

STOCKSBRIDGE TOWN COUNCIL
THE FIRST TIER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT – NEAREST TO YOU THE TAX PAYER

A message from Councillor Catherine Ward, Mayor of Stocksbridge

Dear Resident,

Why it is important to provide additional funding for your Town Council via the Council Tax

As local people we all recognise and understand that it is important to have local services that are easily accessible as we are located at the northern most point of the City. As one of only three areas of Sheffield to have a Town or Parish Council, we have the advantage of the locally elected Town Council Members, being in a position to stand up to the City Council, in regard to all the decisions they make. We have the authority to persuade and influence on behalf of our area, ensuring that when decisions are reached, the impact on our area has been properly considered and taken into account. In short the Town Council gives you a voice, a voice that stands up for the area we all live in. The Town Council also provides additional services, over and above what Sheffield City Council has a lawful duty to provide. To do this we precept a sum of money, collected for us by Sheffield City Council via the Council Tax, which we then use to protect and improve the quality of life for our whole community. Due to the Covid pandemic Councillors have resolved that no increase be made to the precept for the financial year 2021/22.

The table below shows the annual amount on each band property – with no increase from 2020/21:-

PROPERTY BAND	ANNUAL AMOUNT	PROPERTY BAND	ANNUAL AMOUNT
A	£22.57	E	£41.36
B	£26.32	F	£48.88
C	£30.08	G	£56.41
D	£33.84	H	£67.70

Your Town Council will continue to work with other organisations and local community groups. We are fully committed to furthering the welfare and other opportunities in our area. Protecting our beautiful open countryside and heritage, supporting local community groups and activities across the area is and will remain a priority.

2020 was an unprecedented year with the onset of the Covid pandemic. Unfortunately, this is continuing to affect all our lives. With the tremendous efforts in the vaccination roll out across the population we are hopefully starting to see an end to the restrictions and the beginnings of life returning to some normality. During the past year very few grant applications were received from local community groups. Town Councillors have therefore rolled forward the surplus in the Grants budget to the budget for 2021/22. Community groups/organisations with a constitution and bank account are welcome to submit applications for funding for projects their group are involved in. Please see the website or contact the office for details on how to submit an application.

Your Town Councillors are Volunteers; we do not receive any payment for our duties. As local residents like you, we are involved in all aspects of community life across Bolsterstone, Deepcar and Stocksbridge. We support this area because we care about it. Town Council meetings are open to the public, see our website for dates and agendas. During the pandemic meetings are being held via Zoom, joining instructions can be obtained from the agenda on the website or by contacting the office.

With Very Best Wishes

Catherine

Chairman, Councillor Catherine Ward, North Ward (Stubbin & Manchester Road)