

Did you know...

That ordinary elections take place in May 2023? The Town Council will provide information later this year on what it takes to be a councillor, should you wish to find out more.

That we have created a Climate Change page on our website? This page is dedicated to raising awareness of actions being taken and how you can be involved in protecting our planet! Climate change is very important to the Town Council and will continue to be driven forward year on year.

That the Town Council protects a number of areas within its open spaces for renaturing? The Town Council has changed how it maintains some of its open spaces to allow for wild growth to support and encourage biodiversity.

That Seaford Town Council has a fully functional borehole on Seaford Head Golf Course? This means the Golf Course gets almost all of its water from the land beneath it! The Course also welcomed a colony of bees onsite, helping support the Course's Operation Pollinator status and its aims.

That Seaford Town Council has responded with very strong concerns to the proposals from central government for increased housing delivery within the town? We know it is our job to speak up on behalf of the town and are not afraid to do so!

That in 2021-2022, Seaford Town Council has received almost £40,000 from fees charged for filming and photography on Seaford Head and the seafront? Our town is a very desirable backdrop!

And finally...that you have the right to attend Seaford Town Council's meetings? Whether just to see what goes on or to actually take part and have your say on agenda items! Sign up to receive details of meetings by getting in contact (see below).

KEEP IN TOUCH

There's much more - this leaflet is just a snippet of what we do! The best way to better understand what your Council Tax helps us achieve and for those that want to, actually get involved and have your say, is to connect with us...



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SEAFORD TOWN COUNCIL 2022 - 2023 INSIGHT

Your Town Council Tax Explained

Let's start at the beginning - what is Seaford Town Council?

Since 1999, Seaford Town Council has been one of the three local councils that helps to look after the town of Seaford and its residents. The other two are Lewes District Council and East Sussex County Council. We do not report in to each other, there is no chain of command, instead we work in harmony for a shared common interest; Seaford!

As a Town Council, we are the 'closest' to our town and as well as being custodian to a number of parks and facilities around the town, we are here to represent your needs - to shout Seaford's voice from the rooftops! To help ensure that Seaford fulfils its potential and continues to be great for generations to come!



Continue reading to see your Council Tax explained and learn what these funds are used for ...

What do we do, you ask?

In a nutshell we...

- Provide and maintain The Salts, The Crouch, Martello Fields and other spaces Maintain and run Seaford Head Golf Course as an environmentally-friendly site
- As custodians, look after the seafront (its concessions and beach huts), Seaford Head Nature Reserve, South Hill Barn, the Seaford Head cliff path and the town centre War Memorial
- Facilitate memorials (benches, trees and plaques) and provide flower planting around the town
- Organise events, including Seaford Christmas Magic Respond to every planning application within the town
- Listen to the needs of residents and businesses
- Support the Mayor and Young Mayor of Seaford
- Lead the community through climate change action
- And many more - all with the help of many dedicated partners!



The Financial Contribution from Seaford Residents

Every town and parish council in the country is funded in part by its local residents.

Each year the Town Council, like most organisations, goes through a lengthy budget setting process for the following financial year (in this case April 2022 to March 2023). We assess our anticipated expenditure, income, use of reserves (financial savings) and are left with a figure remaining. This figure is the amount of Seaford Town Council Tax (also called the 'precept'), which is split and charged to each household in the town to ensure that we are able to keep delivering for the town.

So, what does this mean in figures?

In 2022-2023 the Town Council is budgeting outgoings of £2,677,666, offset against budgeted income an available funds of £1,632,701. This leaves £1,044,965 to be charged to the town's households as precept (Council Tax).

The precept is split across the households within the town, with each property being assigned a 'band'. Your household's Council Tax demand will identify which band your property is in; the Council Tax you owe will differ depending on the band (Band A being the lowest and H, the highest).

For 2022-2023, the Town Council's Band D Council Tax (as the 'average band') is £111.09 per year. This is an increase of just under 14 pence per week on last year's amount.

What are 'Special Expenses'?

Special Expenses is the amount charged by Lewes District Council for services they deliver but which are considered Town Council services, such as Walmer Road Recreational Ground, The Brickfields and Normansal Park/Chalvington Field.

Do you want to know more of the detail behind these figures?

We realise that not everyone is interested in the details but if you are looking to find out more, do visit our website: www.seafordtowncouncil.gov.uk

You may want to start with the [meetings page](#) (26 January 2022 was the date Full Council adopted the budget) and then from there is a wealth of other information at your fingertips!



Who else do I pay?

Your Council Tax payment helps support us and four other vital local authorities:



Visit their websites for details on their portions of your Council Tax.

What does my money do?

Despite having one of the biggest commercial incomes of any Town Council in the country, we still need support from the town's residents to deliver our services i.e. your Council Tax. Much of your money goes towards maintaining our large amount of land, properties and facilities. You help;

- keep the seafront thriving
- keep The Salts and other spaces offering activities for all ages
- keep the public conveniences available
- enable community events in the town
- offer many of the town's sports clubs a home and pitches to play on
- enable the voice of the town to be heard through us drive improvements and future-proofing around the town
- ensure key voluntary groups around the town are supported through our financial grants scheme (in 2021-2022 we supported 21 different local groups which all directly help Seaford's residents)
- And so much more!

What will I see in 2022-2023 from the Town Council?

This is a good question and one we ask ourselves every year! Over the last few years a lot of our plans were affected by COVID-19 and its restrictions - however, now that restrictions are lifting we have begun our recovery (like so many organisations) and can start to plan with more certainty for the future.

As it stands, we have highlighted some key projects for the coming year (in addition to the usual maintenance and upkeep of our land and services):

CONTINUE TACKLING CLIMATE CHANGE
PROVIDE REFURBISHED SALTS TENNIS COURTS
REPLACEMENT OF SEAFRONT BINS
IMPROVEMENTS TO THE SALTS PLAY AREA
MARTELLO TOILET REBUILD

During the year we will be running a series of consultations on topics such as how we communicate with you, and what improvements you would like to see in the town. Your feedback is vital to our research and service delivery, it is your town after all! See over the page for reminders on how to keep in contact...



Impact of COVID-19

As a Town Council, we were not able to avoid the effects of the COVID-19 storm and like many, we consider ourselves lucky to have made it out the other side of 2021.

During this last year, we have done all we can to keep the Town Council afloat while ensuring that the necessary duties to our town have been carried out, always with Seaford's best interests at heart.

Details of how we have responded to the pandemic are on our website or feel free to contact us with any questions.

3 NEW TENNIS COURTS AT THE SALTS OPENING SOON!

- PAY & PLAY £8*
- ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP £55*
- ONLINE BOOKING
- COACHING AVAILABLE

*AN ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF £3 FOR FLOODLIGHTS WHERE APPLICABLE

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