



UPPINGHAM TOWN COUNCIL

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Uppingham Town Council continues to improve the services it provides to residents including enhanced heritage street lighting in the core of the conservation area. The heritage lighting project is a collaboration between the Town Council, Rutland County Council and Uppingham School. The scheme was funded from town centre improvement monies from the Hawksmead development in Oakham, Rutland County Council and a donation from Uppingham School. Less than 4% of the overall project costs came out of Uppingham Town Council reserves. In addition Council has continued to develop Tod's Piece with the provision of new pathways and an increase in litter bins as the park becomes visited more and more. This location will again feature in immediate plans to improve the facilities, especially the younger children's play area and the provision of more paths and seating. Additionally Council will be implementing a planned maintenance programme on assets such as the Town Hall including improved access from High Street East. It also is keen to continue to promote community based activities and events to enhance the visitor offer by improving the town profile on social media and online.

Council continues to support many local initiatives and groups through its grant aid framework. This includes the Rutland Foodbank, projects at Leighfield and Uppingham C of E Schools, town centre based events and shows which appear evermore popular with our community and visitors alike. Council's annual financial support for Uppingham in Bloom, which combined with the productive volunteer base and extensive commitment from Uppingham School, continues to win awards for the town.

For 2018/19, Uppingham Town Council have been ever mindful of the increases in precept over the previous two years to meet the changing demands it faced and with the benefit of additional revenue over the coming two to three years from new home developments, it plans to hold the precept for the new financial year.

- There will be no increase in the precept for 2018/19 from Uppingham Town Council

Quote from Mayor, Alec Crombie MBE: "I delight in our growing interaction with our electorate. This has been crucial in the reprieve of the 747 Bus service, and bodes well for the launch of our Love Uppingham website. We have enthusiastically supported Uppingham in Bloom and rejoice in the success that has done so much to raise the profile of our Town. We continue to seek out more ways to improve our amenities within our budget."

Any questions should be sent to Neil Wedge (Town Clerk) to the above address or email.