

Parish Precept 2022 - 2023
A parish tax used in our parish

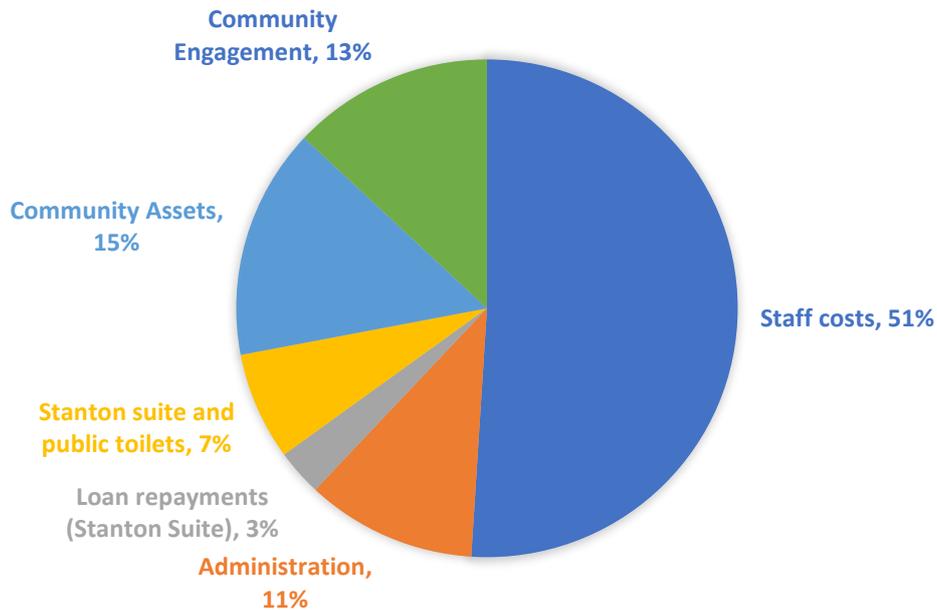
Your Parish Council is proud to report that the National Association of Local Councils has awarded us the top, 'Quality Gold', award in its Local Council Award Scheme. In NALC's words, this award demonstrates that we are "at the forefront of best practice by achieving an excellent standard in community governance, community leadership and performance management."

For the third year, councillors met together away from the usual round of meetings, to decide what we wanted to achieve as a Council, and what our priorities should be in a new 4-year term after elections on 5th May.

Our costed programme to deliver these priorities is not immune to the rising cost of living as a result of the pandemic and global price increases. Unlike County and District/Borough Councils, we have received no emergency pandemic support funding from government to make up lost revenues from hiring the Stanton Suite. We are nevertheless acutely aware that this will again be a financially challenging year for many residents, and that we must have good reasons to ask for any additional funds from the 1.5 % of your Council Tax bill we receive. Last year, the national average Precept was £71.86 and for Gloucestershire's 264 Parish Councils, £46.43. In 2022/23, Charlton Kings Parish Council will be asking Band D households to pay £35.40. With the Precept being a 'progressive' tax, households in lower bands will pay less, while some are exempt. In order to continue to deliver services and restrict the increase, we will be taking money from our reserves.

A summary of how we plan to spend your money is shown below, and a full programme, with detailed budgets, is on our website.

CHARLTON KINGS PARISH COUNCIL BUDGET 2022-23



Our Precept income will be £177,000, with a further £20,000 from reserves. We will regain some hiring income and our allotments now pay for themselves. Additionally, we will continue to seek external grants to support some important projects and in 2022/23 we will be in year two of the major National Grid funding programme for biodiversity and landscape enhancement works on our Commons.

The Parish Council works hard to develop strong and trusting partnerships with individuals, the voluntary sector, and statutory organisations. Our CK Futures project offers help and advice to people who want to make their own contributions to combatting Climate Change, and CK Health Connect will focus on loneliness and digital exclusion of older residents, as well as supporting our young people.

We have employed an additional part-time post this year, a Community Development Officer, who creates our monthly newsletter and social media posts. Residents have more information about and can often contribute to working with our many partners on highway improvements, tree planting in green spaces, keeping the public toilets open despite continuing and costly vandalism, maintaining St. Mary's churchyard, footpath improvements, and other initiatives.

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