting batteries to the class 387s (to serve Kintbury, Hungerford and Bedwyn) and (ii) extending electrification to at least Bedwyn. GWR have stated that option (i) is too difficult, but they support option (ii). However, further electrification would take too long to implement to solve the immediate problem. Therefore BTPG's stance is campaigning to get our IETs back (something GWR also support).

May 2022: 21 departures, 7 direct				May 2022 Timetable: 20 departures, 5 direct			
Hungerford	Paddington	Time	Changes	Paddington	Hungerford	Time	Changes
0540	0638	0:58	0	0334	0538	2:04	1
0606	0709	1:03	0	0505	0635	1:30	2
0633	0736	1:03	0	0550	0733	1:43	2
0657	0801	1:04	0	0707	0832	1:25	1
0736	0835	0:59	0	0806	0922	1:16	1
0755	0901	1:06	1	0937	1034	0:57	1
0855	1024	1:29	2	1035	1125	0:50	0
0954	1124	1:30	2	1120	1234	1:14	2
1101	1206	1:05	1	1233	1324	0:51	0
1203	1324	1:21	2	1307	1424	1:17	1
1258	1407	1:09	1	1436	1534	0:58	1
1353	1512	1:19	2	1507	1628	1:21	1
1524	1614	0:50	0	1636	1725	0:49	0
1556	1729	1:33	2	1736	1836	1:00	1
1717	1807	0:50	0	1808	1911	1:03	0
1801	1950	1:49	1	1836	1924	0:48	0
1901	2019	1:18	1	1907	2034	1:27	1
2001	2152	1:51	1	2007	2134	1:27	1
2101	2229	1:28	1	2128	2255	1:27	2
2225	0016	1:51	2	2222	2345	1:23	0
2323	0114	1:51	1				



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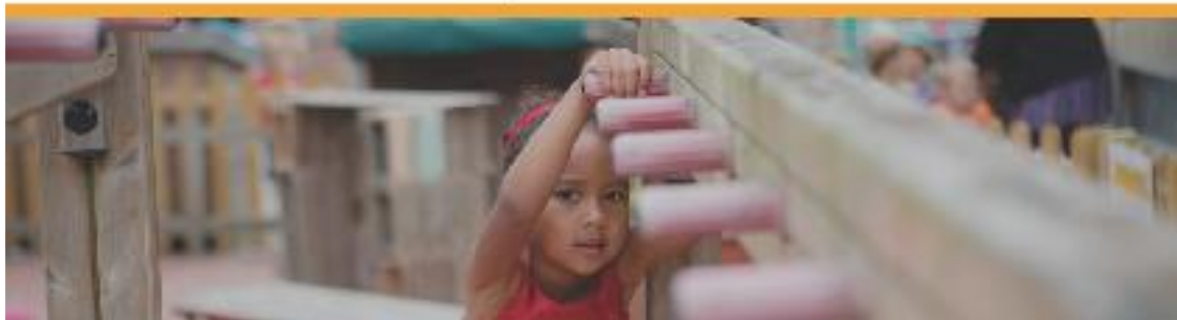
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and additional holiday clubs**

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Up to 30 hours free*

*dependent on income

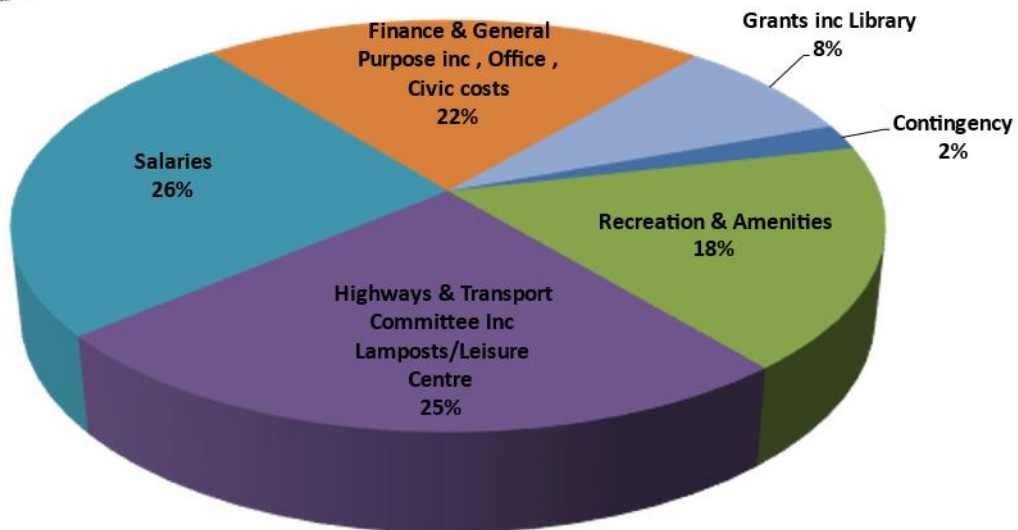




Hungerford Town Council Cost per Band D Properties

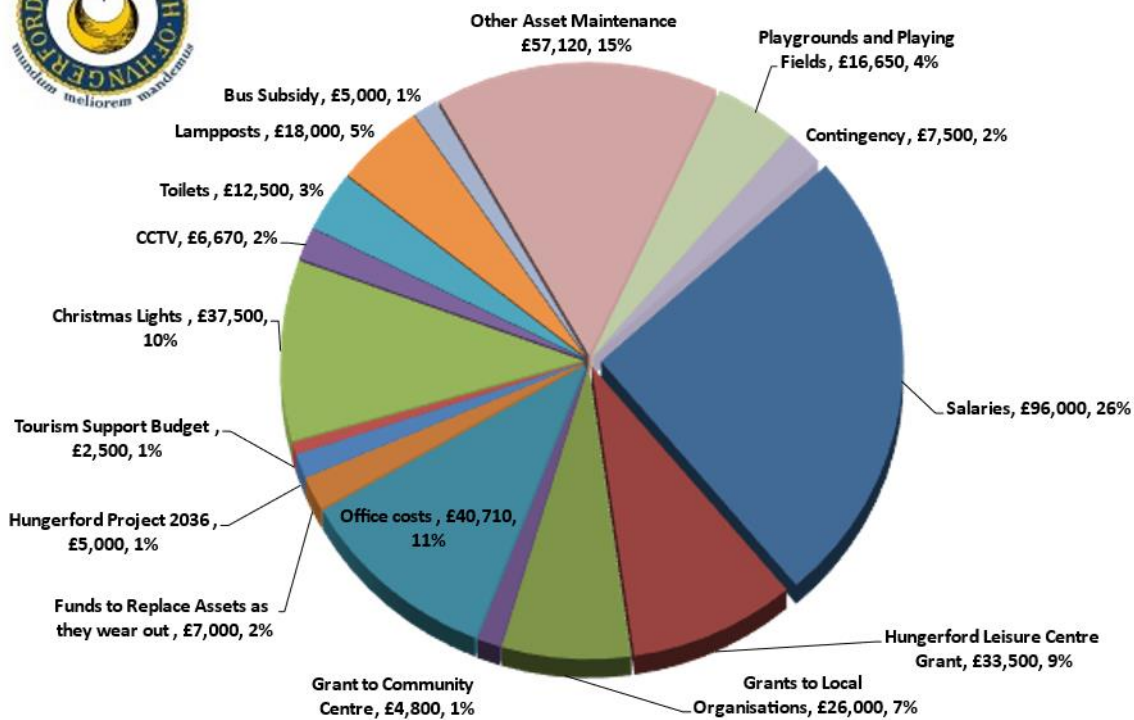


Hungerford Town Council 2021 -2022 Budget by Committee





Hungerford Town Council Net Budget 2021-22



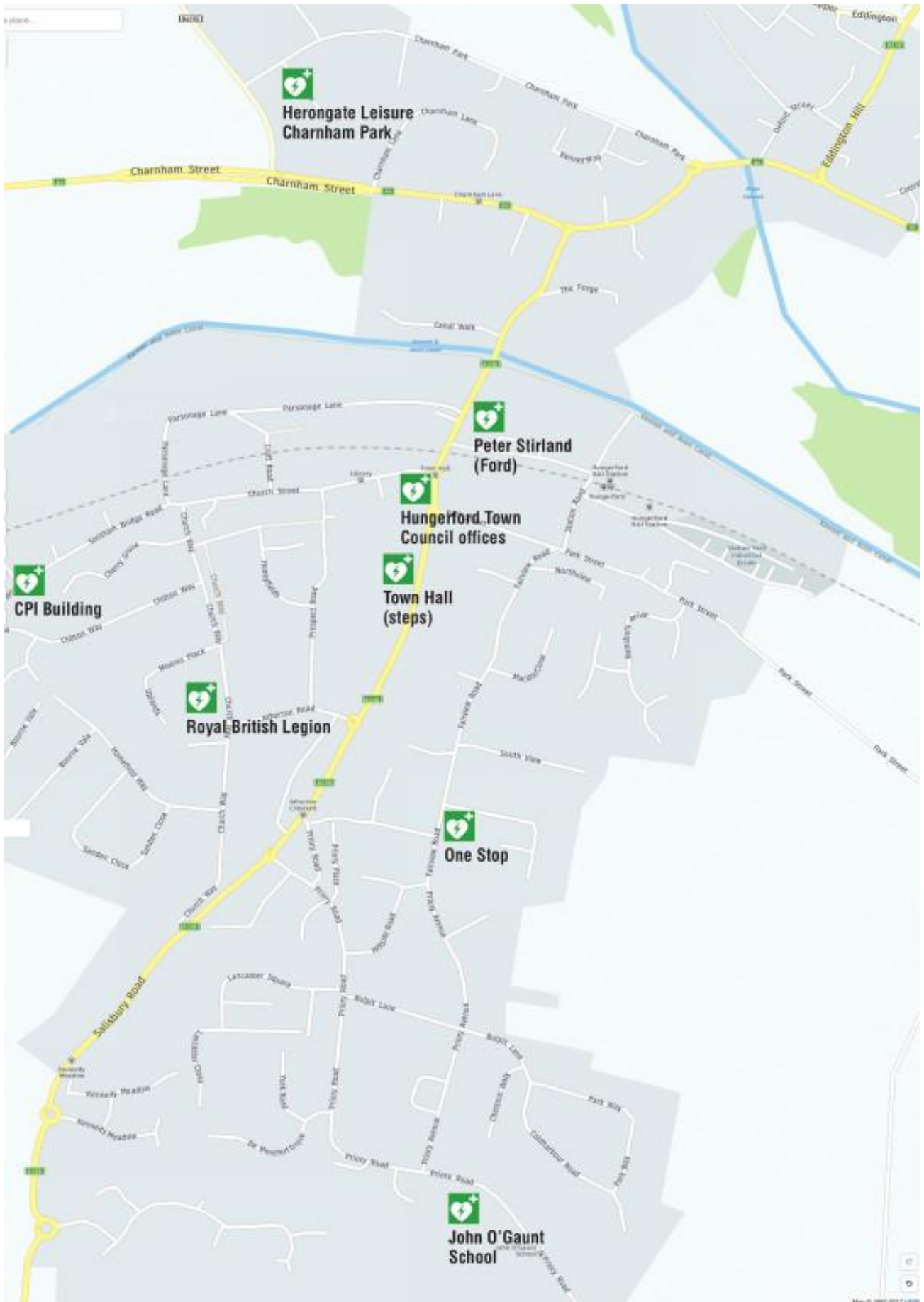
Hungerford in Bloom 2022

Hungerford Town Council would like to invite residents, community groups and businesses to enter this year's competition

To enter please call HTC on 01488 686195, or email admin@hungerford-tc.gov.uk or download an application form from the News page of Hungerford Town Council website www.hungerford-tc.gov.uk or collect a copy from HTC Office

Closing date for entries: 20th June 2022

Judging date: 2nd July 2022



LOCATIONS OF DEFIBRILLATORS IN HUNGERFORD



HUNGERFORD ENVIRONMENTAL
ACTION TEAM

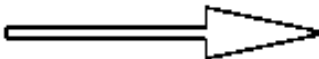
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HUNGERFORD TOWN HALL - ALL DAY

Hungerford Town Council

Skate park improvement project brief

INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Hungerford is a small town of approximately 6000 residents situated in the Kennet Valley in West Berkshire. The centre of Hungerford is a designated Conservation Area. This area runs from the A4 Bath Road and includes the length of the High Street and areas to the west and east of the High Street. There is an existing skate park on land on the edge of the town; this is not within the conservation area. Hungerford Town Council leases the land from the owners, The Town and Manor of Hungerford, and is responsible for maintenance of the land and skate park. The address of the skate park is Bulpit Lane, Hungerford, RG17 0AY.

The existing skate park was installed in 2007. It is a modular skate park with metal ramps, and these are outdated and coming to the end of their life. The council has concerns over the increasing maintenance costs necessary to keep the park in good order and to adhere to health and safety regulations.

Some local residents approached the council requesting an updated facility. The council therefore carried out a resident survey, the results of which satisfied the council that there was significant support for a replacement spray concrete facility.

The Town Council expect the project to cost a minimum of £150,000 and will fund the majority of the project via council funds but will be exploring avenues of grant funding so any help that the contractor can provide with this will be key. The contractor should ensure that any equipment installed is well designed, limits the opportunity for vandalism and has low maintenance aspects.

SPECIFICATION

Hungerford Town Council is asking for contractors to submit a design idea for a new spray concrete facility to replace the existing facility, shown on the plan below. The submitted design can be on the existing footprint, but it will be acceptable if a design is submitted outside the existing footprint, provided it is within the boundary of the site.

The design and construction of the new facility should be compliant with any necessary planning permissions. The contractor should include any planning application costs within their project costings.

The design should be suitable for users of all ages and should include some or all of the features listed below, but also provide space for beginners to ride confidently.

Bowl, Rails, Stairs, Ledges, Ramps, Quarter Pipe, Half Pipe.

A seating / chill out area would be beneficial.

PRESS RELEASE UPDATE

Our fundraising platform is now live!

Every £1 you donate will be match funded by Greenham Trust up to a total of £75,000

Click on the link below to donate or search on thegoodexchange.com under fundraising projects using keyword 19464

[3G football pitch installation at John O'Gaunt School as joint venture with Hungerford Town Council and Hungerford Town FC \(thegoodexchange.com\)](#)

Hungerford Town Council is delighted to announce, in collaboration with, Excalibur Academies Trust and Hungerford Football Club, its involvement in an exciting new project at John O Gaunt School. The successful outcome of which, would result in a 3rd generation all-weather pitch being built within the grounds of the school and would be one of the first in West Berkshire.

This project, identified as a strategic priority by the Berks and Bucks Football Association and the Football Foundation within the local football facility plan, would be a huge asset to Hungerford bringing significant investment into the town. This community facility would be available to all regardless of age or ability, providing opportunities for social interaction and recreation sports as well as competitive sports and professional training.

Richard Hawthorne, Head of School at John O'Gaunt said; *"We are hugely excited to be working in partnership with our Trust, Hungerford Town Council and Hungerford Football Club on this project. As a school at the heart of our community, knowing that we can achieve something that benefits our students, and the local area fits perfectly with our ethos."*

Currently Hungerford Football Academy is based at Newbury College, and this would enable them to be based back in Hungerford where they belong. The current pitch used by Hungerford Juniors is not fit for purpose. Patrick Chambers, Chair of Hungerford Football Club says *'We have been unable to grow the club due to lack of facilities and training. This would allow us to develop a ladies' section, grow the academy and run tournaments. We would be able to make better use of the Club for events and presentations.'*

As well as supporting both our Hungerford based football clubs, the facility will be accessible to other local clubs in the area as well as linking in with other local organisations that look to provide footballing opportunities for different sectors of the community.

The Town Council is in negotiations with West Berks Council to obtain a lease on land that will enable ample space for the 3G pitch and additional grass pitches. SLPC Consulting are supporting with the applications to the Football Foundation and other grant funding organisations. A contractor has been appointed and a planning application will be made in the coming months.

The Mayor Cllr Helen Simpson says *"Hungerford Town Council is thrilled to be involved with this project. Collaborative working with key partners will offer our community a showstopper facility which will enhance JOG school, the football club/academy, as well as serving our community with a facility to enhance the health and well-being of residents."*

A bid is being made to the Football Foundation for a significant proportion of the funding, making this build possible. The target would be reached with further support from local organisations and the community.



ELECTRIC SCOOTERS



WHAT ARE THE RULES?

RENTAL E-SCOOTERS

- ✓ If you are renting an e-scooter from an approved scheme, you can legally use this on the road.

In July, rental e-scooters were made legal on roads in England to allow for a 12-month trial while the government review the legislation.

PRIVATE E-SCOOTERS

- ✗ If you own an e-scooter, you cannot legally use this on the road.

You can only ride this on private land. This could be a garden or a field with the landowner's permission.

Private e-scooters cannot be used on public roads, redways or pavements as they need to be insured, taxed and registered with the DVLA - just like cars. BUT, you can't register, tax or insure an e-scooter.

If you ride your own e-scooter on public land, you could get a £300 fine, 6 points on your driving licence and the scooter can be seized.

Even if you don't have a driving licence, points can be added once you have passed your test. New drivers can only receive 6 points on their licence in the first 2 years after passing so you could lose your driving licence.