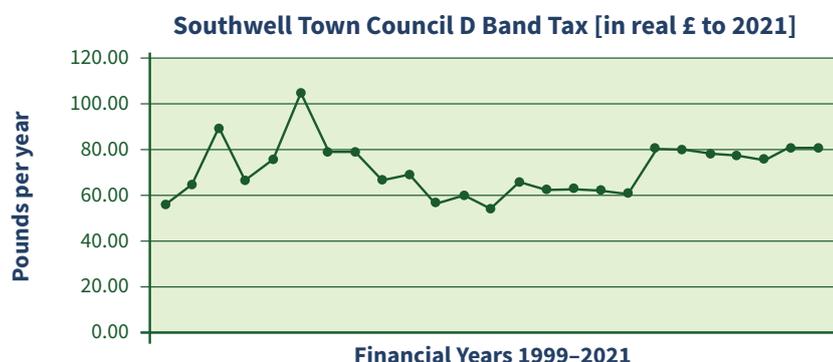


### Budget and Precept for 2021-2022

Last year was tough in many ways for all of us, not least financially. Southwell Town Council has taken a hit too. With fewer visitors to the town and with periodic market closures, our income was reduced by about £20k, but our costs increased due to essential Covid-19 measures.

Our money is your money, and it is our responsibility to manage it prudently whilst maintaining and improving services to the town. Therefore, this year will see a small increase in your annual precept. For a Band D property, your contribution will be less than £1.60 per week, which totals £82.92 per annum. This is up just under 5p per week or about £2.60 for the year.

This is how it compares with previous years.



The total budgeted income for 2021-22 to run all the Town Council services in Southwell is £320,651. It is made up of your precept of £242,567, which is passed on to us from Newark & Sherwood District Council, with additional income from car parks, room rental and the markets.

Below is a quick run down of where your money goes:

Administration, Staff & Buildings	£140,000
Parks & Open Spaces, inc Staff	£90,000
Town Environment (lighting, CCTV etc)	£13,000
Car Parks	£27,000 (income usually £30,000)
Southwell Market Costs	£15,000 (income usually £17,000)
Events, Tourism & Town Promotion	£19,000
Public Toilets (Church St)	£13,000

This year the Council has decided to use £21,000 from the reserves it has accumulated from Community Infrastructure Levies on housing developments. This will be spent on the maintenance of parks, open spaces, public toilets and car parks. This investment will also enable improvements, including some re-wilding and tree planting to offset carbon emissions and keep our natural environment pleasant to visit.

### SUPPORTING OUR COMMUNITY

In 2020, plans to brighten the town centre were hampered by the lockdown but we did manage to jolly up King Street and Queen Street with flags of all the town's clubs & societies.

Councillors have been busy too, staffing the Community Hub Helpline and advising drivers that King Street is closed on Saturdays. You'll find us outside One Stop every Saturday morning, so do stop by for a chat.

Southwell Town Council recognises the great work done during the pandemic by community groups. We have given grants to the Torpedoes, Live at Home and the Turtle Doves, an initiative run by the Hearty Goodfellow.



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Mon – Fri 10am – 12.30pm

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### WHAT DID WE DO IN 2020?

#### Southwell Town Council Went Digital

Like many others, we discovered online video meetings through necessity. Zoom took a bit of getting used to, but it works well. And we are now streaming all our Council meetings LIVE on Facebook, so tune in. Or, if you want to make a contribution, join us on Zoom.

#### Improvements to Norwood Play Area and the Skate Park

We're very pleased that the play area at Norwood Gardens had a big overhaul, and there are plans to make even more improvements. Thanks to our new Clerk, Lesley Wright, who secured £10k of funding.

The Skate Park, which was looking very tatty, has been refurbished too. Following a consultation in February 2020, Councillors and parents are working together on further improvements.

With play areas now open, it's great to have some outdoor facilities for children and young people to get some fresh air and exercise.



## New Clerk, New Chair, New Vice Chair

Meet the new team at Southwell Town Council. Former Deputy Clerk, Lesley Wright, became the new Clerk in December. Lesley is working closely with new Council Chair, Cllr Sally Reynolds and Vice Chair, Cllr Malcolm Brock. Congratulations to all!



Lesley Wright



Cllr Sally Reynolds



Cllr Malcolm Brock

### Your Council Needs You!

There is a vacancy for a new Councillor to represent the North Ward of the town. We welcome applicants from any residents to stand in the May 2021 election. Please contact the Clerk or any of the Councillors to find out about the role. For more information and how to apply for the role visit:

[www.southwellcouncil.com/how-to-become-a-town-councillor/](http://www.southwellcouncil.com/how-to-become-a-town-councillor/)

### Tourist Information Centre

Southwell's Tourist Information Centre moved to the library in April 2020. When the library reopens, volunteers will be on hand to advise visitors and residents about What's On, local places and events and transport links. Meanwhile, visit our website for more information or contact our Events & Tourism Co-ordinator on [info@visitsouthwell.com](mailto:info@visitsouthwell.com)

### King Street Saturday Closure – a Permanent Fixture?

During the temporary closure of King Street on Saturdays, a legal restriction imposed by Nottinghamshire County Council to allow for social distancing, the Town Council has consulted with residents and traders over the possibility of a permanent Saturday closure. This has proved very popular with a majority of consultees. Southwell Town Council has taken the decision to apply for Saturday closure until 3pm on a permanent basis. We will keep you informed on the progress.



### Memorial Park Lime Tree Care Plan

The beautiful lime trees that line the Memorial Park are 100 years old, so they are coming to the end of their lives. Southwell Town Council has developed a management and replanting plan to take place over the next 10 years.

### Neighbourhood Plan Revisions

A group of Councillors and residents has been formed to update the town's Neighbourhood Plan. This document sets out a strategy for the development and management of space within the Parish boundary, and considers housing and building, open spaces and the environment.

### Going Greener in 2021

Along with everybody else on the planet, we have got to combat climate change. This year, Southwell Town Council will be working on initiatives with Green Southwell, Potwell Dyke Grasslands Action Group and others. Get in touch to get involved.

### Take Home Your Rubbish or Get Wombling

There's a lot of littering around town especially near the old cemetery. Please dispose of your litter, recycling and dog poo in the right bins or take it home. If you'd like to form a 'wombling' group and get picking, please contact [admin@southwell-tc.gov.uk](mailto:admin@southwell-tc.gov.uk)

### It's Hedge Trimming Time!

If your property has a hedge or shrub that borders a pavement or footpath, please give it a little haircut before it gets too long and shaggy and interferes with passers-by!

### Station Road Crossroads Zebra Crossing

Southwell has waited a long time for a Zebra crossing at the junction of Station Road, the Burgage, Lower Kirklington Road and Newark Road, but at last it is going ahead.

At the time of going to press, the work is planned for 22 February to 26 March. A long wait and some disruption but it will be worth it in the end!



## FORTHCOMING COUNCIL MEETINGS



All meetings take place on Zoom. If you wish to ask a question or contribute, sign in.

If you like to view, meetings are streamed live on Southwell Town Council facebook page.

### Full Council

Wednesday 17 March, 7pm  
Wednesday 21 April, 7pm  
Wednesday 19 May, 7pm

### Planning Committee

Wednesday 3 March, 7pm  
Wednesday 7 April, 7pm  
Wednesday 5 May, 7pm

### Town Environment Committee

Wednesday 10 March, 7pm  
Wednesday 12 May, 7pm

### Governance & Finance Committee

Monday 26 April, 7pm



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