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TOWN COUNCIL



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# ANNUAL TOWN REPORT

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## Welcome to the Annual Report 2016/17

### The Services We Provide

We have a commitment to protecting and enhancing the Town and its environment through:

- **Daventry Town Council Museum** – The Town Council have committed to manage and fund a museum, which it sees as an important community facility and cultural hub for the Town.
- **CCTV** – Daventry Town Council is committed to manage and fund this service to ensure community safety and reassure the public as well as assisting the police in investigating crime.
- **Community Transport** - Daventry Town Council fund Dial-A-Ride, in association with DACT, for over 65s.
- **Town Enhancements** – The Town Council funds the Town's Christmas lights and Hanging Baskets.
- **Events** - The Town Council supports, organises, manages and funds Town events which include Fireworks Display, Arts Festival, Christmas Festival, Pancake Day, Produce Show, Motorcycle Festival, Remembrance Day and Heritage Open Days.
- **Allotments** – The Town Council has 5 allotment sites and manages over 200 tenancies, promoting well-being within the community.
- **The War Memorial and Twinning Area** – Cared for and managed by the Town Council for enjoyment by all, but in particular for remembering those who lost their lives for our future.
- **Planning** - The Town Council reviews all planning applications applicable to the Town, making representations to the planning authorities that reflect the views of residents.
- **Civic Services** - The Mayor is always pleased to support any Daventry-based resident, organisation or group.
- **Community Grants** - The Town Council awards grants for Daventry-based projects which benefit the community. In 2016/17 grants were awarded to the following voluntary organisations:
  - Daventry Dolphins Swimming Club £604.00
  - Daventry Model Railway Club £1000.00
  - Citizens Advice – Daventry & District £4988.00
  - Holy Cross Church Hall £750.00
  - Street Pastors £750.00

As you will see from the following reports, the Council's continuing aim is to listen to its residents and make Daventry a better place for residents to live in or for more information, visit our website: [www.daventrytowncouncil.gov.uk](http://www.daventrytowncouncil.gov.uk)

## **Report from Community Services Committee**

It gives me great pleasure to chair the Community Services Committee with councillors and staff who are committed to providing the best in services and events to our residents. The community spirit within Daventry continues to grow, fulfilling our focus to build upon that enthusiasm.

I know from positive feedback that residents have appreciated our events and services we have provided over the last twelve months.

- The Daventry Arts Festival, coordinated by the Town Council and which will be held again this year.
- The revival of the Daventry Flower and Vegetable Show. Working alongside the Daventry Allotment and Garden Association.
- A record attendance for the Fireworks Display, where we were welcomed by Parker EACT Academy.
- The annual Remembrance Day Parade. Each year, it's so well supported.
- The Daventry Spirit of Christmas event; incorporating the Lantern Parade, a Giant Snow Globe, Donkey Rides and Santa's Grotto, along with a return of a live theatrical family production in Daventry.
- A new twist on the traditional Pancake Race. Planning to enhance this event, as it was well received.
- Family Cinema night at the Saxon Suite.
- Working in partnership on other successful Town events including the Open-Air Cinema, and The Daventry Motorcycle Festival.
- Flag Raising Ceremonies for Merchant Navy Day and Commonwealth Day.
- Management and improvements on Daventry's five allotment sites.
- We support our senior residents to access the town centre, twice weekly, by booking our Dial-a-Ride service
- Town Centre enhancements. We provide hanging baskets, bunting, flags and Christmas lights, all of which enhance our environment.

We have some new events planned for this year, so please keep an eye on our website and social media to find out further details.

Daventry Town Council strives to enhance our events and to deliver quality community services and we welcome involvement and feedback from our residents.

We are proud to work with local businesses, traders and volunteers who willingly offer their time and support to ensure that our events are enjoyed by all. Thank you.

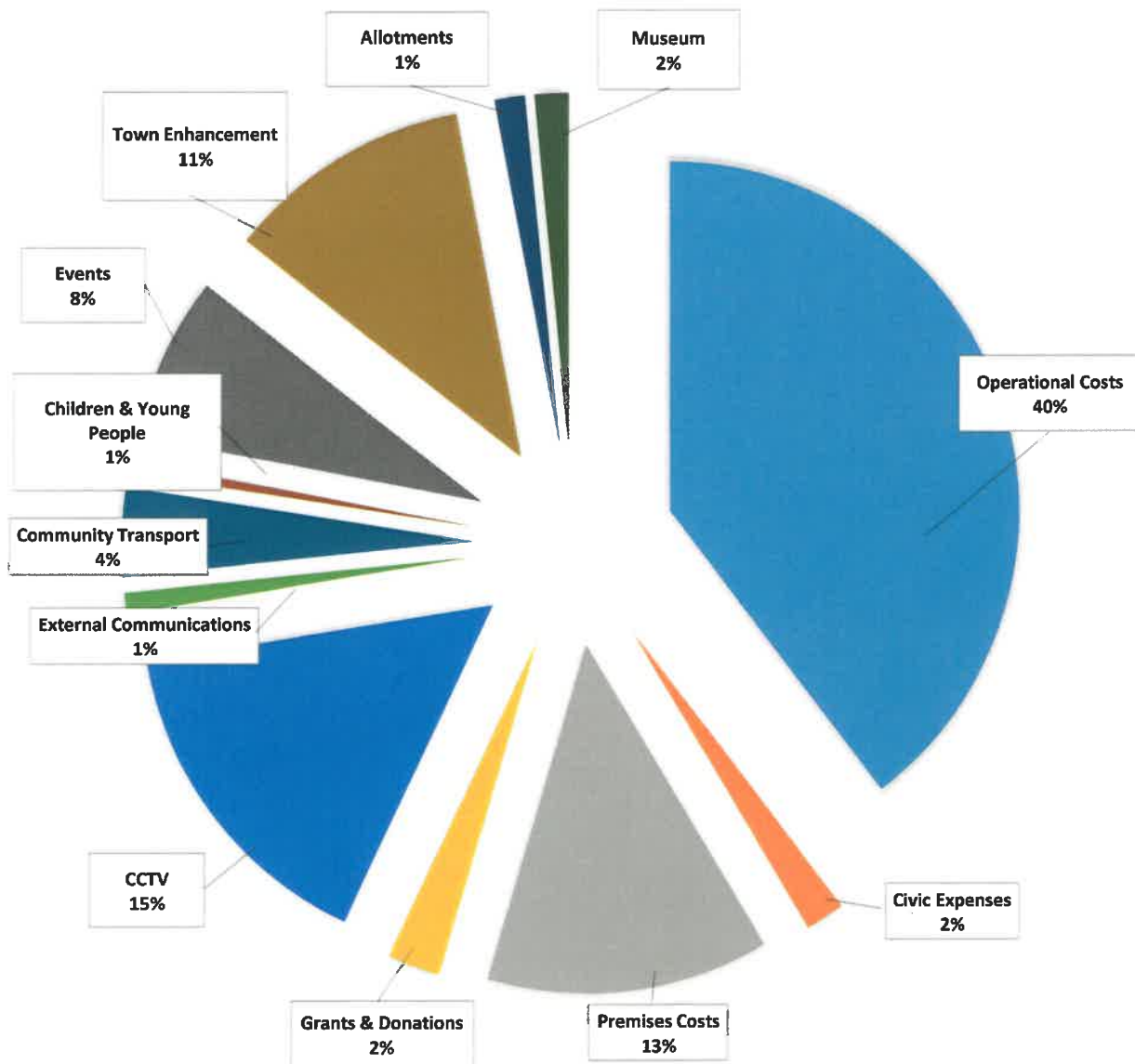
Cllr Lynne Taylor  
Chair Community Services Committee

## Report from Finance & Policy Committee

The Town Council continues to force efficiency of all budgets, consistently improving services whilst trying to save money.

The total income for 2016/17 was £368,522 which included monies raised from Allotment Rentals, Retail Radio Scheme, Grants and the Annual Precept which was £355,616. The total expenditure for the year was £350,648.

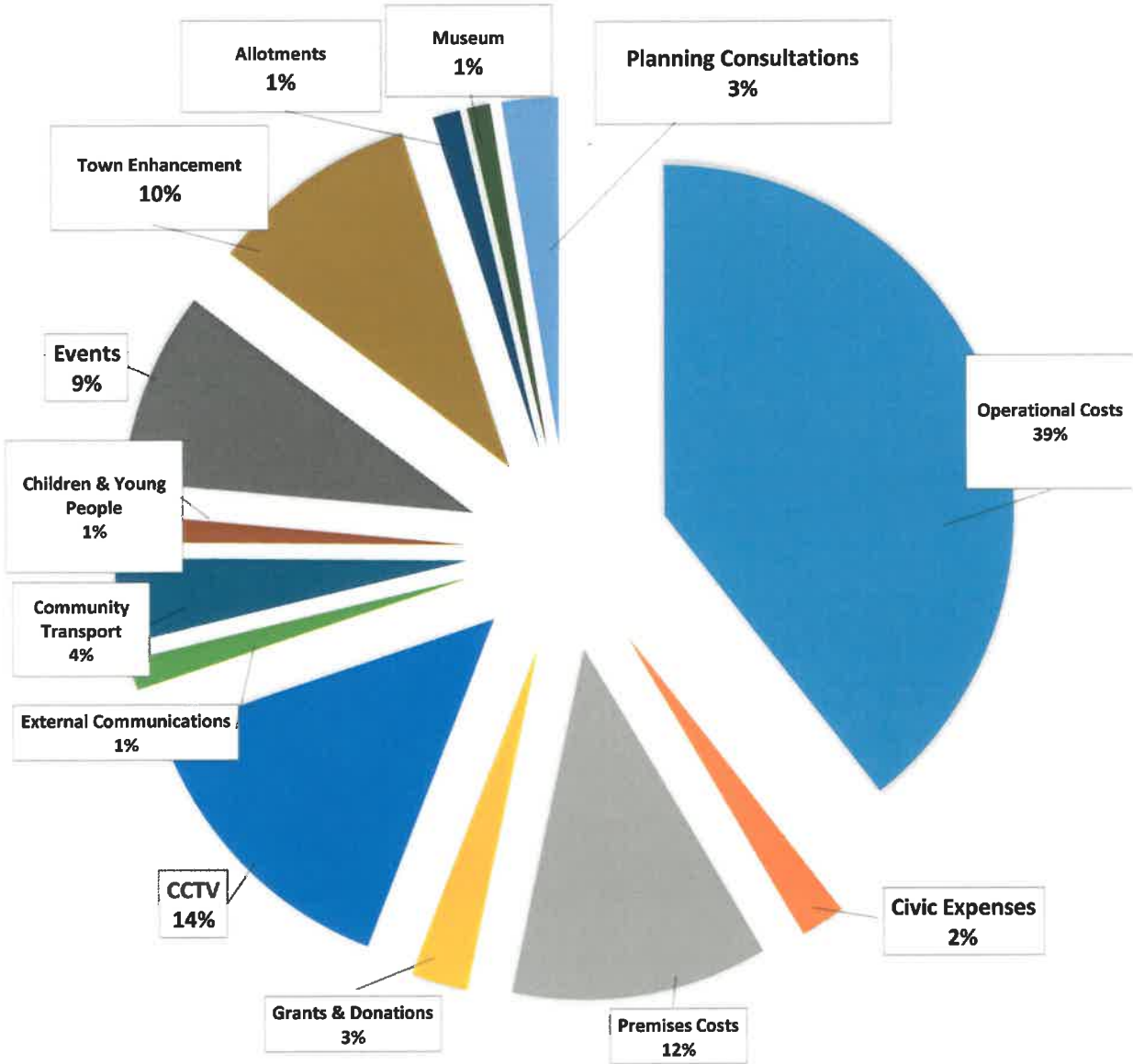
### Town Council Expenditure 2016-17



**Report from Finance & Policy Committee (cont/d)**

The precept for 2017/18 is £374,840, the Town Council have kept within government guidelines by not increasing the precept by more than 3%, in fact Daventry Town Council has only increased their proportion of your council tax bill by £0.02p. (All figures are based on band D property per week).

**Town Council Budgeted Expenditure 2017-18**



**Cllr L Jones  
Chairman Finance and Policy Committee**

## **Report from Museum Committee**

I have been really proud, over the past year, to have been Chair of the Museum Committee. The museum has grown from strength to strength and is a wonderful community resource for all to enjoy. I am especially proud as the museum won 'Museum Event of the Year' at the prestigious Northamptonshire Heritage Forum Awards 2016. The award was given for the museum's British Science Week event held in March 2016. The judges commended the museum's hands-on, learning activities based on STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths). Once again in March 2017 the museum and volunteers put on a fantastic, family-friendly science event with many hands-on activities.

Footfall has steadily increased; in 2015 there were 1411 visitors recorded in the museum compared with 1737 in 2016. Since January 2017 there have been over 650 visits recorded. I believe this is due to the number of wide-reaching, community engagement activities and programme of events that the museum and volunteers have been developing, along with increased promotion of the museum within the Town and informative exhibitions.

The Development and Liaison Officer, together with the Voluntary Museum Curator and team of volunteers have treated the public to some wonderful exhibitions throughout the year, these included: Daventry Businesses Past & Present, Daventry in 100 Objects, Collect-o-Mania, and the current exhibition, Law & Order which tells the story of how order was kept, and looks at the different types of punishments imposed on criminals in Northamptonshire from the early 1800s onwards.

The museum's community engagement and outreach activities have included:

- Visits from The Grange School, Badby School and Little 'Uns Day Nursery
- Community Group visits from Daventry Cubs, Beavers, Brownies, Rainbows and Solden Hill House.
- Outreach activities with the Holiday at Home Club and Longlands Specialist Care Centre
- Hosting Antique Valuation Afternoons and Archaeology Finds Days
- British Science Week
- Volunteers' Week

Cllr Ron Fox  
Chairman Museum Committee

## Report from Planning & Development Committee

Daventry Town Council considers all planning applications relating to Daventry Town. Most applications are considered by the Planning & Development Committee; large-scale, strategic or contentious applications are considered by Full Council.

The Town Council reviews and makes a recommendation for approval or refusal, based on local knowledge and with reference to the National Planning Policy Framework. Recommendations, together with relevant comments are submitted to the local planning authority, Daventry District Council (DDC) and included in the Officers report to the DDC Planning Committee for final determination.

You can find out what applications are being considered by referring to the Agendas for the Planning & Development Committee, which can be found on the Town Council website and posted in the window of the Town Council offices.

To view a planning application, go to the Town Council website  
<http://www.daventrytowncouncil.gov.uk/planning-apps1.html>

Should you have any concerns and/or comments on any planning proposal(s) you can submit comments directly to the DDC Planning Authority and/or Daventry Town Council. Daventry Town Council Planning & Development Committee meet every three weeks to review applications and members of the public can express their opinion in person to the committee members. Should you wish to make a representation, please contact the Clerk (by email [townclerk@daventrytowncouncil.gov.uk](mailto:townclerk@daventrytowncouncil.gov.uk) / by phone 01327 301246) in advance of the meeting.

### Ongoing Major Town Developments

Site	Total Units	Units completed	Update
Canal Arm	N/A		Planning application approved.
Eastern Way (Site 3 and 6)	50	0	No information. No completions expected until 20/21
Eastern Way (Site 5)	Commercial Food/Retail	0	Awaiting LPA report for DDC committee decision
Monksmoor Phase 1	200	200	Complete
Monksmoor Phase 2	175	97	78 units to be completed 17/18
Monksmoor Phase 3	212	0	73 units predicted 17/18 to be completed 2020
Middlemore Site 7, Continuing Care Retirement Community	398	0	Awaiting LPA report for DDC committee decision
Welton Rd, Care Homes, Independent living	125	0	Awaiting LPA report for DDC committee decision
Dantree Place	129	1	30 units predicted 17/18 to be completed 2021
Micklewell Park	450	0	Awaiting developer
North East SUE	4000	0	Ongoing discussions with LPA, awaiting application.

**Chairman**  
**Cllr Wendy Randall**



## Thank you from the Mayor

It is now the end of my term as Chairman and Mayor of Daventry Town Council.

In my term as Mayor, I have attended 71 community engagements, most of which have been visits to local groups, run by enthusiastic volunteers who give their time to provide valuable services for young and old, in the community. They provide an inspiration to us all and I wish to thank them for their hard work and dedication.

In my term as Chairman, I have worked with staff and Councillors and wish to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their hard work ensuring the Council's aims and objectives have been achieved.

Finally, I wish to thank everyone who has supported me, in my role as Mayor of Daventry, and given so generously to my charity 'Macmillan'. We raised a fantastic £6298.99 and the money raised is greatly appreciated by Macmillan and those residents in Daventry who turn to them for support.

Cllr Glenda Simmonds  
Mayor of Daventry

If you are holding an event and would like the Mayor to attend please either call the office on 01327 301246 or email [admininstrator@daventrytowncouncil.gov.uk](mailto:admininstrator@daventrytowncouncil.gov.uk) and request a Mayor's engagement form.



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