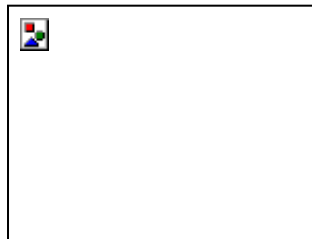


St Ives Town Council 2022-23 The Town Council share of your Council Tax bill



St Ives Town Council has set its budget for the financial year 2022-23 in order to be able to maintain the services it is committed to providing, in the most cost-effective way possible.

How The Town Council is Funded

The Town Council's budget for 2022-23 is £1,241,498.32. This is broken down further in the table below. Unlike many local Councils, the Council is able to raise some of its budget from services it charges for, like weddings and shop and office rents. By doing this, it keeps the Council Tax charge as low as possible. Next year, it plans to raise £368,017 of its budget this way, that is 30% which doesn't fall on local Council Tax payers. The amount sought from Council Tax (also called the precept) is £864,914. This means that a proportion of your overall Council Tax bill, paid to Cornwall Council is passed onto the Town Council. The proportion is small, (7.1%) relative to the rest of your bill.

Average Cornwall Council tax bill for 2022-23 in St Ives (band D) property = £ 2,108.89
Of this:

Average annual Town Council element for 2022-23 (band D) property = £ 169.74
Monthly cost of Town Council services for a Band D household = £ 14.15

Changes from last year

This year, for 2022-23, the average band D increase for the Town Council's share will be £22.07 at year, so 42 pence per week, a 14.95% increase.

What is the Council's Budget Spent on ?

The table shows the Council's income and expenditure by Committee. A significant proportion of the Council's budget goes into running front line services, such as all the public conveniences, the Library and Visitor and Information Service and also repairing and maintaining historic buildings it owns, such as the chapels, cutting footpaths and looking after the recreation ground. We also give grants to local community organisations and have just taken over the management and improvement of 220 benches in the parish.



For next year, the Council has committed to a large programme (over £250,000) of capital investments. The Council cannot fund all these in one go and so, it consulted the community, which supported borrowing for these investments.

Borrowing will fund

- Repairs and replacement of the library roof
- Investments at the Palemon Best recreation ground as a contribution to the skate park project
- Funds for the Community Land Trust affordable housing scheme
- Funds for the modernisation of the concert hall to upgrade the facilities for a new programme of live events.
- Installation of a customer lift for wheelchair users and those with mobility issues so they can access weddings, events and meetings.

Why is the percentage higher than other local Councils in Cornwall and inflation ?

	Town	Band D Council Tax (£)	Annual Band D Council Tax Change (%)
1	Falmouth	£377.97	1.83%
2	Bodmin	£316.02	15.18%
3	Truro	£275.40	2.93%
4	Launceston	£274.04	6.62%
5	Camelford	£264.38	3.93%
6	Bude	£248.28	3.00%
7	Penzance	£246.31	16.35%
8	Callington	£240.18	1.90%
9	Redruth	£233.00	16.95%
10	Wadebridge	£231.93	4.89%
11	Saltash	£228.78	4.28%
12	Newquay	£225.78	1.56%
13	Hayle	£221.47	2.09%
14	Camborne	£213.49	1.86%
15	Lostwithiel	£210.45	4.41%
16	Looe	£197.71	0.00%
17	St Ives	£169.74	14.95%
18	St Dennis	£168.77	9.97%
19	Helston	£165.04	5.33%
20	Torpoint	£161.02	4.02%
21	St Austell	£141.81	9.95%
22	St Austell	£141.81	9.95%
23	Liskeard	£141.09	0.00%
24	Fowey	£116.13	2.57%
25	Calstock	£93.66	11.98%
26	Padstow	£0.00	0.00%

Just looking at a **percentage increase** can be misleading. The table opposite shows all the larger towns in Cornwall with their Council Tax cost in £, and the increase measured as a percentage. St Ives is 17th in the cost of its band D Council Tax, yet the percentage increase is the fourth highest (14.95%). This is because it's increasing a smaller bill than other places from last year.

Another reason key reason why the percentage increase is higher in St Ives is that the Council Tax base of St Ives is shrinking as more and more properties stop becoming permanent homes. Many become holiday lets and they pay business rates not Council Tax.

Supporting Local Services

Cornwall Council provides large and important statutory services- roads, waste, adult social care and children's services. But the real strength of town and parish councils is that they can provide very local services which directly benefit the parish and all the income raised is re-invested in the local area. Some examples of the services we provide are as follows:

- St Ives Guildhall and Concert Hall (town council offices and a venue for concerts, live music, markets, plays, functions and weddings)
- St Ives Public Library and Information Service and the Visitor Information Service, also a venue for children's activities, classes, public IT access and training, advice services etc
- The Island Centre (another community building available for hire)
- Managing and investing in the Palemon Best Recreation Ground including the exciting newly built skate park. We have also invested in new benches, picnic tables, free water re-fill stations and re-introduced the minis football pitch.
- The allotments at Trowan
- Repairing and maintaining heritage buildings: St Nicholas Chapel on the Island; St Leonards Chapel at Smeatons Pier; the Baulking House at Hain Walk and the Market House.
- Repairing, managing and maintaining all Public Conveniences in St Ives and a public convenience at Longstone Cemetery, Carbis Bay
- Repairing and maintaining over 220 public benches

Services provided by the Town Council include:

- Neighbourhood Plan policy setting and review
- Tourist information
- Footpath maintenance and cutting
- Commissioning the town centre CCTV, monitoring and maintenance
- Hosting weddings, blessings meetings and events
- Street weeding
- Repairing and maintaining the townwide festoon lights
- Running a Community Grants programme
- Funding support for local good causes including the Hayle Day Care Centre, Archive, and the September Festival and the Citizens Advice Bureau
- Enforcement of the environmental and beach dog control orders
- Commenting on planning consultations – over 300 this year
- Running and funding Civic and Community events including Feast, Knill, Mayor Choosing, Good Friday boating