

Annual Report 2010/2011



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SIDMOUTH Town Council has set a budget for 2011/12 maintaining council tax at each property band unchanged from that for the previous year - 2010/11. Council Tax is £43.00 per annum for a Band D property or approximately 83 pence per week. It constitutes less than three per cent of total council tax. The Annual precept revenue to the Town Council will increase by approximately £3,000 to £301,516, due to an increase in the total number of residential properties resulting from the recent occupation of new developments.

In order to keep council taxes at the same level as last year, the Council has carried out a critical review of budgets. There is no allowance for an inflation increase to staff salaries but there is an increase in pension provisions in line with public sector recommendations. Other administration provisions remain largely unchanged. Insurance premiums have increased but these have been offset by reductions in business rates and some trimming of the budget for the Sidmouth Information Centre. Local elections took place in May 2011 and the additional revenue of £3,000 outlined was placed in reserve to cover or defray election costs for contested wards.

FLORAL DISPLAYS – Sidmouth in Bloom The beauty of our town will be enhanced as always with the planting out and maintenance of floral displays and planters throughout the summer and winter months in Sidmouth, Sidford and Sidbury. this year at a slightly reduced budgetary provision of £12,000.



GRANTS Totalling up to £10,000 will be provided to local organisations and community groups including nurseries and pre-schools, sports clubs and small charitable organisations.

PUBLIC CONVENIENCES Including those in Sidbury and Manstone, facilities so vital to a coastal tourist town but again highly valued by Sidmouth's residents, will be provided in partnership with the District Council at a cost to the town's budget of £26,800.



SIDMOUTH'S INFORMATION CENTRE - greatly valued by both the town's residents and visitors the information centre will receive £24,000 (£26,000 last year).

NOTICEBOARDS A programme of gradual renewal of the town's noticeboards has started with renewal of the Sidford Cross noticeboard in 2010 and will continue during 2011.



FOLK WEEK AND CHILDREN'S FESTIVAL Once again, £20,000 has been set aside to support Folk Week this being the second year of a 3-year agreement to support this important event in the town's calendar.

The Children's Festival held in Blackmore Gardens has become a much-loved event, whilst the festival as a whole adds vitality to the town and boosts tourist appeal.

SEAFRONT SHELTERS The first stage of the seafrost shelter initiative was to open new beach shower facilities and Public Conveniences and will now be kept open throughout the year at an annual cost of £15,000.



When the second stage was completed the western shelter was handed over to the Sidmouth Youth Trust for an exciting project for young people of the town.

The third and final stage is the newest Interpretation Centre to promote the Jurassic Coast, AONB, South West Coast Path and (not least) Sidmouth's history—including Peter Orlando Hutchinson.



THE SIDMOUTH HOPPER BUS will receive £7,000 from the Town's budget.



CHRISTMAS LIGHTS £8,000 has again been set aside for Christmas lighting (although a donation of £1,500 has been pledged by the Chamber of Commerce to offset part of this cost).

2010/11		2010/11
£	INCOME	£
22,000	Administration	22,000
35	Freehold Property	35
8,111	Trust Property	8,191
1,000	Christmas Lighting	1,500
£31,146	TOTAL INCOME	£31,726
£	EXPENDITURE	£
107,750	Administration	110,500
35,410	General Expenditure	38,802
42,540	Freehold Property Expenses	41,640
10,800	Seafrost Amenity Buildings	15,000
26,800	Public Conveniences	26,800
26,000	Sidmouth Information Centre	24,000
15,130	Trust Property	15,500
13,400	Town Flower Beds & Planters	12,000
10,000	Grants to local organisations	10,000
8,000	Christmas Lighting	8,000
7,000	Sidmouth Hopper Bus	7,000
20,000	Folk Week & Children's Festival	20,000
6,713	Reserves & Contingencies	4,000
£329,543	TOTAL EXPENDITURE	£333,242
£	NET BALANCES	£
31,146	Total Income	31,726
329,543	Total Expenditure	333,242
£298,397	Annual Precept	£301,516

