

Seaford Town Council

Council Tax Summary 2018/2019



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'WORKING TOGETHER FOR SEAFORD'



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INTRODUCTION

The Council Tax paid by all residents of Seaford is split between different authorities; the Town Council, Lewes District Council, East Sussex County Council, East Sussex Fire & Rescue Service and the Sussex Police & Crime Commissioner.

Each of these local authorities is responsible for and provides vital services to Seaford and the other towns and parishes across the District and County. This publication will give you an insight in to the services provided by Seaford Town Council and finally, a summary of the 2018/2019 budget and precept level.

FACILITIES

Seaford has a Town Council to provide and manage various assets and facilities within the town and to also represent the interests and needs of the town.

Seaford Town Council owns and is responsible for many facilities, open spaces and assets across the town including the Seafront promenade and facilities, The Salts, The Crouch, other open spaces, South Hill Barn, Seaford Head Nature Reserve, Seaford Head Golf Course, public noticeboards, public seating, memorials, the seafront and concessions, beach huts, Christmas Lights and The View at Seaford Head. In addition, through valued partners, the Town Council delivers Seaford allotments, Seaford Museum, The Crypt art gallery, the Heritage Trail and Exercise Path, CCTV for the town and major events such as those detailed over the page.



Left to right, top; Peace Garden in Crouch Gardens, Blatchington Pond, Old Town Hall and South Street Toilets, Heritage Trail sign, Crouch Gardens play area, and Seaford Head Nature Reserve. Bottom; Seaford Head Golf Course, Seaford in Bloom scheme, public noticeboards, memorial seating at South Hill Barn, and Martello Tower.

EVENTS DURING 2018

On the back of the success of the events within the town in 2017, the Town Council's Events team are busy planning and taking bookings for events for the coming year.

Some events are organised by the Council and others are organised by local groups or companies who hire the Council's land.

Below gives an insight in to some of the events that can be expected for 2018*:

*due to being printed in Spring 18 these are subject to change so please do check dates nearer the time on the Council's website.

ITALIAN MARKET - Town Centre, Sat 3rd Mar

FUN FAIR - Martello Fields, April & Sept

HEALTH DROP-IN EVENT - Seaford Library, Tues 1st May

ITALIAN MARKET - Town Centre, Fri 18th May & Fri 14th Sept

WAIFS & STRAYS FAMILY FUN DAYS - Martello Fields, Sat 26th May

JAY MILLER'S CIRCUS - Martello Fields, Thurs 31st May to Sun 3rd June

SUSSEX DAY - Martello Tower, Sun 10th June

MOTORFEST - Martello Fields, Sun 24th June

VETERANS & ARMED FORCES DAY - Martello Fields, Sat 30th June

UK TRIATHLON - Martello Fields, Sat 28th & Sun 29th July

SEAFORD BONFIRE NIGHT - Town Centre/Martello Fields, Sat 20th Oct

REMEMBRANCE SERVICE - War Memorial, Sun 11th Nov

COMMONWEALTH WAR GRAVES SERVICE - Seaford Cemetery, Tues 13th Nov

SEAFORD CHRISTMAS MAGIC - Town Centre, Sat 1st Dec

Also keep an eye out later in the year for details of:

THE SHOAL EVENT ~ ARTWAVE COLOURSCAPE EVENT

LAPWING ART FESTIVAL ~ FOOD & DRINK FESTIVAL

FUN FAIRS ~ OUTDOOR CINEMA and more...



Full details of events and guidance on hiring an open space are available on the Council's website at www.seafordtowncouncil.gov.uk



2018 BOOT FAIRS (Martello Fields) -

April	8 th	Sc	15 th	Ro	May	6 th	Ro	13 th	Sc
June	3 rd	Ro	10 th	Sc	July	1 st	Ro	8 th	Sc
August	5 th	Ro	12 th	Sc	September	2 nd	Ro	9 th	Sc
October	7 th	Ro	14 th	Sc					

Ro - Seaford Rotary Club, 9am - 1pm
Sc - Seahaven Scouts, 8.30am - 1pm

STRATEGIC PLAN

The Town Council is now almost two years in since adopting its mission statement 'Working Together for Seaford!' and identifying five key strategic objectives (April 2016), giving the Council and its Officers a clear, defined approach:

TO DEVELOP THE CULTURAL AND ECONOMIC WELL-BEING OF THE TOWN

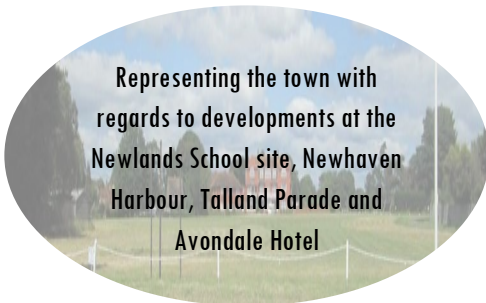
TO IMPROVE THE ENVIRONMENT OF THE TOWN

TO IMPROVE AND MAINTAIN RECREATIONAL FACILITIES OF THE TOWN

TO HELP REPRESENT THE NEEDS OF THE COMMUNITY

TO PRACTICE GOOD GOVERNANCE AND FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY

Behind the main objectives are a more detailed breakdown of projects and tasks, as shown on the next page. Council Officers have been assigned responsibility for each individual task/project. The Council is in the process of reviewing progress against the objectives and making amendments or additions as required.



OBJECTIVE: To help represent the needs of the community

- Represent planning applications in a timely manner
- Support the development of a Neighbourhood Plan
- Secure the Buckle Car Park as a car park in perpetuity

OBJECTIVE: To develop the cultural and economic well-being of the Town

Construction of entertainments area at Martello Tower

Facilitate Seaford Christmas Magic and increase numbers

Facilitate two events at Martello Entertainments area

Facilitate 25 events at Martello Fields

Facilitate two events at The Salts

Introduce Tourism Sign scheme

Construct log cabins at Seaford Head Golf Course*

Introduction 40 new Beach Huts to seafront*

Promote presence of Tourist Information Centre

Develop South Hill Barn*

Market 'Unique Seaford'

Manage number of concessions on seafront

Include commercial area and hotel & holiday let areas within Neighbourhood Plan*

OBJECTIVE: To improve and maintain recreational facilities of the Town

Regenerate The Salts & The Crouch in line with Development Plans *

Complete playing pitch strategy for Town *

Regenerate Martello Fields in line with the Development Plan *

OBJECTIVE: To practice good governance and fiscal responsibility

Generate Golf Course profit of £30,000

Generate capital income from surplus land sales*

Generate The View profit of £30,000

Achieve Local Council Award Scheme Gold Standard

Make financial savings/increase in income over budget of £25,000

Achieve Satisfactory External Audit

Adopt full suite of policies

Take appropriate action on Internal Audits

OBJECTIVE: To improve the environment of the Town

Improve open spaces in Seaford *

Improve the Seafront of Seaford *

Plant 100 trees in Seaford

Develop and adopt a management plan for Seaford Head Nature Reserve

Manage Nature Reserve in line with Management Plan

Plant 1,000 whip trees in Seaford

* subject to public consultation

COUNCIL TAX SUMMARY 2018/19

In January 2018, Seaford Town Council adopted its budget for the 2018/19 Financial Year. In doing so, the Council also agreed to its precept level.

Precept is the Town Council's share of the Council Tax collected by the local billing authority, Lewes District Council. By issuing a 'precept' this ensures the Town Council is able to meet its spending requirements, both from its strategic plans and also the upkeep and maintenance of its standard service provision and facilities.

How is the Town Council's precept level worked out?

The budgeted expenditure for the year and transfer to reserves (£2,379,428) less all budgeted income and grants received (£1,669,479) leaves the precept figure (£709,949). The precept figure divided by the tax base (9,707) gives you the Council Tax Element (£73.14).

The **Council Tax Element (£73.14)** is the figure payable per Band D property in Seaford. Each household's Council Tax bill will identify which Band the property is; the Council Tax element will differ depending on the Band (Band A being the lowest and H, the highest).

For 2018/19, this is the equivalent of a **5.99% increase** on the Town Council's element of Council Tax; **an additional £4.13 per year** (per Band D property).

This increase in precept, of just 8 pence per week per household, will enable the Town Council to continue to work towards and deliver the projects as per its Strategic Plan (see previous pages), bringing a wealth of benefits for the town.

The full Budget for the 2018/19 Financial Year is available to view or download from the Council's website.

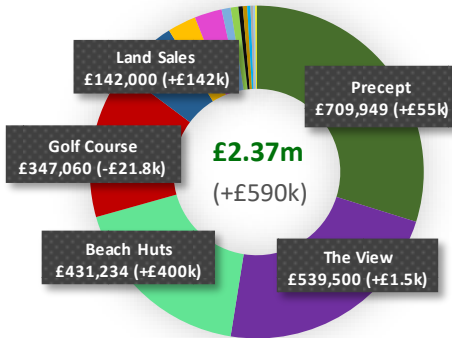
How does Seaford compare with its neighbouring towns for 2018/19?

LEWES	£168.32
NEWHAVEN	£128.28
TELSCOMBE CLIFFS	£89.27
PEACEHAVEN	£88.66
SEAFORD	£73.14

N.B. The Town Council have been informed that the Council Tax statements issued to all households (that this leaflet is delivered with) will show the Town Council's element of Council Tax as having increased by 6%; the figure payable is however based on 5.99%, this is an unfortunate printing requirement that rounds the figure up on the printed statement.

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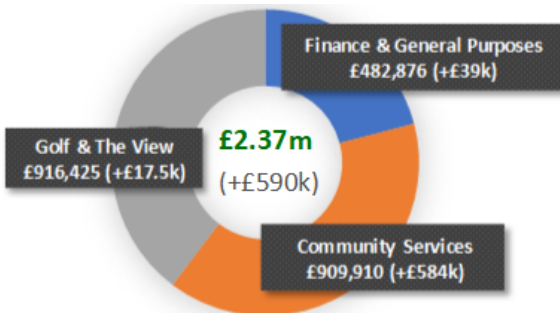
Where does the Town Council's 2018/19 money come from?



(Difference from 2017/18 shown in brackets)

- Concessions £65,900 (-£5.3k)
- Rent £63,185 (+£16.7k)
- LDC Grant £20,891 (-£4.4k)
- Pitch Hire £17,750 (+£20)
- Filming £10,000 (-£5k)
- CiL £10,000 (+£10k)
- Events £7,500 (+£500)
- Recharges £5,999 (-£840)
- The Shoal £5,000 (+£5k)
- Grants £3,250 (+£3.25k)
- Seaford in Bloom £210 (-£140)

How will the Town Council spend your money in 2018/19?



(Difference from 2017/18 shown in brackets)

What do these headings refer to?

Golf & The View: Seaford Head Golf Course & The View at Seaford Head.

Finance & General Purposes: Council Offices, Civic, Financial Grants & Hurdis House.

Community Services: Seafront, Open Spaces, Recreation Grounds, Events, Projects, The Crypt, Martello Tower, Old Town Hall, CCTV, Allotments, Beach Huts, Seaford Head Estate, Christmas Lights, Seaford in Bloom and more.

DID YOU KNOW...

It costs around £88k a year to maintain The Salts and £56k for The Crouch.

Martello Fields were the location for over 40 events in 2017 and more than doubled the budgeted income.

That Seaford Christmas Magic costs over £9k to deliver! However, thanks to the overwhelming generosity of local people and businesses and their eagerness to get involved, enough income is received to reduce the cost to under £5k.



the View

Restaurant, Bar & Function Venue



SEAFORD HEAD

SEAFORD'S RESTAURANT, BAR AND FUNCTION VENUE - THE VIEW

FROM BEING AVAILABLE FOR BREAKFASTS, LUNCHES AND WEEKEND DINNERS, TO TAKING BOOKINGS FOR CORPORATE EVENTS, WEDDINGS, PARTIES AND OTHER FUNCTIONS, THE VIEW ALSO HOSTS REGULAR ENTERTAINMENT:



2018 Dates for your Diary:

Neil Richardson Trio & Guests

4 March - Winston Rollins (trombone)

1 April - Robert Fowler (sax)

6 May - Chris Coull (trumpet)

3 June - Denys Baptiste (sax)

Phone 01323 890139 or visit

www.wegotickets.com/splashpointjazz



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2018 Dates for your Diary:

16 March 20 April

18 May 15 June

20 July 17 August

21 September 19 October

16 November 28 December

Phone 01323 890139 or visit

www.wegotickets.com or on the night

Doors 7pm for 8pm start

