

GODALMING TOWN COUNCIL



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NO INCREASE TO GODALMING'S SHARE OF THE COUNCIL TAX

At a recent meeting of Godalming Town Council it was decided that the Council would keep its share of the Council Tax bill for 2015/16 the same as the previous year. So the average household in Godalming or Farncombe will continue to pay just over £1 a week towards the cost of running the Town Council. That's £52.81 per Band D property.

Godalming Town Council provides a range of services to the town's residents including three community buildings, the bandstand, two cemeteries, several allotment sites, Christmas Lights in both of the town's retail centres, a range of festivals and markets and an annual Staycation programme. The Council's budget is funded almost entirely from money raised from the town's residents through the Council tax and rents raised from property. The Council receives no money from central government nor any share of business rates.

The Town Council also makes many grants to the town's voluntary organisations – in total this is in excess of £55,000 which is a sum significantly larger than any other town locally. And, for 2015/16 plans a major refurbishment of the Wilfrid Noyce Centre.

Speaking recently Councillor Stefan Reynolds Chairman of the Town Council's Policy & Management Committee said, "I am delighted that once again Godalming Town Council will not be raising its precept for our residents in spite of challenging financial conditions. We have maintained our grant giving budget at the same level as last year and we are also embarking on a major redevelopment of the Wilfrid Noyce Centre, the cost of which has been contained within existing budgets. Three bits of great news to kick start the year."

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