



## Message from the outgoing Mayor, Councillor Dave Fleming



It has been a great honour and a pleasure to serve as Mayor of Bishop Auckland for the second time.

During my term of office I have attended over 100 events and many, many meetings to represent the Council, help raise the profile of local groups and to promote the town.

I have met so many wonderful people that give so much of their time and energy in making their, indeed our, communities so special. In many instances they do this without recognition. I would like to pay tribute to these people.

The Council has continued to work in partnership with many organisations to make Bishop Auckland an even better place to live, visit and do business.

My year as Mayor comes to an end at a time of exciting opportunities. I for one am optimistic about the future of our town.

During my term as Mayor I have been raising funds for Woodhouse Close Foodbank and Crisis Intervention Project. I am delighted to announce that I have raised £5,287.93 and would like to thank everyone that have been so kind to support me by making donations and attending fundraising events. The Foodbank is a much needed resource that offers comfort and support to those who are in the most need. My wife and I have been involved with the Foodbank for many years and will continue to support this very worthy cause beyond my term as Mayor'.

Finally, I would like to wish my successor Councillor Joy Allen best wishes for her term of office as Mayor.

## Councillor Joy Allen elected Mayor for 2019/20

Councillor Joy Allen was elected at the 13<sup>th</sup> Town Mayor on 7<sup>th</sup> May 2019.

On being elected as Mayor Joy said: "I am honoured and delighted to have been chosen to serve as the new mayor of Bishop Auckland. This is a very exciting time for Bishop Auckland which is on the verge of a new chapter in its illustrious history.

In the next year alone we will see the opening of a number of major new attractions that will no doubt have a positive impact on the high street and facilitate new jobs and bring major new investment in the town. However, there will be challenges during this transition period as we gear up to meet the needs of increased footfall and tourists and address the impact caused when national store chains and commercial operators reduce their presence on the high street.

The Town Council has recently published its parish plan that looks at residents' concerns about the environment, transport, health, leisure, education, training and employment. Whilst we acknowledge that the Town Council is a small player to tackle the major issues facing the town and its residents, we will do what we can ourselves and also work with relevant organisation to ensure that progress is made.

Over the next year I will be working closely with my fellow councillors and partners to ensure that we respond to the outcomes of public consultation and deliver the key objectives.



### Blooming good success at the Town Council's 4th Horticultural and Produce Show 2018



It was another impressive year for the Show with hundreds of visitors flocking into the Town Hall. Judges cast a keen eye over the high standard of entries during another challenging growing season for many local gardeners which has seen a hot summer followed by gale force winds that damaged many poly tunnels. The large number of exhibits showed a great perseverance and support for the show which is becoming a firm favourite in the exhibitor calendar.

There were plenty of gorgeous blooms and impressive vegetables to look at with growers from Bishop Auckland and around the area exhibiting in the show. With forty-three different categories, including everything from chrysanthemums to cauliflowers, exhibitors went head to

head for prizes including medals and certificates from the Chrysanthemum and Dalilah Societies to which the show is affiliated.

Tributes were paid to Tam Mayor from The Auckland Project who helped judge the Home Produce Section and had been working for weeks with different groups. Extra tables had to be laid out to accommodate the big increase in the number of entries to the children's section which included photographs, paintings, poems, cress heads and painted pebbles. Thanks also went to Anne-Williams Maughan who stepped in last minute to help judge the Children's Section and Home Produce Section.

The Council is indebted to those who helped to organise the show, Trevor Hogg, Joan Hogg, Chris Davidson and Liz Drake, who were delighted to see their hard work pay off having been preparing for a number of months.

The Mayor of Bishop Auckland David Fleming praised the show saying: *"It was fantastic to see so many vegetable entries, beautiful flowers, children's entries and home baked goods' and importantly everyone joining in and having a good time. I am also so very grateful to the exhibitors and members of the public who made generous donations for my chosen charity in aid of Woodhouse Community Foodbank, where a massive £350 was raised!"* he added. Surplus vegetables were also donated to the Foodbank.

**Next year's show takes place on 28th September 2019.**

### Bishop Auckland Remembers: Thousands Turn Out for Town's Poignant Commemorations

Huge crowds gathered in Bishop Auckland Market Place on Remembrance Sunday (11<sup>th</sup> November 2018) to pay tribute to those who had fought and lost their lives in war.

An estimated 2,000 people attended this year's Remembrance Service and Parade which so poignantly marked the 100th anniversary of the end of the First World War.

The parade, led by 8th Battalion the Rifles and followed by Bishop Auckland Pipes and Drums, 2505 Air Cadets, Arms Cadets, Motivational Preparation College for Training, the Scouts, veterans and members of the public, set off from the Newgate Centre and marched to the War Memorial in the Market Place.



The Service at the War Memorial was led by Reverend Matt Keddily, St Anne's Church. Two minutes silence began at exactly 11.00am marking the 100th anniversary of the guns falling silent at the end of the First World War.





Pipes played 'Abide with me' as Dr. Robert McManners, Deputy Lord Lieutenant, representing HRH Queen Elizabeth II, laid the first wreath followed by Councillor Dave Fleming, Mayor who laid a wreath on behalf of the town. A further thirty-three wreaths were laid by representatives of the forces, police, fire service and many other organisations and individuals associated with the town.

The Mayor of Bishop Auckland, Councillor David Fleming, said: *"I cannot praise the people of Bishop Auckland enough for the tremendous turn out today which was dignified, poignant and showed that our community has not forgotten the sacrifice made by so many."*

*"The Council would also like to say a huge thank you to those behind the scenes who ensure the Act of Remembrance is made possible each year, particularly Ruth Wright from the Royal British Legion, WO2 Eastwood from the 8th Battalion the Rifles, Rev Matt Keddily and Clergy from St Anne's Church, members from the 2505 Air Cadets, Mike Donne from SSAFA, Bishop Auckland Police, The Army Cadets – Bishop Auckland, Bishop Auckland Pipes and Drums and the DLI Bishop Auckland Branch."*

**2019 Remembrance Service will be held on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> November.**

## Christmas in Bishop Auckland 2018

The Mayor of Bishop Auckland, Councillor David Fleming took great pleasure in officially opening the Countdown to Christmas Event in the Market Place on Friday 23rd November with an estimated 2,000 people flocking to start the festive season.

Bishop Paul Butler blessed the event before a magnificent Nativity Scene unfolded which was performed by St John's School and Sixth Form College in partnership with St Anne's Church and Jane Crawford.

Visitors enjoyed delicious food from the Full Moon Street Food Market and attractions that were on offer including the Big Purple Play Bus, children's rides and a Santa's grotto in the Town Hall.

Bishop Auckland Fire and Rescue gave Santa a lift to the Town Hall balcony where he switched on the Christmas Tree Lights.

The evening closed with a festive medley of Christmas songs performed by Innovations.

The Mayor said: *"It was a great evening with lots going on and I was really pleased to see so many people enjoying themselves, the look on the children's faces when Santa arrived by Fire Engine was priceless."*

The Mayor went on to thank people behind the scenes who made the event possible including, Stanley Events, Councillor Brownson the MC, staff at the Town Hall, St John's School and Sixth Form College, St Anne's Church, Innovations, Bishop Auckland and Shildon AAP and Bishop Auckland Community Fire Brigade.

**The 2019 Christmas Event will be held towards the end of November.**





## Bishop Auckland Food Festival



The 14th annual Bishop Auckland Food Festival attracted around 29,000 people to the town, boosting the takings of local businesses and more than 150 traders from County Durham and beyond.

This year, the Durham County Council event, which is sponsored by Bishop Auckland Town Council, featured more traders than ever before, meaning visitors could devour dishes inspired by international cuisines, along with the finest produce the North-East has to offer. Interactive workshops encouraged people of all ages to discover more about the delicious drinks and foodie treats on sale, while live music and children's entertainment added to the feel-good atmosphere.



Jayden and John Tomlinson were visiting from the local area and dad John said: "It's a great day with so much choice, I've been tempted by the Vietnamese food because I've never had that before and that's what the food festivals all about isn't it – trying something new." Son Jayden added: "It's a lot bigger than it was before and I think that's great because it's going to attract more people to buy more things which is great because the stalls will be making a lot more money than they would have last year."

Hundreds of people enjoyed demonstrations by celebrity chefs and food personalities including BBC MasterChef co-presenter Gregg Wallace who said Bishop Auckland "may be one of the nicest, friendliest places I've been and you have got some cracking food out there" while actress and restaurateur Jennie McAlpine, best known for playing Fiz in Coronation Street said: "these festival are great because its local producers altogether and there is a really lovely sense of community."

Television presenter Angellica Bell shared recipes perfect for getting youngsters excited about cookery, while Stefan Gates captivated families with his explosive experiments inspired by the human digestive system. BBC MasterChef champion Kenny Tutt and Great British Bake Off semi-finalist Briony May Williams completed the line-up and won over festival goers with their mouth-watering creations.



The festival also upped its green credentials this year, with traders encouraged to ditch single-use plastic packaging and Northumbrian Water's tap water bar providing a place for people to fill up reusable bottles.

Cllr Simon Henig, Durham County Council Leader, said: "Bishop Auckland Food Festival has really put our county on the culinary map and shines a light on the brilliant producers we have here. It also attracts thousands of people into Bishop Auckland, which boosts the local economy and helps to promote the other fantastic attractions in the area.

Cllr Dave Fleming, Mayor of Bishop Auckland, said: "This is a fantastic event that I look forward to every year. It just gets better and better. Bishop Auckland Town Council is proud to continue to sponsor the event, which brings tens of thousands of people to our lovely town and does so much to help the local economy, not just for the weekend, but also with return visits. I've spoken to so many people who say they will come back to Bishop Auckland to explore more of what's on offer.





## Youth Awards 2019



The Town Council celebrated its fifth annual Youth Awards on 1st May 2019 to acknowledge, celebrate and give recognition to young people in our town who have made significant progress in their own lives, achieved something significant or have made considerable contributions to others.

This year we received nominations for 18 individuals and 12 teams representing the most amazing young sports people, volunteers, carers, and school achievers, who are bright, hardworking young people from Bishop Auckland.

Councillor Dave Fleming, who officiated at the presentation as Mayor of Bishop Auckland, said: 'I feel very privileged to be able to be a part of these awards. I'd like to congratulate everyone that was nominated. We have some brilliant young people in Bishop Auckland and we should celebrate their achievements.'

### Special Achievement Awards

Special awards were presented to the following in recognition of their outstanding achievements.



#### Sporting Achievement

**Lucy Capenhurst** for sporting achievement in Rugby Union as a young player, coach and champion of girls rugby.



#### Inspirational Young Person

**Nic Cooper** for his outstanding courage and determination to achieve sporting and academic success while continuing to support others despite facing his own personal adversities.



#### Kindness, Empathy and Maturity

**Lilly Lockey and Evangeline - Lilli Mitchell**, for showing great kindness, empathy and maturity to support their friend when she was in the greatest need.





### Overcoming Adversity

**Mia Marshall** for courage and strength in the face of adversity.



### Perseverance

**Sophie Sharp** for her perseverance in overcoming her own personal battle and achieving success in academic studies and drama.



### Courage and Determination

**Hope Simpson**, for her courage and determination to succeed in art and literature despite debilitating setbacks.



### Academic Achievement

**Abbi Stephenson**, for her academic success and continued drive and determination to progress into higher education towards a career in a science discipline.



### Young Carers

**Chloe and Simone Toward** for the remarkable role they undertake in caring for their sister Chardene and also for their dedication to their studies at school.

## TEAM OF THE YEAR FOR 2019

**AYCC's Disability Youth Group** was announced as Team of the Year in recognition of their efforts and hard work on focusing on and promoting individual abilities and for supporting each other to achieve great things.

The Group was presented with a certificate and £500 to help their future endeavours.



## Highly Commended awards were presented to:



### Girl Friendly Society Group

Auckland Youth and Community Centre



### eCadets

Cockton Hill Junior School



### Working Out Worries

Cockton Hill Junior School

## Supporting Our Communities 2018/19

Bishop Auckland Town Council allocates £5,000 each year to support local organisation working for the benefit of Bishop Auckland residents. Community groups and local charities can apply for grants of up to £500. Applications are considered twice a year. Firstly, in June and then again in December.

Grants are limited and are made available to organisations that can demonstrate a need for assistance. Grants cannot be awarded to Individuals, commercial businesses, political organisations or for the promotion of religious activities.

The following are just some of the community groups that have received grants during 2018/19 financial year showing the variety of projects that can be assisted. A full list of all donations approved during 2018/19 is detailed on page 15.



### Bishop Auckland Sports Bar FC

Bishop Auckland Sports Bar FC received £100 to go towards the purchase new football kits for the club.

Bishop Auckland Sports Bar FC are a Sunday league football team and have close working links with King James I Academy, with training sessions taking place on their state of the art 4G football pitch.



### Bishop Auckland Remembrance Garden

Bishop Auckland Remembrance Garden received £240 to provide materials to create a Remembrance Garden in Bishop Auckland.

Bishop Auckland Remembrance Garden Group adopted an unused area of land, located in Albert Hill, Bishop Auckland and has transformed it into a serene garden, to honour the fallen heroes of the town.



### Cockton Hill Bowls Club

Cockton Hill Bowls Club received £193 to purchase new bowls targets and bowls mats.

Cockton Hill Bowls Club plays in various leagues and currently has around 30 members, from all age groups, including schools and colleges in the area. It provides a great environment to enjoy gentle exercise and have fun. The club is looking for new members to join, whether they are new to the sport or seasoned players.



### Richmond Fellowship

Richmond Fellowship Durham received £230 to help support a photography project.

The Fellowship provide residential and supported living services for people with mental ill health at two locations in County Durham. At their facility in Bishop Auckland they work with people on a one to one basis to empower residents to develop opportunities, gain skills and experience and make positive choices in their lives.



### Fellowship of Christian Churches

Bishop Auckland Fellowship of Christian Churches received £300 to help fund a Christmas lunch for those who would otherwise be on their own on Christmas Day.



### Bishop Auckland Cricket Club

The Junior Team of Bishop Auckland Cricket Club received £500 to help towards the purchase of new mobile cricket net for the Club.

Bishop Auckland Cricket Club has over 200 members and is encouraging players of all ages and abilities to be involved, hone their skills and increase their enjoyment of the game.



## MAYOR 2018/19

### A year in pictures

The outgoing Mayor, Councillor Dave Fleming, attended over 100 engagements during 2018/19 to celebrate and support local people and promote Bishop Auckland. These are just a few...



Meet the Mayor



Civic Event, Durham Town Hall



AYCC Summer Fate



Diamond Wedding Anniversary



100th Birthday



Advent Window opening



Civic Event at Fifteas



Opening of 'World of Make Believe'



Opening of 'Beautiful Gifts and Just



Opening of Tinkers Treasures



### Town Council's Aspirations and Forward Plan

The Town Council has recently adopted a number of aspirations for the town. These are described below and reflect comments made during consultation on the parish plan.

They are intentionally bold statements. They describe what local people have told us what they want Bishop Auckland to become, and we as a Town Council agree.

We acknowledge that we cannot achieve these aspirations in isolation. We will therefore work with relevant organisations and local groups toward a future that they describe. The aspirations are aligned to Durham County Council's key vision and priorities which should make it easier to co-ordinate activities and our efforts.

The parish plan and the Council's action plan is available in full on our website -

<http://bishopauckland-tc.gov.uk/council/parish-plan/>

#### A WEALTHIER BISHOP AUCKLAND

*A vibrant and thriving town that provides opportunities for businesses, training and employment. A place where people realise and maximise their potential.*

- W1. Regeneration of the Town Centre
- W2. To promote the availability and accessibility of apprenticeships and training for local people
- W3. To influence development within Bishop Auckland
- W4. To influence decisions over transport and parking

#### A HEALTHIER BISHOP AUCKLAND

*A place where people make healthy choices, live long and happy lives.*

- H1 Support and promote healthy lifestyles, healthy eating and exercise
- H2. Improve social wellbeing, sense of belonging and social inclusion
- H3. Improve health provision

#### A SAFER BISHOP AUCKLAND

*A safe place to live, work and visit.*

- S1 Support social inclusion and diversity
- S2. Support Neighbourhood Policing
- S3. Reduce crime / anti-social behaviour

#### GREENER

*A clean and attractive place to live, work and visit. A place that makes the most of its natural environment and built heritage.*

- G1. Tackle issues of littering, dog fouling and fly tipping
- G2. Protect green areas in the town
- G3. Enhance environment, green spaces, flowerbeds etc
- G4. Protect the environment from damage to air quality caused by traffic congestion

#### A BETTER FOR BISHOP AUCKLAND CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE

*A place where children and young people realise and maximise their potential, make healthy choices and have the best start in life.*

- CYP1. Support development of young people
- CYP2. Tackle child poverty and disadvantage

#### OVERARCHING

- O1. Enhance democratic representation



## New Town Council Premises



Bishop Auckland Town Council is close to realising a long term goal of purchasing its own offices.

The Town Council has rented an office in the Four Clocks Centre on Newgate Street since it was established in 2007. Over the past few years the Council has been looking to purchase its own building rather than renting as this would be more cost effective. In October 2015, following publication of its intentions in the Bishop Press, it agreed a maximum budget of £350,000 for the purchase and renovation of a suitable building or to build new premises if suitable land could be acquired.

Suitable premises have now been identified in Bishop Auckland town centre which would cost around £220,000 taking into account a degree of building work that would be required. The exact location or identity of the premises cannot be disclosed at this time due to commercial sensitivity, but the building is ideal for the Council's needs and would meet its current and long term requirements. The premises would also provide income from renting out surplus office accommodation.

Purchase of these premises can be accommodated within the Council's existing budgets and, given the potential for rental income, could be accommodated within its current accommodation budget.

### Diversity Statement

Bishop Auckland Town Council first introduced a diversity statement in July 2016 to show public support for diversity in in our town. The Statement has been renewed at every election since, including the by-election held in March, to restate the Council's values on diversity.

*We are proud to live in a diverse and tolerant society. Racism, xenophobia, homophobia, transphobia, ableism, religious intolerance and hate crimes have no place in our town.*

*Bishop Auckland Town Council condemns all such intolerance and hate crimes unequivocally.*

*We will not allow hate to become acceptable and will work with the Police & Crime Commissioner and others to fight prejudice and hate crimes.*

*We reassure all people living in the area that they are valued members of our community*

### Nothing tastes better than fruit or veg grown by your own hands!



Are you interested in growing your own fruit and vegetables, but need more garden space? If so, have you ever considered an allotment?

Allotments provide an excellent opportunity for people to grow their own produce and at the same time get plenty of fresh air and exercise. Produce grown can contribute to a healthy balanced diet. It is also a great social activity.

The Town Council is responsible for 8 allotment sites within the Council's area which come in a variety of shapes and sizes. The size of the plot will determine the amount of rent charged. The standard charge is 50p per square meter, but a 50% discount is applied if over half of the plot is cultivated and maintained.

Anyone wishing to rent an allotment should contact the Town Council (Contact details on page 16)



## Town Centre Regeneration

The Town Council identified regeneration of the town centre as a priority soon after it was established in 2007. Like many other towns Bishop Auckland has suffered in the recent recession and changes in our shopping patterns. The Town Council is working with partners, including The Auckland Project, Durham County Council and Kynren, to help influence and co-ordinate regeneration activities. Key groups are set out below.

### Bishop Auckland Town Team

The Town Council was a founding partner of the Town Team and continues to be an invaluable and active member of this important partnership, key aims are to create a vibrant, attractive and thriving town centre.

The Town Team is an open group of local people, businesses, public sector bodies and other interested parties with the objective of working in partnership to regenerate our town.

Anyone with an interest in improving the town centre can attend meetings and become a member of the Town Team. Further details can be found on the Town Teams website [www.bishopaucklandtownteam.org](http://www.bishopaucklandtownteam.org)



### Brighter Bishop Auckland

The partnership comprises statutory, voluntary and community agencies namely Durham County Council, The Auckland Project, Kynren, South Durham Enterprise Agency, Bishop Auckland College, Bishop Auckland Town Council and Historic England.

The group is chaired by the Bishop of Durham, The Rt. Reverend Paul Butler.

The aim of the partnership is to bring about and co-ordinate development in the heart of Bishop Auckland with a view to improving its economic performance, while at the same time maintaining the integrity of its heritage, and social and spiritual life.

The group has produced a Masterplan for the town centre based on the following vision:

"An ambitious, long term strategic framework for the town centre based on a deliverable masterplan which balances the needs of residents, businesses, visitors and investors alike, to enable the town and its community to capitalise on the opportunity presented by current and emerging developments."



### Heritage Action Zone

Bishop Auckland's Heritage Action Zone has been established to revitalise our historic market town and to help regenerate it as a vibrant place for locals, businesses and visitors. It will build on major investment at Auckland Castle which is transforming the traditional home of the Durham Prince Bishops into an international faith, art and heritage destination.

The town will undergo a 5 year programme that aims to reinvigorate the market place and high streets plus other parts of the conservation area, including Auckland Castle and its park.

Working in partnership with Durham County Council, the Brighter Bishop Auckland Regeneration Partnership and local people through an advisory group, it aims to strengthen the town's economic, social and cultural regeneration through grants, specialist support, community events and other activity.

The Bishop Auckland Heritage Action Zone will:

- **Tackle heritage at risk** and look at buildings that have suffered from years of vacancy and retail decline.
- **Carry out historic building assessments** to help understand and record the condition of key buildings
- **Deliver conservation and regeneration** projects focusing on urgent repairs.

Other projects are planned to rejuvenate public spaces and help to bring empty floor space back in to use.

The partnership will work together to offer opportunities to develop heritage skills training and Heritage Schools resources, alongside projects involving local people to promote and interpret the area's rich history and architectural legacy.



## 'Use our Loos' Bishop Auckland Community Toilet Scheme



**Residents and visitors to Bishop Auckland will find it more convenient to use facilities in the town in future with the roll out of the Bishop Auckland Community Toilet Scheme.**

Seven local businesses have signed up to the partnership to increase the availability of clean, safe, free and accessible facilities for use during normal opening hours without the need to make a purchase. Several of the participating premises offer wheelchair access and baby changing facilities too.

This is a great example of the Town Council working in partnership with Durham County Council and local businesses to provide a simple solution to a lack of available public facilities.

Businesses in the scheme will benefit through more people visiting their premises, showing they are community-minded and that Bishop Auckland is a modern shopping destination that truly welcomes visitors.

Four Clocks Centre, Newgate Street

Newgate Shopping Centre

Zair's Café, Fore Bondgate

Town Hall, Market Place

Fifteas Vintage Tearooms, Market Place

No 42, Market Place

## Free Wi-Fi in Bishop Auckland

Free Wi-Fi will soon be available in the town centre.

A partnership project between Durham County Council, the Town Council and the Town Team will see free public WiFi availability in the Market Place, Fore Bondgate and Newgate Street.

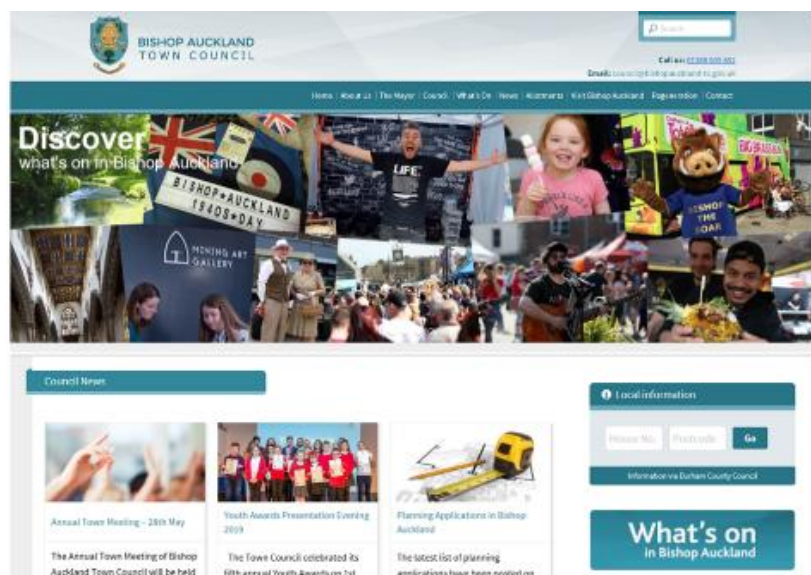


This is part of the regeneration of the town centre. Recent research shows that the public now expect free WiFi provision in retail centres.

The public are also likely to stay longer and spend more money, in a town centre that offers free wi-fi.

The intention is to provide an open Guest WiFi solution for use by the general public whilst visiting Bishop Auckland. Reporting tools also help to build a visual image of what happens on a day to day basis in Bishop Auckland. How many people are using the Wi-Fi in real time, how many visited over a set period and where users give permission, breakdown of gender and age as well as how far they travelled to get here can be recorded. This will provide useful information when marketing business opportunities to investors and developers. It will also help measure the success of our events so we can more effectively plan and manage future events.

## Redesigned Town Council Website [www.bishopauckland-tc.gov.uk](http://www.bishopauckland-tc.gov.uk)



The Town Council launched a redesigned website earlier in the year to promote the town and its events and link people with community groups.

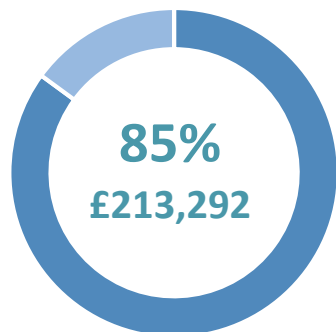
The site has been designed around giving residents easy access to all the information about the town and the Town Council. It also provides information and links to help visitors plan and enjoy the town and its attractions.

The website will develop further over time. We welcome any feedback on the new site.



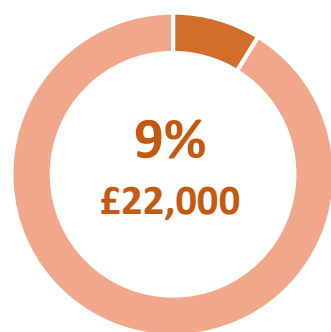
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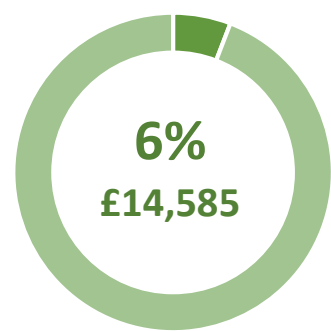


of the budget comes from Council Tax.

The Town Council does not receive any proportion of business rates



of the budget comes from fees and services



of which comes from grants, including Localisation of Council Tax Grant which is passed down from the Government by Durham County Council

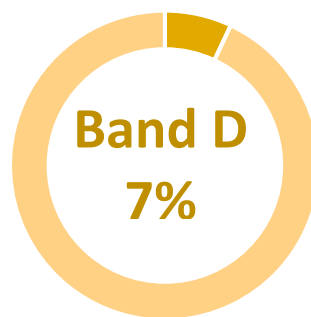
## Town Council Council Tax

There are eight council tax bands which range from

**Band A** - Properties valued at below £40,000 on 1<sup>st</sup> April 1991, to

**Band H** - properties valued above £320,000 on 1<sup>st</sup> April 1991.

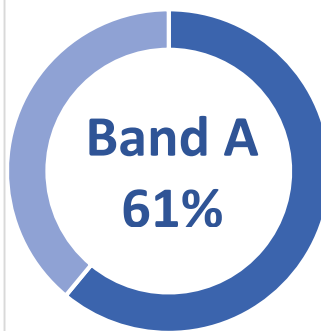
Council Tax is usually quoted at **Band D** so that comparisons can be made with other councils. However, this does not give the full picture as the majority of people within our area live in Band A properties



Only 7% of council tax payers in the Town Council area live in Band D properties.

These households will pay

**£51.20** per year **99p** per week

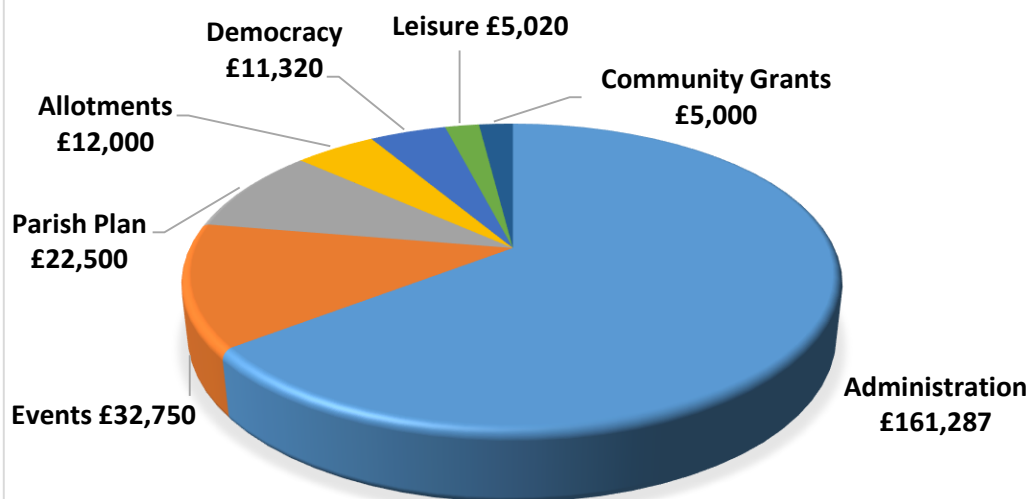


61% of council tax payers in the Town Council area live in Band A properties.

These households will pay

**£34.13** per year **66p** per week

## Where is the Money Spent?





## Budget 2018/19 - 2019/20

Description	2018/19	2018/19	2019/20
<b>Expenditure</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Budget</b>
Administration	149,046	120,738	161,287
Democracy	13,320	7,221	11,320
Allotments	12,000	17,266	12,000
Events	33,000	26,667	32,750
Leisure	5,020	6,615	5,020
Mayor		10,570	
Community Support (Grants)	5,000	2,875	5,000
Council Plan			22,500
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>217,386</b>	<b>191,952</b>	<b>249,877</b>
<b>Income</b>			
Income - Allotments	12,000	13,686	12,000
Income - grants	2,520	3,346	2,520
Income - LCTS Grant	14,095	14,095	12,065
Income - Rent			10,000
Income Mayor		6,989	
Income - Interest		1,224	
Income - Precept	190,771	190,771	213,292
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>219,386</b>	<b>230,111</b>	<b>249,877</b>

## Members Allowances

The Local Authorities Members' Allowances (England Regulations 2003 require the Council to publish detail the actual allowances paid to its elected Councillors for the financial year 2018/19.

Councillor	Basic Allowance	Mayor's Allowance	Travel Expenses
Allen, Joy	£440.04		
Blackburn, Jamie	£440.04		
Brownson, Lee	£440.04		
Chappell, Leanda	£440.04		
Cullen, Jack	£440.04		
Fleming, David A.	£440.04	£403.37	
Newton-Woods, Darren	£36.67		
Tucker, Tanya	£348.37		
Wilson, David	£440.04		
Zair, Adam J.	£440.04	£36.67	
Zair, Lesley G.	£440.04		
Zair, Samuel	£440.04		

## Community Grants Awarded 2018/19

Bishop Auckland Bowling Club	£500
Bishop Auckland Cricket Club	£500
Bishop Auckland Fellowship of Christian Churches, Christmas Lunch Project	£300
Bishop Auckland Healthy Heart Beat Support Group	£210
Bishop Auckland St. Mary's Junior F.C.	£500
Bishop Auckland Table Tennis Club	£500
Durham Miners Gala Association	£45
Henknowle Community Association	£500
Richmond Fellowship	£250
South Church Lane Allotment Association	£185
The Angel Trust	£500
<b>Total</b>	<b>£3,990</b>

A full list of community grants awarded during 2018/19 is detailed opposite.

### Apply for a Grant

Bishop Auckland Town Council's Community Fund budgets an amount each year which is to be used to support organisations working for the benefit of the people of Bishop Auckland. Applications are considered at the Finance Committee meetings held in June and December.

Visit [www.bishopauckland-tc.gov.uk](http://www.bishopauckland-tc.gov.uk) to download an application form or contact the Town Council on 01388 609852 for more information.



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