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Annual Town Meeting Agenda

- **Introduction**
- **Looking back**
- **Looking forward**
- **Community & Paul King awards**
- **Financial Update**
- **Oundle Cemetery Update**
- **Parish Path Warden – Public Rights of Way**
- **Oundle Nature Recovery Plan**
- **Update on Fletton Field**
- **Northants CALC Health & Well-being Plan**
- **North Northants Councillors**
- **Residents Q&A**



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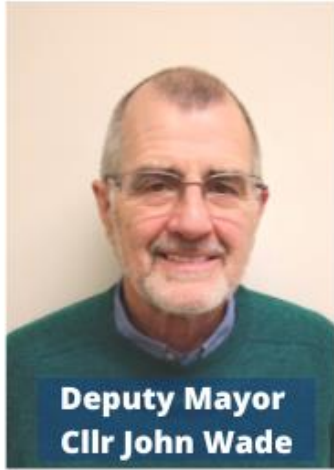
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TOWN COUNCIL NEWSLETTER





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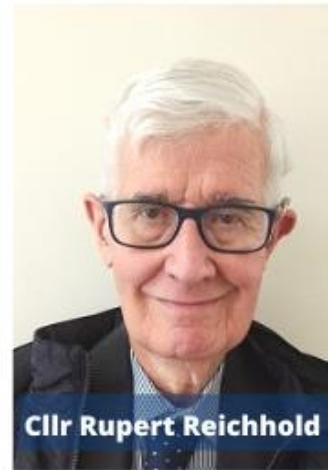
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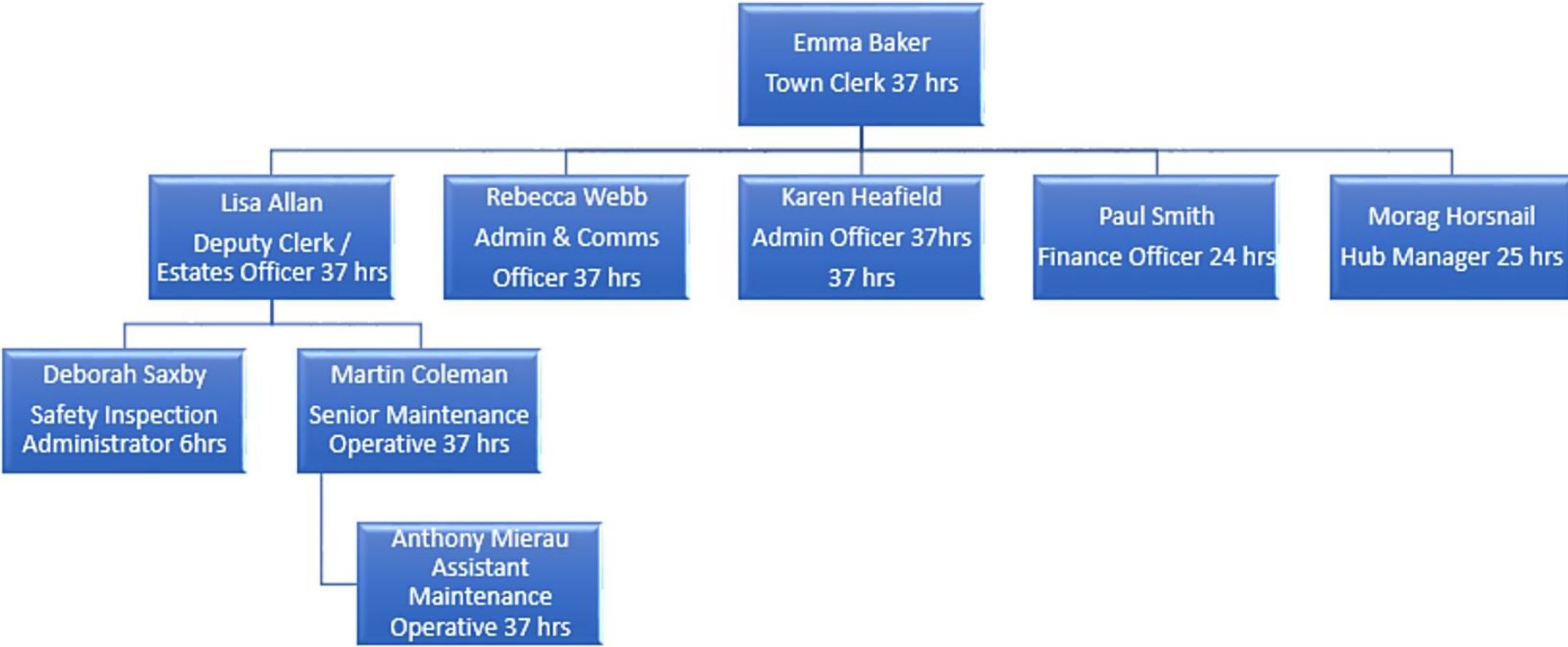
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Oundle Town Council Current Staff Structure March 2024





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Estate

- Fletton House
- Queen Victoria Hall
- Courthouse complex
- Joan Strong Centre
- Public Toilets
- War Memorial
- St Peters Churchyard
- Cemetery
- Snipe Meadow
- CCTV
- Coop Car park
- Benefield Road Car Park
- East Road car park
- Occupation Road sports clubs
- The Recreation Ground
- Pocket Park
- Skatepark
- Rockingham Hill, St Christophers Driver, Wentworth Drive and Rock Road open spaces/play areas
- Markets inc Christmas + Food Festival

LOOKING BACK

Mayor 2023/24

Highlights



- Closing the deal with North Northants Council to acquire Fletton Field
- Moving our Open Space team to Fletton House
- Commemorating the 80th Anniversary of D Day by hosting Oundle Yarn Bombers contribution in the Hub
- Hosting the county Young Enterprise awards in the Hub
- Thanks to British Legion for Remembrance Day at the War Memorial

LOOKING FORWARD

Mayor 2024/25

In our 50th year, it's apt that we reflect on where we're going. Oundle is a renowned market town, of which the residents are rightly proud. We want a culturally inclusive, vibrant and thriving community, and we hope we can –

- **serve the diverse needs of residents**
- **support local businesses and markets**
- **attract visitors**
- **foster and facilitate collaboration**

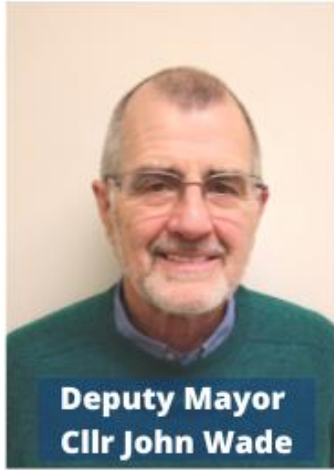
We have significant responsibilities (especially in relation to our estate) and limited powers BUT hope this year we can use the "levers" we have at our disposal to enhance and improve the town over the next 12 months and beyond - **to be a catalyst.**



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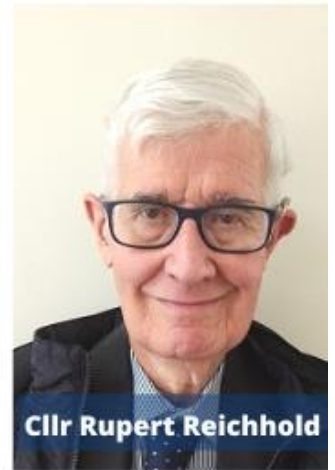
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**North
Northamptonshire
Council**

Councillors



**Cllr Charlie Best
Liberal Democrats**



**Cllr Helen Harrison
Conservative Party**



**Cllr Jason Smithers
Conservative Party
Leader of the Council**

X4	Northampton - Peterborough	School journey to Oundle. Improvement of afternoon and evening journeys.
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Appendix A - List of proposed new/improved bus services

New services:		
(24)	Rushden Lakes/Raunds – Oundle	Mondays Saturdays. Six buses per day.
(180)	Stamford to Oundle	Monday to Fridays. Peak and shopping bus journey.
2	Weldon Airfield – Kettering via KGH	Mondays to Saturdays. Hourly bus.
	Corby Shopping bus from Weldon	Mondays to Fridays. Shopping bus journey.
	Kettering – Brambleside – Kettering	Mondays to Saturdays. Hourly bus.
(W3)	Wellingborough - Berrymoor	Mondays to Saturdays. Hourly or half-hourly bus
	Demand responsive transport (DRT)	Mondays to Saturdays services. Covering rural areas without a bus service: Oundle North, Oundle South and Thrapston.

Service enhancements:

COMMUNITY AWARD

Congratulations to -

- **David Wilkinson**
- **Oundle and District Care Committee**
- **David Webb, Sarah Webb, MacMillan Mammoth Quiz Team**

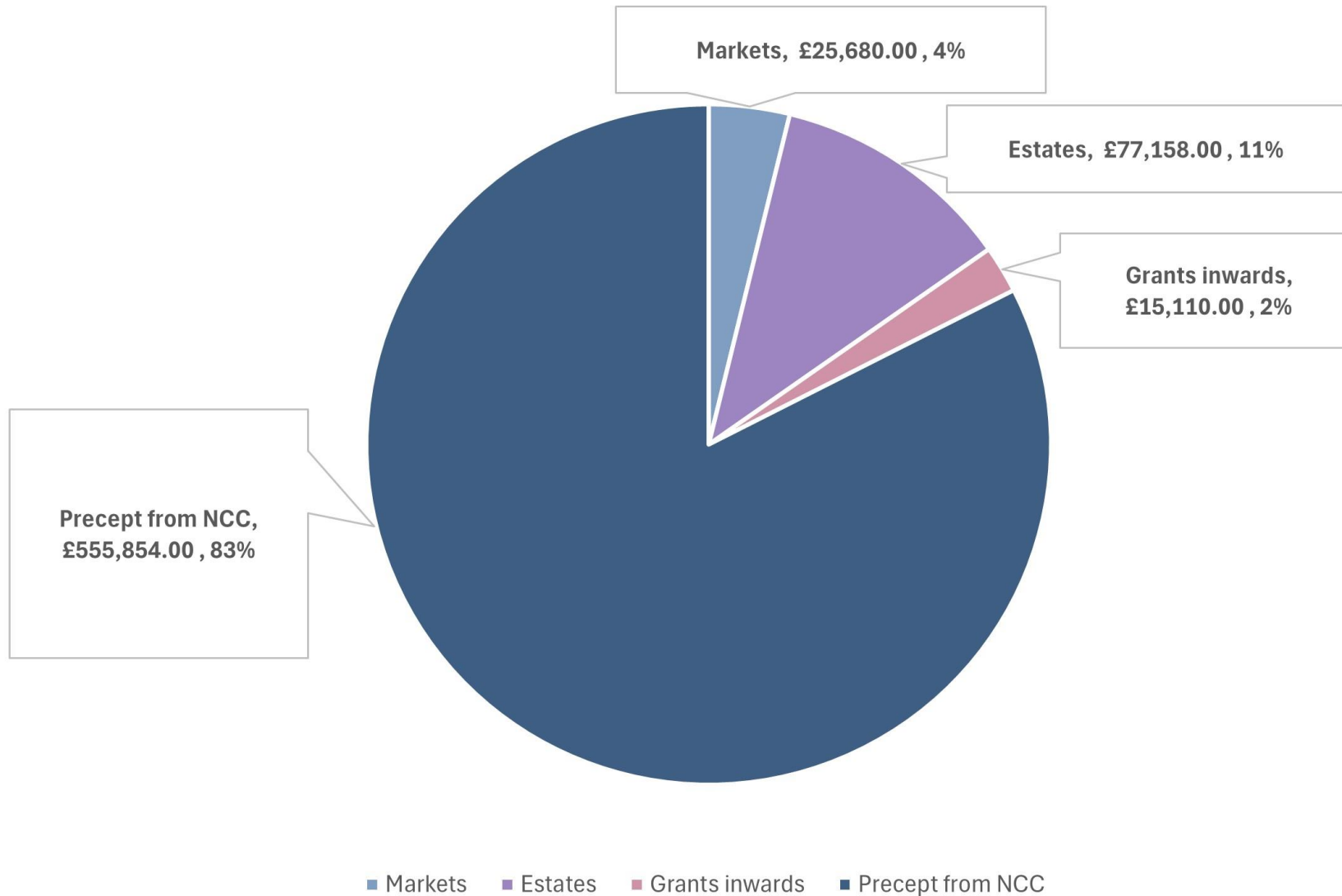
Cllr Paul King Award

- **Blooming Oundle**



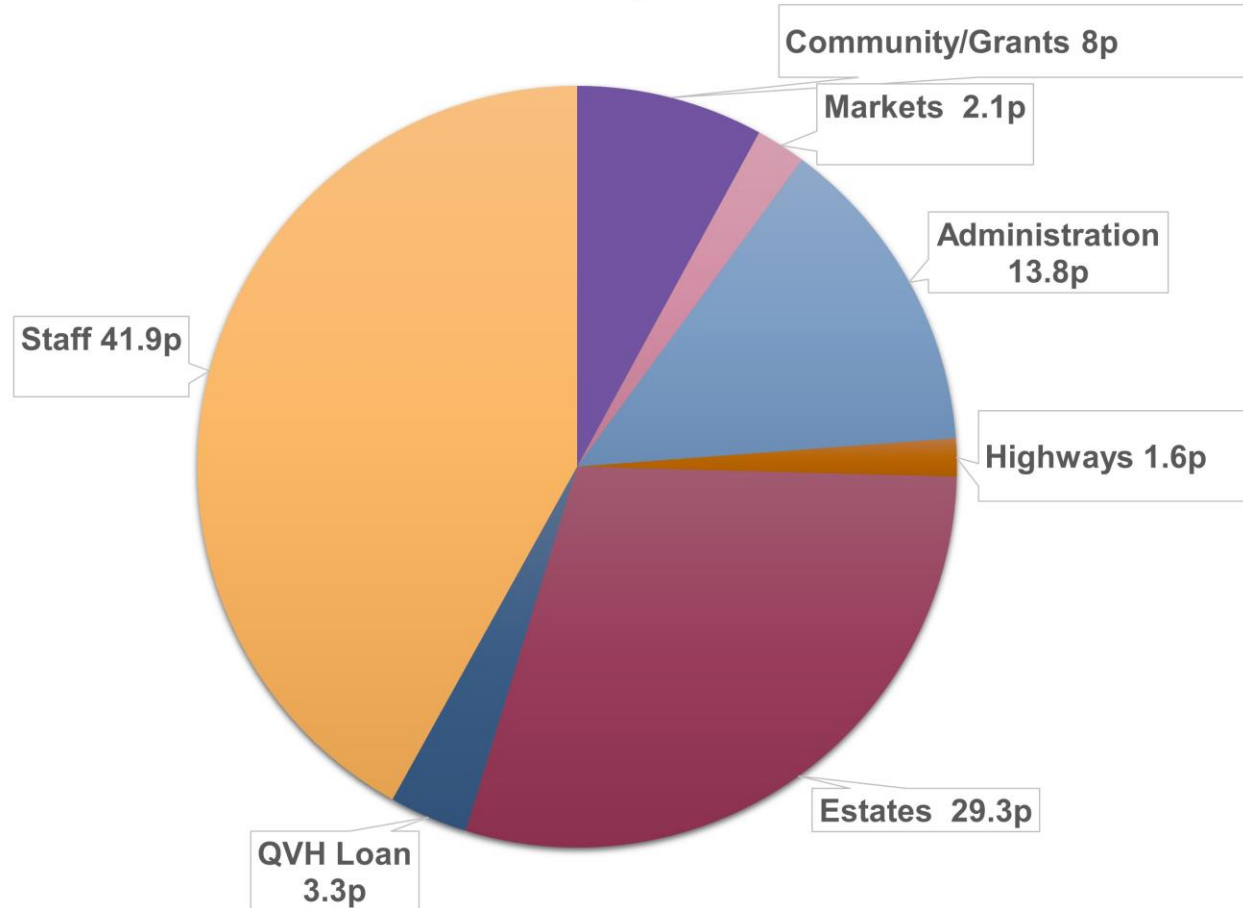
	31 March 2023 £	31 March 2024 £
1 – Balances bought forward	445,731	439,873
2 – Annual Precept	521,738	550,775
3 – Total other receipts	126,356	143,823
4 – Staff Costs	244,524	264,951
5 – Loan interest/capital repayments	22,793	22,793
6 – All other payments	386,635	326,679
7 – Balances carried forward	439,873	520,048
8 – Total value of cash and short-term investments	452,828	457,588
9 – Total fixed assets plus long term investments & assets	2,674,803	2,693,593
10 – Total borrowings	410,463	405,637

INCOME



EXPENDITURE

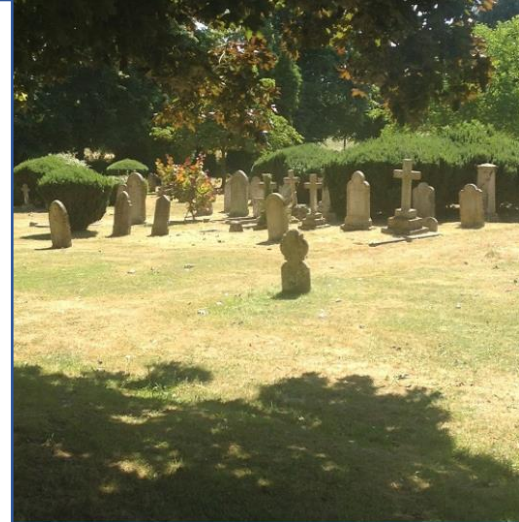
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Future of Oundle Cemetery on Stoke Doyle Road

The present cemetery has **limited space**, and as such we will soon need to **find alternatives to the present arrangements**.



Limited
Burial
Space

Consider
Other
Options



TODAY'S POSITION

Fees for the cemetery will be held at 2024-25 levels until we resolve the best path forward, when an alternative charging structure may be suggested, mirroring common systems elsewhere.

**FEES
2024-25**

**END OF FULL
BURIALS?**

We anticipate that there is maybe 4-5 years' worth of plots in the newly cleared area – this could see the end of full body burials.

**WOODLAND
BURIALS/
CREMATION?**

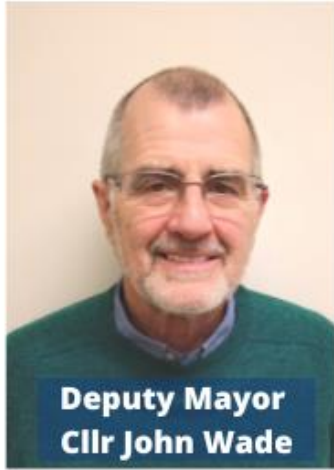
We anticipate a cemetery extension coming at the Stoke Doyle end of the cemetery from the new housing development - we suggest this may be used for woodland burials/cremation only OR shorten lease to 50 years.

Thoughts welcome -

- We could start reusing grave sites after 99 years BUT complex
- We could look to shorten leases to 50 years OR price linked to depth?
- We buy a new bit of land, with associated costs – we could help fund this by raising fees



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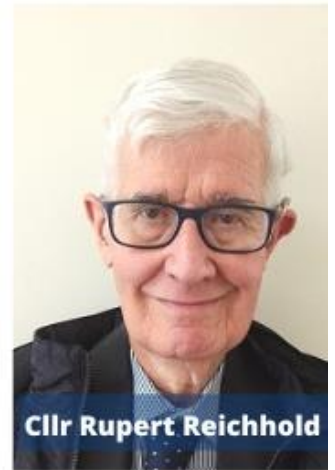
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Benefield Road Car Park trial



The issue?

1. The car park is deemed as "private land"
2. OTC has no legal powers over parking
3. This year, residents who park in the car park have brought to our attention a number of seemingly abandoned vehicles OR being offered for sale commercially

Benefield Road Car Park trial



A trial solution?

1. Introduce "terms and conditions"
2. This is not a pre-cursor to charging for parking or any draconian revenue raising
3. **WERE** someone reported as staying too long, we'd give them the same warnings as we do right now AND a grace period;
4. **ONLY THEN** would we look to report them for a possible fine, which presently we can't do

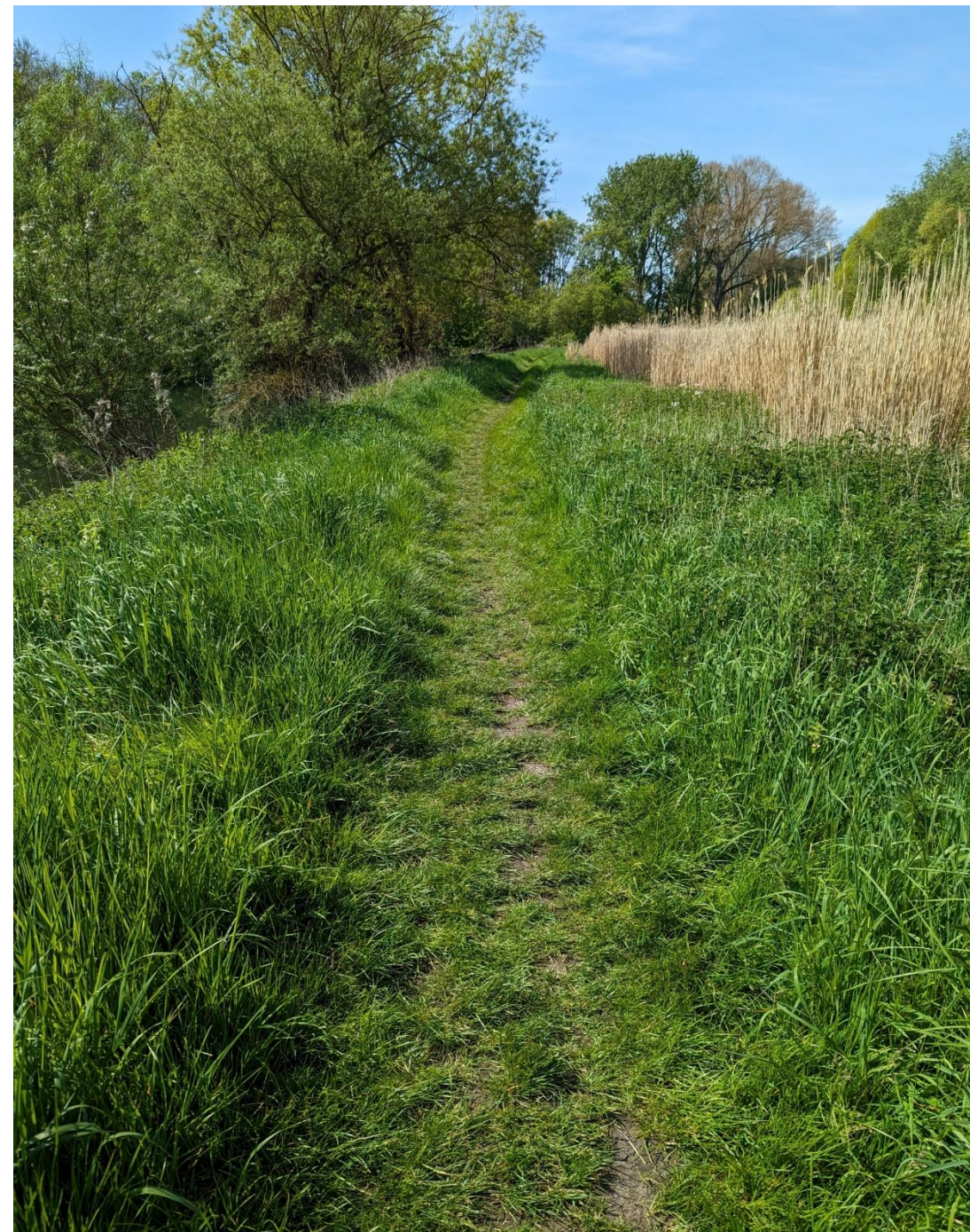
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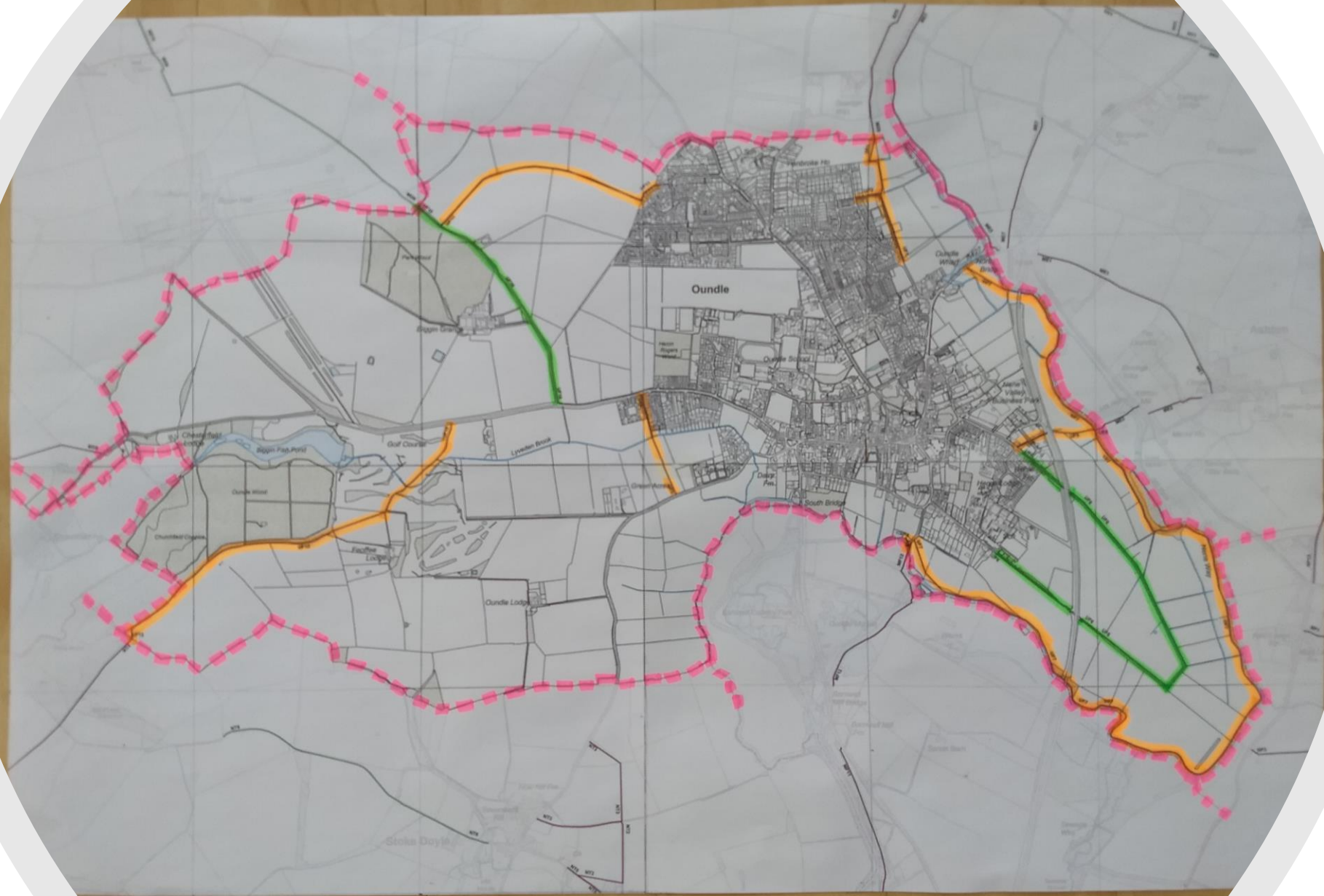


Proposed "Terms and conditions"

1. Vehicles are only permitted to be parked in marked bays.
2. Vehicles are permitted to park for up to 1 week.
3. Vehicles are not permitted to be parked here and advertised for sale.
4. OTC are reviewing their policy on resident's parking permits

Path Warden





Nature Recovery Program



Fletton Field - Current Status



Lesley Sambrook Smith

Deputy Chief Executive

Northamptonshire County Association of Local Councils



Health and Wellbeing Activities Survey

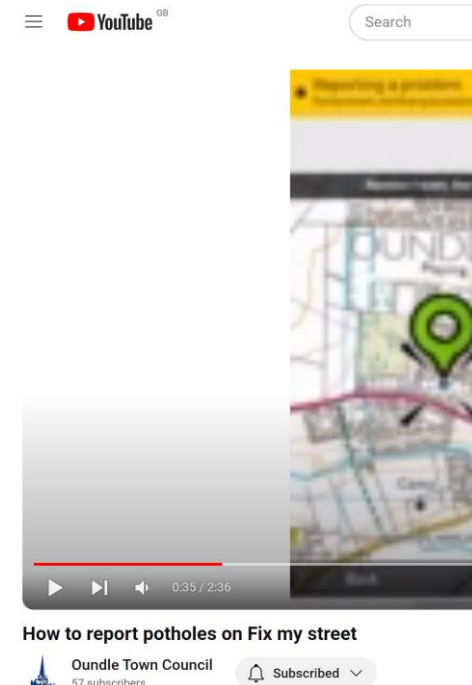
<https://forms.office.com/e/CaRNn8E2U5>

Health and Wellbeing Activities
Survey



FixMyStreet – key messages

- DO report as many issues as possible, and best to use **the app** inc the pin location function.
- **Photos** are great
- "pin" accurately for speedy response
- Urgent action (2 hours) - FixMyStreet does offer a phone number too.
- If it doesn't happen when promised, re-report – and we can highlight directly.



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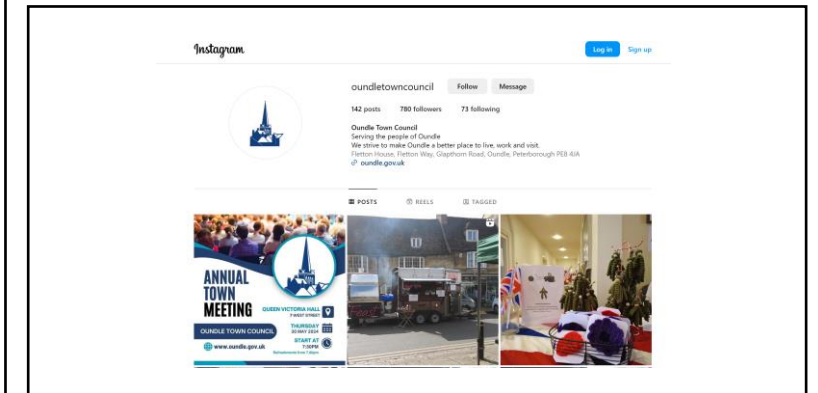
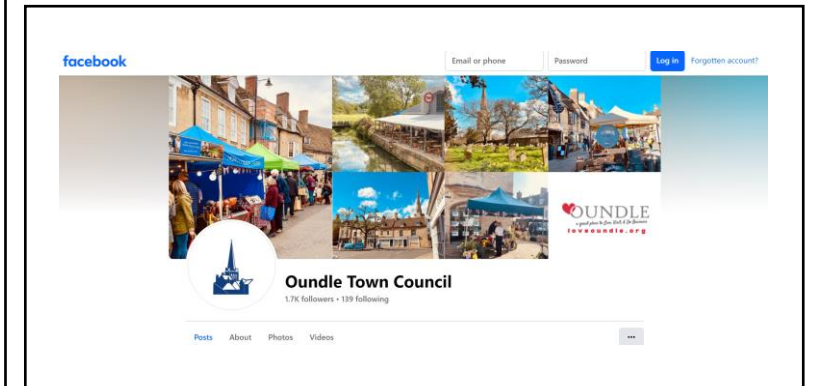
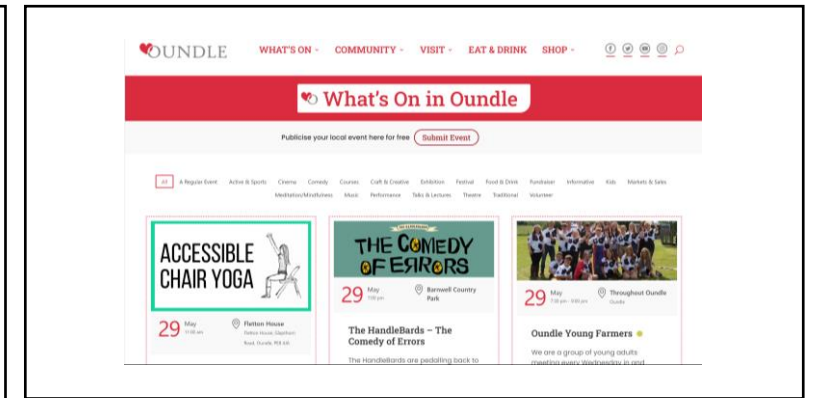


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Oundle Food Festival 2023



Oundle Town Council (OTC) is delighted to be managing the 2023 Oundle Food Festival on **Saturday 17 June**. Creative Oundle has run the Festival for many years, but





Questions

Cash review
Greenway
Speeding
Surgery
"Overhead Electronic
Communications Transmitter"



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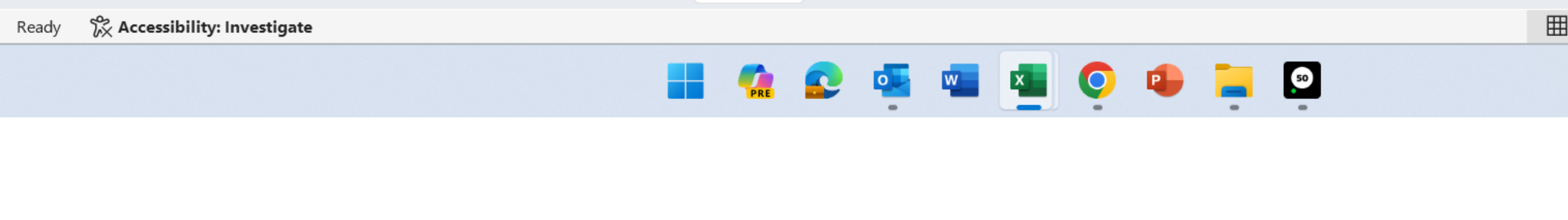
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	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
1		OTC Trial Balance		2023-24			Projected	Proposed
2			2022-23	2023-24	2023-24	2023-24	2023-24	2024-25
3	N/C	Description	Actual	8 months	Projected	Budget	Profit & Loss	Budget
4								£
273	2009-10	£ 225,035	£ 1,979	£ 113.71	17%	£ 33,035		
274	2010-11	£ 232,700	£ 1,988	£ 117.05	3%	£ 7,665		
275	2011-12	£ 257,361	£ 2,042	£ 126.03	11%	£ 24,661		
276	2012-13	£ 265,000	£ 2,049	£ 129.33	3%	£ 7,639		
277	2013-14	£ 302,549	£ 1,942	£ 155.79	14%	£ 37,549		
278	2014-15	£ 330,400	£ 1,953	£ 169.18	9%	£ 27,851		
279	2015-16	£ 336,543	£ 2,035	£ 165.38	2%	£ 6,143		
280	2016-17	£ 387,885	£ 2,141	£ 181.17	15%	£ 51,342		
281	2017-18	£ 395,643	£ 2,211	£ 173.94	2%	£ 7,758		
282	2018-19	£ 451,545	£ 2,255	£ 200.24	14%	£ 55,902		
283	2019-20	£ 459,985	£ 2,252	£ 204.26	2%	£ 8,440	£ 0.44	Per £1,000
284	2020-21	£ 494,506	£ 2,256	£ 219.20	8%	£ 34,521	Increase P.A	Increase P.M.
285	2021-22	£ 496,893	£ 2,261	£ 219.77	0%	£ 2,387		
286	2022-23	£ 521,738	£ 2,248	£ 232.09	5%	£ 24,845		
287	2023-24	£ 550,775	£ 2,260	£ 243.71	6%	£ 29,037		
288	2024-25	£ 565,043.06	£ 2,261	£ 249.91	2.5%	£ 14,268.06	£ 6.28	£ 0.52



Total Income	£	694,597.84
Total Expenditure	£	609,596.62
P&L	£	85,001.22

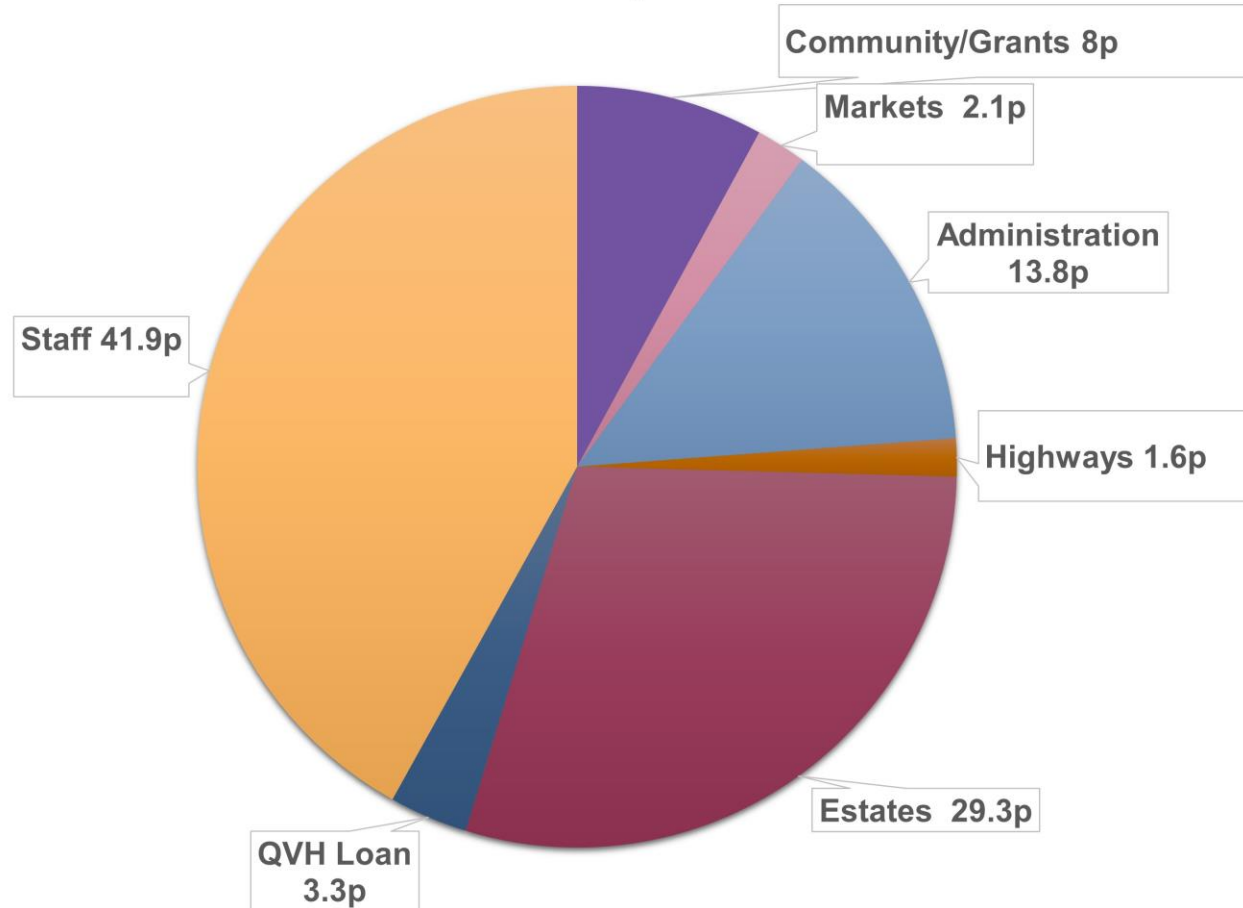
Cemetery walls – c.£50k
new

Interest (£15k) and Anglia Water (£6k PLUS
basketball court)

3-6 months reserves

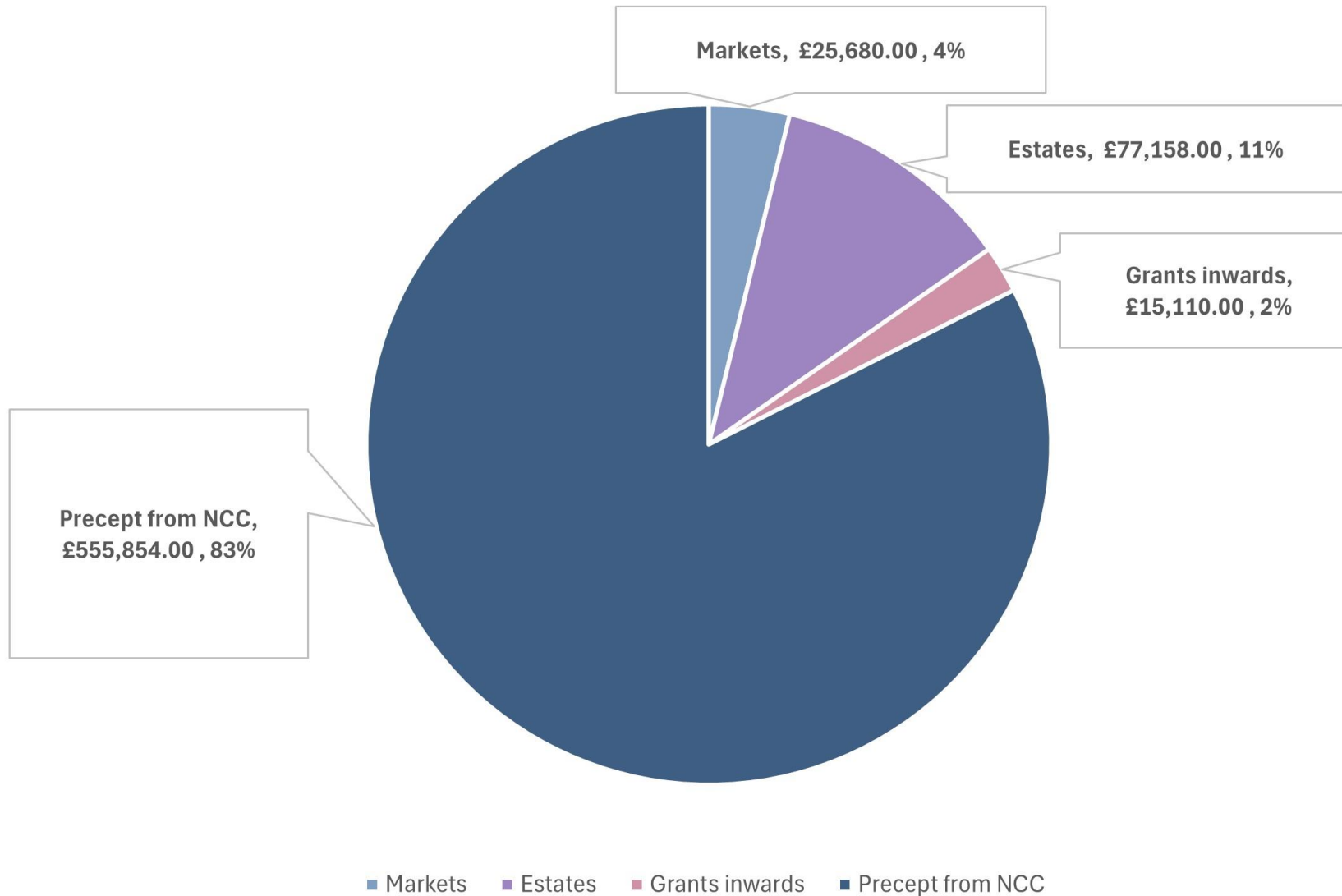
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Council tax charges for Oundle in 2024/25

Bands

A	£1,581.05
B	£1,844.55
C	£2,108.05
D	£2,371.56
E	£2,898.57
F	£3,425.59
G	£3,952.61
H	£4,743.12

Band	Kensington and Chelsea	ASC Precept	Total RBKC Council Tax	Greater London Authority	Total Council Tax
A	£602.90	£88.82	£691.72	£314.27	£1,005.99
B	£703.38	£103.63	£807.01	£366.64	£1,173.65
C	£803.87	£118.42	£922.29	£419.02	£1,341.31
D	£904.35	£133.23	£1037.58	£471.40	£1,508.98
E	£1,105.32	£162.83	£1268.15	£576.16	£1,844.31
F	£1,306.28	£192.45	£1498.73	£680.91	£2,179.64
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Council tax charges for Thrapston in 2024/25

Bands

A	£1,530.66
B	£1,785.77
C	£2,040.87
D	£2,295.98
E	£2,806.19
F	£3,316.42
G	£3,826.64
H	£4,591.96

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Council tax rates in London are lower in some areas, such as Westminster and Hammersmith & Fulham, despite being home to some of the most expensive properties in the UK. This is primarily due to local councils gaining revenue from other sources, like parking charges or business rates ¹ ² ³. For example, Westminster has the cheapest council tax in London due to the huge amount of income that's created from business rates and parking ³.

FYI – a recent FOI request from NNC revealed the following –

“Council tax - the net collectable debit for Oundle for 2024/25 is £5,652,221.67.

Business Rates – we are unable to provide an exact figure however we have an estimate of £1,563,500.00”

So Oundle (c.1.5% of NN's 2021 population of c.369,500) contributes c. 2% (£7 million) out of a budget of c. £375 mill.



"After recent issues with cars parking long term in the Benefield Road Car Park, OTC will start trialling a system which we hope will help give us the tools we need to manage such issues more effectively.

In the next few weeks, notices will appear in the car park allowing “authorised parking” for up to 1 week. For nearly all residents and other users we hope the 1 week permission will suffice, and there is no limitation in how often the 1 week cycle can be utilised. However, should a car be reported as having overstayed it’s welcome, we would be able to place a warning notice on the vehicle, and then one week later (and **only then**), proceed to order our parking partner to issue a parking fine direct to the owner.

This is not a pre-cursor to charging for parking or any draconian revenue raising - we simply see this is a light touch way of enforcing a fair use of the limited parking spaces at our disposal. Should you have any concerns regarding the trial (which we will review after 12 months) or would like to inform us of a car parked long term, then please do so via contacting the office at **01832 272055** Or emailing **admin@oundle.gov.uk**"