

# Hungerford



**Hungerford Town Council - representing your town**

## *Opening the conversation...*

*"A warm welcome to all Hungerford residents from Hungerford Town Council. I hope you enjoy reading our newest Annual Report publication, designed to recap and reflect on the past year, but more importantly, to share some of Hungerford Town Council's exciting new projects and discussions.*

*We're really looking forward to reconnecting, representing, and celebrating our very special community. Please connect with us so we can 'open the conversation'... "*

*Cllr Helen Simpson,  
Hungerford Town Mayor*



## INTRODUCTION

Hungerford's community values are at the heart of everything we do, and they guide the conversations and decisions that shape the town's future. Together, we can continue to nurture the spirit, strength, and sense of belonging that defines our wonderful town.

The past year has reminded us, just how strong and caring our community is. From local events and volunteer projects to the dedication of residents, organisations, and businesses. Hungerford continues to show what can be achieved when we come together. It has certainly been a really busy and productive year.

The team look forward to welcoming you for the town's Christmas lights switch-on, starting at 4pm on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> November. On Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> December the Mayors Christmas carol service will be at St Lawrence's church and supported by the wonderful Hungerford Town Band. Everyone is welcome and donations will be split with St Lawrence's church. The Town & Manor Wetlands project and the new Men's shed charity. I hope you enjoy reading this year's annual report.

## UPDATE ON HUNGERFORD PROJECTS

### The Neighbourhood Plan

Hungerford Town Council is pleased to share that at the West Berkshire District Council meeting on **16 October 2025**, it was agreed that the **Hungerford Neighbourhood Plan** can now proceed to a **public referendum**.



## Hungerford Neighbourhood Plan

On **Thursday 27 November** there will be a referendum to decide if you want the **Neighbourhood Plan** adopted.

**The Neighbourhood Plan:**

- helps decide planning applications
- provides the Parish with more Community Infrastructure Levy (developer funding)
- has many local policies for the town's future such as environmental, transport and housing.

For more information about the Neighbourhood plan please visit the Hungerford Town Council website, scan the QR code (opposite) or pop into the library to view the details.  
[www.hungerford-tc.gov.uk](http://www.hungerford-tc.gov.uk)

Only those registered to vote within Hungerford Parish will be eligible to take part in the referendum.

If you are not yet registered please visit:  
[www.westberks.gov.uk/register-to-vote](http://www.westberks.gov.uk/register-to-vote)

If you are away or would prefer to vote by post please visit:  
[www.gov.uk/apply-postal-vote](http://www.gov.uk/apply-postal-vote)

**Don't forget - you need ID to vote!**





*Should more than 50% of voters choose 'yes', the Hungerford NDP will be formally adopted as part of the **development plan for West Berkshire** and used to help determine planning applications in Hungerford Parish.*

### Your vote matters

Help shape the future of Hungerford—**make sure your voice is heard on 27 November**.

## Exciting News: Hungerford's Community Shed is Coming!

We're thrilled to share that plans for **Hungerford's Community Shed** (trading as 'The Men's Shed') are now well underway and contracts have officially been signed by the relevant parties' solicitors.

### What is a Community Shed?

Community Sheds are non-profit spaces where people come together to work on craft projects, share skills, and enjoy social interaction. The movement began in Australia in the 1980s and has grown to over **1,130 sheds across the UK** — each one helping to combat loneliness and improve wellbeing.

### Why Hungerford Needs a Shed

With hundreds of local residents who could benefit from companionship and creative engagement, the Hungerford Community Shed is set to become a welcoming hub for connection, creativity, and support. Run entirely by volunteers, it will be a space **for the community, by the community**.

### What's Next?

We'll keep you updated as plans progress and building work begins. This is a truly exciting opportunity for Hungerford, and we can't wait to see it come to life so stay tuned for more updates in the coming months!



**Proposed image  
of Hungerford's  
Community  
Shed**



## More Exciting News: Hungerford Town Council has been gifted a new allotment!

Hungerford Town Council (HTC) is delighted to announce that a new allotment is coming to the heart of Hungerford! This wonderful initiative has been made possible thanks to the generous gift of land from Mrs. Barbara Newton & her family as a legacy gift in perpetuity to Hungerford's Community.

The plans for this space are truly inspiring and some of the ideas being considered include:

- **A Community Orchard**
- **A dedicated space for Hungerford Schools**
- **Available allotment plots will be for local residents**

This project is all about bringing people together, promoting wellbeing, and creating a vibrant green space for everyone to enjoy. HTC would sincerely like to thank Mrs Newton & her family for their most generous gift to our community.

Stay tuned for updates as we develop this exciting addition to our town!

## Britain in Bloom - Silver Award for Hungerford in Britain in Bloom!



We're thrilled to announce that **Hungerford** has won the **coveted Silver Award** in the **Small-Town category** of *Britain in Bloom*!



This fantastic achievement reflects the dedication of our **residents, volunteers, community groups, Hungerford Town Council** and **Town and Manor** — all working together to make our town a beautiful place to live, work, and visit.

### The judges were wowed by our stunning green spaces:

- Riverside meadows
- Historic landscapes
- Hungerford Common & The Marsh
- Canals, rivers, parks & community allotments

Special thanks to our community groups including **Smarten Up Hungerford, Hungerford Allotment Association (HAHA), St Lawrence's Church volunteers, Town & Manor**, local businesses, and individuals who support the town and to all those who lovingly maintain these spaces for everyone to enjoy.

This award celebrates **community spirit, collaboration**, and the **natural beauty** of Hungerford. Let's keep showing the country what makes our town truly remarkable! Just think what next year might bring!

## Hungerford Town Council is considering running a Blue Plaque Scheme and the benefits include:

A council-led blue plaque scheme offers several valuable benefits:

- **Celebrates Local Heritage:** Promotes historical awareness and pride in the community's past.
- **Educates the Public:** Connects people to places, enriching understanding of history and architecture.
- **Boosts Community Pride:** Strengthens local identity and fosters a sense of belonging.
- **Supports Conservation:** Highlights historically significant buildings, aiding their preservation.
- **Encourages Engagement:** Invites public participation in local history, making it accessible to all.

These schemes play a vital role in preserving cultural heritage and enhancing community spirit.

## We look forward to keeping you updated with further developments.

### New Addition to Smitham Bridge Playpark

Hungerford Town Council is delighted to announce a fun new feature at Smitham Bridge Playpark!



**Betty Bee Spring** has joined the play area, bringing joy and imaginative play for children aged 2–7. This vibrant and durable piece of equipment is designed to spark creativity and provide endless fun for our youngest residents.

We hope families enjoy this exciting addition and continue to make wonderful memories at Smitham Bridge Playpark!



## Ramsbury Playpark – Future Plans

Hungerford Town Council (HTC) is waiting for the asset transfer to take place so that we can finally take responsibility for Ramsbury Playpark. Over the years, the park has suffered from poor maintenance and HTC wants to ensure it receives the same care and attention as our other playparks in Hungerford.

Discussions are currently underway with West Berkshire Council, and we'll keep you updated as plans progress.

**Watch this space for further developments!**

## Hungerford in Bloom

This year's *Hungerford in Bloom* was a joyful celebration of creativity, care, and community spirit. Residents, schools, businesses, and groups showcased their gardening talents, transforming our town into a vibrant tapestry of colour and life. Each year, **Hungerford in Bloom** reminds us of the power of nature to uplift, inspire, and unite. From colourful front gardens to imaginative courtyard spaces, thriving school plots to lovingly tended community displays—every entry is a testament to the care and passion of our residents.

For full details please visit our website [www.hungerford-tc.gov.uk](http://www.hungerford-tc.gov.uk) or contact HTC Office on 01488686195 or email [admin@hungerford-tc.gov.uk](mailto:admin@hungerford-tc.gov.uk).

Again, a huge thank you to the wonderful Smarten Up Hungerford Volunteer team who continue to work so hard keeping Hungerford in alive with colour blooms. They are constantly tending the tubs and troughs which always look so glorious.

## HUNGERFORD IN BLOOM AWARD CEREMONY

The Award ceremony was dedicated to congratulating the winners of Hungerford

in Bloom 2025 who faced stiff competition with their enviable gardens, outdoor spaces, and courtyard gardens from the residential and commercial categories. Nothing beats a British summer and with a mix of rain and sunshine over the past few months, the winners showed true resilience and perseverance with all their gardening achievements.

## Hungerford in Bloom 2025 Award Ceremony: A Celebration of Beauty, Community, and Creativity



## 🌸 1st Place Award Winners 2025

Category	Place	Winner(s)
Front Garden	1 <sup>st</sup> Place	Sue & Graham Tucker
Back Garden	1 <sup>st</sup> Place	Anita Campbell & Rita Phillips
Courtyard	1 <sup>st</sup> Place	Haley Weir
Commercial	1 <sup>st</sup> Place	Railway Tavern
Schools	1 <sup>st</sup> Place	John O'Gaunt School
Community Groups	1 <sup>st</sup> Place	Smarten Up Hungerford (SUH)
Special Awards	Heart & Soul	Scott West
	Margaret Wilson Trophy	Graham & Sue Tucker
	Newcomer	Barry Hatton

Full details of all the winners and runners up can be found on our website: [Hungerford in Bloom](#)

**A Town in Full Bloom** - To all our winners—and to everyone who entered—thank you. You have made Hungerford more beautiful, more vibrant, and more connected. Your efforts remind us that gardening is not just about plants, but about people, passion, and pride in our community.

**Let's continue to nurture our gardens and each other and congratulations to you all!**



**Our sincere thanks go to the wonderful businesses in Hungerford who kindly donated prizes for this prestigious event:**

Three Swans Hotel; Littlecote House Hotel; Downgate Public House; Naked Grape; Hungerford Book Shop; Terrace View Café; Sarah Styles of Hungerford; Wendy Lewis Flowers; Cooper & Cooper aka Lou Lou; Nia Day

### Hungerford Mayor, Cllr Helen Simpson, says:

It's an absolute pleasure to present the prizes to such talented and green-fingered residents of Hungerford. This year's Hungerford in Bloom competition received a fantastic response, transforming the town with vibrant floral displays and bursts of colour.



The event beautifully showcases the creativity and dedication of our community—from charming gardens to impressive commercial properties, and the incredible contributions from Hungerford Nursery School with their colourful and imaginative village garden display and John O'Gaunt School who showcased their Education Garden, with its bug hotel.

It's truly inspiring to see such passion and talent flourishing in our town."

### Hungerford Town Council's Annual Grant Award Ceremony

In October, Hungerford Town Council hosted a joint civic ceremony to present certificates and prizes to grant recipients and winners of the Hungerford in Bloom competition.

The first set of awards formally recognised the local charities and groups who received grants this year. This annual event is a highlight on the Mayor's calendar. The number of organisations offering advice, encouragement, and support to our community is truly humbling—especially during challenging economic times.

Details of this year's grants and information about the organisations can be found on our website: [Grants – Grants - Hungerford Town Council](#).



### A Message from the Mayor

#### Hungerford Mayor, Cllr Helen Simpson, said:

*"The annual Grants Awards remain one of my favourite civic events. So many of these local organisations and charities offer invaluable support to the residents of Hungerford, and meeting with these deserving groups to recognise all they accomplish is truly humbling. On behalf of the whole town, thank you for your hard work and commitment to our community."*

These groups embody the very best of Hungerford—resilience, generosity, and a shared vision for a better future. As Mayor, I'm proud to support their efforts and deeply grateful to everyone who contributes their time and energy. Let's continue to work together, uplift one another, and build a town where everyone feels valued and inspired.

### FREEDOM OF THE TOWN AWARD CEREMONY

The Freedom of The Town Award is intended to promote good citizenship by recognising as role models those in our midst who by their actions and demeanour have demonstrated exceptionally loyal service to the benefit of the town.

Each year we shall consider awarding this Freedom to those, who in the opinion of our citizens have made a significant contribution to the well-being of Hungerford.

Our Town is blessed with many who through their selfless actions have given so much to our community and by identifying a few with this award, we also giving our thanks to the many who volunteer to the huge benefit of the whole town.

Hungerford Town Council held its annual Freedom of the Town Award Ceremony on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> October.



Congratulations to John Downe, Kathy Bossom and Penny Brookman on your well-deserved awards.

**John Downe** has been a driving force behind environmental progress in Hungerford. From leading the transformation of the **Hungerford Library and Community Trust** into what is likely **West Berkshire's first carbon-neutral public building**, to supporting green upgrades at the **Nursery School** and **Methodist Church**, his impact is far-reaching.

As a former **Town Councillor** and active member of the **Hungerford Environmental Action Team**, John has championed initiatives like **EV charging points**, **Green Fest**, and **EV shows**—bringing sustainability to the heart of our community.

Beyond his environmental work, John quietly supports others as a **volunteer driver with CHAIN**, always ready to lend a hand where it's needed most.

Thank you, John, for your unwavering commitment to a greener, kinder Hungerford.

### **Kathy Bossom – A Quiet Force in Our Community**

Since 2011, Kathy Bossom has been a dedicated **CHAIN trustee**, ensuring the **CHAIN Mail** magazine reaches residents across Hungerford.

Her community spirit shines through her long-standing involvement with the **Community of Hungerford Theatre Company**, where she's contributed both on stage and behind the scenes for over 20 years. She's also supported events like **HADCAF**, **Hocktide**, and **D-Day commemorations**.

Alongside her husband Tyrell, Kathy runs **Crown Needlework** on the High Street—helping keep Hungerford's town centre vibrant and welcoming.

Whether through her shop, theatre work, or local volunteering, Kathy brings warmth, creativity, and quiet dedication to everything she does.

### **Penny Brookman – Keeping Traditions Alive**

Penny Brookman has led the **Hungerford/Ligueil Twinning Association** for years, nurturing international friendships. She also founded the **Garston Gallopers Morris Dancers**, bringing traditional English dance to life in Hungerford.

Her passion extends to local schools, where she introduces children to **folk traditions and Maypole dancing**, creating joyful, lasting memories.

Penny's energy, generosity, and deep community spirit have made a lasting impact across Hungerford.

### **As we look back and reflect on Remembrance Day**

**Hungerford Marks Remembrance Day with Community Tribute**





Hungerford joined communities across the country in commemorating Remembrance Day on Sunday, 9th November. The parade set off from the Town Hall at 10:30am, making its way to the Bridge Street Memorial in time for the 10:40am service.

Wreaths were laid by representatives from the armed forces, emergency services, local community organisations, and voluntary groups, in a moving tribute to those who have served and sacrificed.

We extend our sincere thanks to the Royal British Legion for their continued support in organising this important event—it's a day we couldn't deliver without their dedication.

A special thank you also goes to the team at Dick Lovett BMW Mini, who generously power-washed the block paving at the war memorial. Their efforts made a noticeable difference and were greatly appreciated.

We were especially honoured to welcome veterans and serving members of the armed forces, who joined the parade and gathered at the clearly marked assembly point outside the Town Hall.

### **Dates for your diary.....**

#### **Christmas Lights Switch-On**

This year's **Christmas Lights Switch-On** will take place Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> November at 5pm with music from 4pm. As always, the event will feature a wonderful line up of singers and community groups – and yes, even a visit from Santa!

We know it feels early to mention Christmas, but this couldn't wait as the festive season is starting a littler earlier this year, and we are excited to celebrate with you through all the upcoming events.

#### **The Mayor's Christmas Carol Service**

**Date:** Sunday, 14th December

**Location:** St Lawrence's Church, Hungerford

**Time:** 6pm

Join us for a festive evening of carols and community spirit at this cherished annual event.

### **Everyone is welcome!**

#### **★ Community Engagement Spotlight**

A huge thank you to **Hungerford Town Council**, **St Lawrence's Church**, and **Smarten Up Hungerford** for their outstanding work clearing weeds and rubbish from the Railway Station Car Park. This inspiring act of volunteerism truly showcases the spirit of Hungerford—where community members come together to make a real difference.

Special thanks to the Vicar and his team, not only for their help but also for the amazing refreshments, Smarten up Hungerford volunteers for their generous support, Broadmead Estates, who provided the tractor and trailer and removed all green waste at no cost to the tax payer, and to HTC for helping and supporting with coordinating permissions to make this event possible.

We're excited to announce that this will now be an **annual event**! If you'd like to get involved next year, keep an eye out for our call to action—we'd love to have you join us!





## The Croft Field Activity Centre— Now Open for Bookings!

Looking for the perfect venue for your party, wedding reception, Duke of Edinburgh Camp, club meeting or work event? Contact Hungerford Town Council on 01488 686195 or email [admin@hungerford-tc.gov.uk](mailto:admin@hungerford-tc.gov.uk) for availability and charges.

For further info please use the QR Code:

All information can be found on our website [www.hungerford-tc.gov.uk](http://www.hungerford-tc.gov.uk) or contact 01488 686195 [admin@hungerford-tc.gov.uk](mailto:admin@hungerford-tc.gov.uk)



## Welcome to our FOUR new Councillors

We're delighted to welcome several new faces to Hungerford Town Council. Each brings a unique background and a shared passion for our town. Here's a little about them:

### CLlr Simon Mulholland

Simon and his wife discovered Hungerford in 2010 and have called it home ever since. Now nearly retired after a career in the process and infrastructure sectors, Simon is stepping into public service for the first time. He hopes to bring a fresh management perspective to the Council and contribute to making Hungerford an even better place to live.





#### **Cllr Jane Brunning**

I moved to Hungerford from Somerset in 2002, whilst there I volunteered for the local swimming club and school PTA. I have been a partner in a communications agency since 1997 working with clients large and small. When In Somerset I also ran a small holiday let business, scoring 9.7/10 on Booking.com.

#### **Cllr Nia Day**

Nia enjoys working on her allotment, playing tennis (badly, she says!), and being active in the Hungerford Food Community. Already Chair of HAH and a regular at R&A meetings, Nia understands the dedication required to support the town. She hopes her experience will help ensure Hungerford continues to thrive as a wonderful place to live.



#### **Cllr Chris Hall**

Chris has lived and worked in and around Hungerford all his life. With deep local knowledge and strong community ties, he runs two businesses in town and has hands-on experience in project management. Chris is passionate about preserving Hungerford's charm while supporting its growth and modernisation.



### **Meet our Councillors**

#### **Cllr Helen Simpson**

I am truly privileged to serve Hungerford as Town Mayor, now entering my eighth year in the role. I also chair the recreation, amenities and war memorial committee, it continues to evolve and present new challenges, each year seems to become even busier!

HTC were delighted to welcome four new councillors to the team. Our council is dynamic and diverse, bringing together a wide range of skills, experiences, and perspectives. This breadth of knowledge makes our debates lively and engaging; whilst ensuring we reflect a broad cross-section of our community's views.

I would also like to recognise the incredible work of our HTC staff. Their dedication and professionalism enable councillors to deliver projects efficiently and effectively. They consistently go above and beyond to support both the council and the wider community.

As Mayor, I continue to serve as ex officio on all council committees, as I believe maintaining a comprehensive overview of all areas of our



work is essential to effective leadership and collaboration.

Planning and housing remain key priorities for everyone. Striking the right balance between protecting our landscape, ensuring the town's sustainability, and delivering essential infrastructure continues to be a delicate challenge. I am delighted that our town continues to attract new businesses, reflecting its enduring appeal.

A key part of my role involves strengthening partnerships with the Chamber of Commerce, West Berkshire Council, and the Town & Manor. I am extremely proud of the mutual respect and close collaboration among these groups, which enable the town to progress cohesively and with shared purpose.

If you've ever considered joining the team, I would highly recommend giving it a go. I continue to learn so much from HTC councillors and peers, and it has certainly been one of the most rewarding volunteer roles I've undertaken. I believe the role of town and parish councils will become increasingly important, particularly if our unitary authority continues to grow.

### **Cllr Claire Winner**



Another full-on year with Hungerford Town Council; the new Skate Park and Croft Field Activity Centre building renovations having been completed. These are two great assets for Hungerford residents, and I hope they are used to their full potential. There are many aspirations in regard to improving other areas in the town which will be scheduled in as funds allow. My hope is to have made a difference to the town in my years serving as a councillor, 7 years as Chair of Finance & General-Purpose Committee and 3 years as Deputy Mayor.

### **Cllr James Cole**



"I continue to hope that the time I spent on West Berks Council for Hungerford and Kintbury has proved of some use to the Town Council – I am attempting to make use of that in Environment and Planning as Chair, in Highways and Transport, Finance and representing Hungerford on the West Berks Heritage Forum. On the Heritage side West Berks does now have a new Conservation Officer and I plan to restart the effort to reassess Hungerford's Conservation Areas – successful reassessments would be a support to Hungerford's Neighbourhood Plan, should that plan be approved by the town."

### **Cllr Jerry Keates**



We moved to Hungerford by choice in 2015 and being a councillor enables me to give something back. I am passionate about our wonderful historic town and promoting the amazing community spirit we enjoy. I believe it is imperative that we defend its charms whilst guiding future growth

and developments that fit with Hungerford's unique place within an AONB, mindful of needs for all inhabitants. As both Chair of Highways & Transport and as a Councillor it is a privilege to work collaboratively with fellow Councillors and a wide range of agencies for the benefit of the town's residents and commercial businesses. It is important to be aware of the needs of all members of our society, acting as a representative to ensure their needs are considered and providing a voice, acting on their behalf when required.

### **Cllr Alistair Fyfe**

After 5 years I resigned as Chair of Planning but remain a member of the planning committee. Whilst no longer leading the committee it still takes up a considerable amount of my time. The BMW/Mini redevelopment is proceeding well, the plans for the old Oakes Bros site by the station received HTC's approval for 44 flats and are waiting WBC's decision. As a member of Recreation and Amenities Committee, I have, with the Mayor, been in negotiation with WBC to take over the Ramsbury Drive playground. HTC do an excellent job of managing their playgrounds and we await the final terms from WBC. As I am also a Trustee for the Town & Manor and with a foot in each camp, this helps to build on the close working relationships between the two organisations.

### **Cllr Richard Hudson**

"It has been a few years now and it seems just part of my life. Most Monday evenings popping along for a meeting, either the Full Council, Planning or Transport. My background is a professional transport planner, so I have mainly aimed to assist with planning and transport related matters. The council is a friendly team; we have a great set up with an office and a Clerk to help. I was chair of the Highways and Transport Committee for several





years, but I tend to take more of a back seat these days. This year I have been organising the Speed Indicator Devices (SIDs), which help to slow traffic. I have also been working on the Neighbourhood Plan and recently became chairman which takes up quite a bit of time. Planning and housing are major issues for the town so it's important that we try and protect it and the Area of Outstanding Beauty around us. I'd recommend being a councillor if you are interested in your community and you really can make a difference. Key achievements that I've been heavily involved in include the pedestrian bridge over the canal, the SIDs and Neighbourhood Plan. Don't be scared off by the process and formality as you soon get used to it."

#### **Cllr David Reeves**

Dave has lived in Hungerford since 2023, having previously lived in various places in the

Southeast since growing up in East

London. Dave is the owner of a Business Consultancy firm specialising in the Leisure and Hospitality Industry with its headquarters on Charnham Street. In his

early years, he managed gyms for a national chain, and still loves

fitness. Running is a big part of his life and the only thing he doesn't like about Hungerford is having to run up its many hills! In terms of work for the council, a big passion of his is "Social ecology" which is the study of how people interact with and respond to the environment around them, and how these interactions affect society and the environment as a whole. With this passion he hopes to make sure that Hungerford is kept looking great, as it currently does and remains a fabulous and welcoming place to live.

#### **Cllr Helen Armstrong**

"I am hoping that by serving on Hungerford Town Council I will be able to give back to Hungerford and the Hungerford community which has served as my home of choice for 20+ years. I enjoy being part of making Hungerford a safer environment for businesses, and residents alike and working with the Highways & Transport committee will help enable this. My aim is to help preserve the wonderful historic nature of our town through the Environment & Planning committee. Finally, I look forward to helping keep the Christmas magic alive which Hungerford achieves so well."

#### **Cllr Keith Carlson**

"I moved to Hungerford with my wife in September 2021 and became a councillor in February 2022. During this time, I have found the town to be extremely welcoming and acting as a councillor is an opportunity to help shape the future to ensure that the town is able to thrive while preserving the best of what makes Hungerford a special place to live."

#### **Cllr Derek Alford**

As a Hungerford Town Councillor, I will continue to work for the residents of this wonderful town in which I live. Much of my life has been dedicated to working with young people. Since I have moved to Hungerford I have continued to do this. I am a Trustee at the Hungerford Youth and Community Centre and volunteer one evening a week. I would like to see the Youth of Hungerford understand they are important to the Town. They should have a say in youth activities and have a better understanding how the town is managed. They need a voice.



### **Councillor Departures**

We said farewell to Cllrs Coulthurst & Montgomery. We would like to thank them all for all their hard work, dedication and contributions to the town.

### **Councillor Vacancy**

Hungerford Town Council currently has a vacancy for a Town Councillor. If you're passionate about your local community, eager to make a positive impact, and ready to get involved, we'd love to hear from you. Visit our website to learn more and find out how to apply.

You are very welcome to attend any of our Town Council meetings to get a feel for how they run and topics for discussion. The next

upcoming agendas can be found on the home page of this website. There is always the option to introduce yourself at the meetings should you wish, or you can just listen. Please let the Town Clerk know if you plan to attend.

Most meetings usually take place in the library and are generally held on a Monday evening at 7pm. Free training is available and outside of meetings most correspondence is by email but there are also site meetings, civic events and hands on tasks depending on your interest. It is quite a commitment but very rewarding.

If you have any queries whatsoever, please don't hesitate to give the Town Clerk a call and she will be very happy to chat through what the role would involve in more detail.

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### **District Councillors**

We continue to work closely with our District Councillors. If you have any issues you are struggling to resolve with West Berks Council, you may wish to contact them.

#### **Cllr Dennis Benneyworth**

Email: [dennis.benneyworth@westberks.gov.uk](mailto:dennis.benneyworth@westberks.gov.uk)



#### **Cllr Denise Gaines**

Email: [denise.gaines1@westberks.gov.uk](mailto:denise.gaines1@westberks.gov.uk)



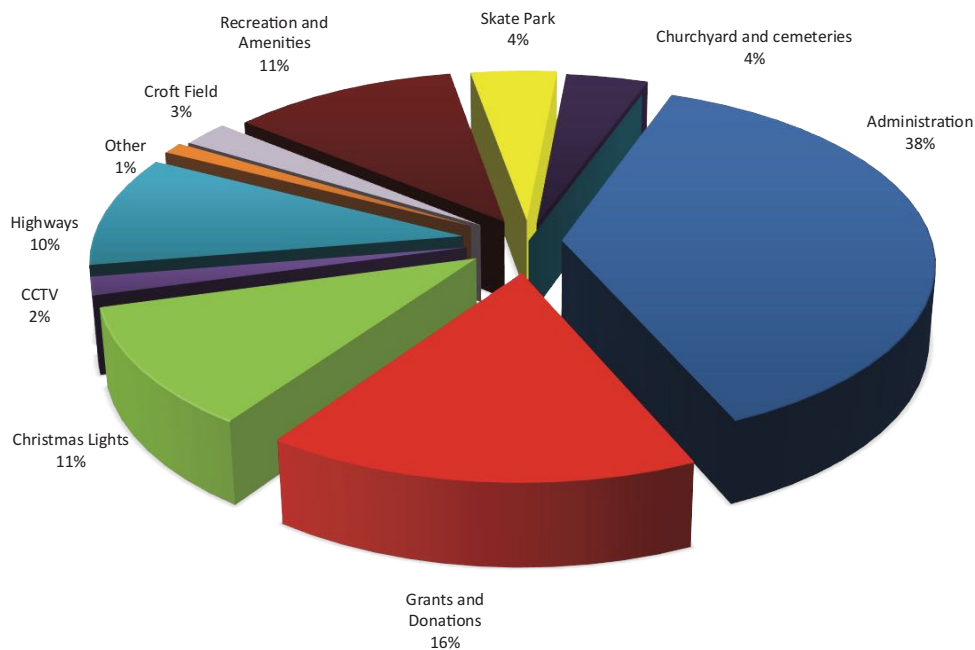
#### **Cllr Tony Vickers**

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**Cost to Taxpayers – A Breakdown of Expenses (Pie Chart)**

**Breakdown of our Expenditure**





## Your feedback

If you think there is something you would like to see done or if you want to help in anyway, we welcome your feedback. Please don't hesitate to get in touch. Contact Hungerford Town Council via email [admin@hungerford-tc.gov.uk](mailto:admin@hungerford-tc.gov.uk) or by phone 01488 686195. You can follow us on Facebook or INSTAGRAM.

## Finding out more about HTC's activities

HTC's website at [www.hungerford-tc.gov.uk](http://www.hungerford-tc.gov.uk) is regularly updated and has a wide range of information on all HTC's activities, including the agendas and minutes of meetings and a list of all the councillors and officers with their contact details. Lookout for our regular newsletter published by Penny Post Hungerford in the first week of each month which includes a summary of Hungerford Town Council's main activities. Subscription is free.



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