

UCKFIELD TOWN COUNCIL



ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

Wednesday 15 April 2026

Weald Hall, Civic Centre, Uckfield
at
7.00 pm

AGENDA

Prior to the start of the meeting you are invited to have tea or coffee
from 6.30 pm

1. Welcome and introductions
2. Apologies for absence

Looking back

3. Minutes of the Annual Town Meeting of the 19 March 2025
 4. Matters arising from the minutes
 5. Presentation of the Town Council's Annual Report 2025/26
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Looking forward

6. Topics and questions raised by residents in advance
7. Questions from the floor



Councillor Karen Bedwell
Town Mayor



Uckfield Town Council Annual Report

2025-26

**Council Offices
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Our Town Mayor's Annual Review of 2025-26

Welcome to the Annual Town Meeting.

This meeting provides an important opportunity for residents and Town Councillors to come together, share views, and discuss the issues that affect our town and the surrounding communities that rely on Uckfield as a vital hub for services.

Each year, our Councillors and officers work diligently to ensure that all statutory parish responsibilities are fulfilled. At the same time, we strive to support our residents and enhance Uckfield as a strong, vibrant, and welcoming community.

For full transparency, details of all Councillors, committee meetings (agendas and minutes), and key documents - including our Strategic Plan, Property Asset Management Plan, and Annual Budget, are available to view on the Town Council website.

This year, the Town Council has taken the decision to increase the precept by 7.55%. This reflects the significant and growing portfolio of assets that we own and manage on behalf of the community. This includes 10 buildings, 17 open spaces, 8 play areas, 7 recreation grounds with football and cricket pitches, 4 woodlands—two of which are ancient, 6 allotment sites, 2 local nature reserves, 192 streetlights, and 72 litter bins, along with other essential street furniture.

Our key priorities for the coming year include the continuation of asset upgrades – built and green. This involves focus on our sport and recreational facilities (play areas, including the skate park and sport pitches) as well as progressing building maintenance programmes to ensure our properties are compliant, in the right condition, and preparing for growth within the town with new facilities.

Following a staff restructure initiated last year, we are pleased to welcome new members of staff. These changes are designed to support the town's continued growth and ensure we can maintain and enhance our facilities both now and into the future. It remains very important to me that, as residents ourselves, we recognise the financial challenges facing many in our community. By setting aside political differences, we can work collaboratively to make decisions that benefit all who live and work in our growing town.

It has been a great honour to serve as Mayor for a second year, and to witness first-hand the outstanding work carried out by the volunteers and charitable



organisations across Uckfield and the surrounding areas. These groups provide invaluable support to people of all ages facing a wide range of challenges. Uckfield is truly a town with a village spirit—time and again, when help is needed, people step forward to offer it. When reflecting on the past year, some of our key achievements include:

- A clear and successful audit for the 2024/25 financial year;
- A review of staffing to strengthen resources;
- Enhanced corporate training programme;
- Implementation of a new HR contract;
- The award of community grant funding to 25 organisations;
- Installation of a new Town Clock on the High Street;
- Improved festive lighting within the Town Centre;
- CCTV enhancements in the vicinity of Luxford Field/Car Park;
- New floral displays on Tesco roundabout;
- Successful delivery and support to key events, including VE Day commemoration and VJ Day beacon lighting, Weald on the Field, Remembrance services, and Late Night Shopping;
- Ongoing support to charitable events, fundraising, and community activities;
- New compliance and utility contracts to improve efficiency and reduce costs;
- Fire safety upgrades, including new doors and signage;
- Installation of Wi-Fi in Foresters Hall;
- Commencement of refurbishment works at the Signal Box;
- Installation of a new artificial cricket wicket;
- New manoeuvrable goalposts at Victoria and Harlands;
- Pitch renovations and equipment reviews;
- Progress towards a Football Foundation application for a 3G pitch;
- Full upgrade of Victoria Play Area;
- Replacement play area equipment at Hempstead Recreation Ground;
- Appointment of new contractors for play area inspections;
- Continued delivery of the Woodland Management Plan, including work to address ash dieback;
- Comprehensive tree surveying and digital mapping of works undertaken and survey outcomes;
- Ecological assessments of Boothland Wood and our nature reserves, including dormouse and bat surveys;
- Conservation work at Harlands Pond;
- Management of flora and fauna in Boothland Wood;
- Introduction of a new memorial bench scheme;
- Preparations for cemetery expansion;

Looking ahead, 2026 will bring new challenges, particularly as plans for devolution begin to take shape. As Councillors, we remain committed to representing the views and interests of all of our residents to the very best of our ability.

Councillor Karen Bedwell
Town Mayor, Chair of Full Council



General Purposes Committee

Firstly, can I record how much I appreciate the support and engagement of my fellow councillors on the General Purposes Committee, and members of staff for all of their contributions in reaching, what I hope, are sensible, beneficial, long-term and practical decisions, on all of our deliberations.

Our committee looks after, and is responsible for the Town Council's extensive property portfolio, the Council's financial matters (considered and recommended to us for approval by Finance Sub Committee) and also staff and employee welfare matters (considered by Personnel Sub Committee).

The Town Council has a property portfolio of some 66 assets comprising of buildings, allotments, nature reserves, play areas, open land, recreation facilities and the cemetery which all need constant inspection and maintenance. The current value of which is over £5million.

The Town Council has an annual budget this year in excess of £2million, which covers all aspects of the Council's operations. Many of our assets produce revenue to contribute towards our income; thus, reducing the amount of the precept borne by council tax payers. All levels of income and expenditure are fully scrutinised by both the staff and councillors. In addition, the accounts are inspected quarterly and annually by qualified external auditors and accountants. Credit is due to our Town Clerk, Assistant Town Clerk & Responsible Financial Officer and wider staff for the high level of approval received on the standard of the financial controls operated by the Town Council.

Again, credit is due to our Management Team on the manner and level of employee satisfaction within the organisation. We have a total of 32 members of permanent staff together with several casual operatives who are employed on an as needed basis. The length of service and very low staff turnover rate is testimony to the degree of satisfaction by all staff of their employment conditions.

Uckfield is rightly proud of the social and community spirit within the town and the Council are pleased and grateful to be able to support the many and varied organisations within the area through its Community Grants Programme. This year we have financially supported 23 different groups in the total sum of just under £19,000 together with the three Service Level Agreements to Wealden Citizens Advice, Wealden Volunteering and the Uckfield Bonfire & Carnival Society all of which assists them in their work in making Uckfield the superb engaging community it is.

Throughout the year continuous improvements to compliance and maintenance have been made across our buildings and facilities to ensure that they remain fully compliant,

safe, usable and pleasant facilities for the users and members of the public. Our thanks go to our Facilities and Compliance Manager and all of his colleagues for dedication to detail and regulation.

For those who have visited Luxfords Restaurant during the year you will have experienced the welcoming attitude of the staff, varied menu and excellent quality of the food not forgetting of course the many and diverse entertainment selections offered in the evenings and at weekends, within the Civic Centre.

We are so lucky to have the knowledge and expertise of our Hospitality Manager and congratulate her and the staff on all their efforts to encourage and promote this facility.

Finally, I would wish to thank my fellow councillors who voted me into this position and trusted me with the role of Chair and to all the staff who, as I said earlier, have supported, advised and assisted all of us in what I hope is to the overall benefit of the town and all its residents, both now and in the future.

Councillor Chris Macve
Chair of General Purposes Committee

Environment and Leisure Committee



As we come to the end of my second year as Chair of the Environment and Leisure Committee, I would like to thank the Vice-Chair, Councillor Bernadette Reed, and the Committee members for their support, hard work and some lively discussions.

I would also like to thank our Clerk, Rachel Newton who does a great job of driving our work forward.

The Environment and Leisure Committee deals with important considerations relating to the management of our estate, council equipment, leisure activities and open spaces. Therefore, decisions made by the Committee impact on the lives of all of us, as residents of Uckfield.

This year we have continued to work hard to conserve and protect our green spaces across the town. We are fortunate to own two very special areas of ancient woodland (Boothland Wood and Nightingale Wood), which have faced challenges this year, in the form of both Ash Dieback, and impacts from development. We are in the third year of our Woodland Management Plan, which meant losing some infected trees, but we continue to plant new trees, as part of our 'tree for a tree' initiative. We have also seen the three new orchards in Victoria Pleasure Ground (New Barn), West Park and Ridgewood Recreation Ground maturing. I'm looking forward to sampling some of the fruit from the new orchards.

Those of you who use Victoria Pleasure Ground and Boothland Wood will have seen that the Council is in the process of carrying out protective works to safeguard this irreplaceable habitat. This entails installing 1.2-metre-high stock fencing along the New Barn field side of the wood, with pedestrian gates and badger gates within the fence line. A temporary footpath will create a looped walking route; guiding visitors around the western edge and back towards Victoria. A section of the south-west corner of the wood will be closed to allow the habitat to rest and recover.

Over recent months, we have been carrying out detailed ecological appraisals of the woods, as well as our nature reserves – the survey has confirmed the presence of dormice in the woods, for example – dormice are a legal protected species. We are very conscious of what Boothland Wood means to our town and it is essential that we act now to ensure that future generations can enjoy this beautiful space, with its wealth of flora and fauna, too.

The Council has invested in specialist software to help us manage the health and works to trees under our protection. This software helps us with mapping survey data and records of work undertaken, so that the grounds staff know how best to care for each tree.

Another special piece of land that the Town Council looks after is our cemetery in Snatts Road. This year the Council has been working towards an extension of the cemetery: a new Y Section, to ensure we can keep up with local need. The new layout will provide for 253 burial plots and 827 plots for ashes, with fifty per cent of those areas being allocated for secular and non-secular traditions. My thanks go to Rachel Newton, the Council's Senior Administrative Officer, who looks after the cemetery, as she is always very sensitive to the wishes and feelings of those who have loved ones interred there.

The Environment and Leisure Committee also look after several sporting facilities in the town and I am pleased that we have made quite a few improvements to our facilities this year, including:

- A new artificial cricket wicket and nets at Victoria Park
- Installation of new moveable goal posts at Harlands Park and Victoria Park – we are also finalising the installation of toilet facilities at Harlands Park, to enable it to be used for girls' football
- We are finalising an application to the Football Foundation for funding (also supported by Wealden District Council) for a 3G pitch – Victoria.

Our play facilities benefited from upgrades this year too. It was a pleasure to attend the official opening of the brand-new playground at Victoria Park earlier in the year and it is certainly being well used by local families. We also replaced the zip wire at Hempstead Field with new equipment. We know the old zip wire was a favourite, but unfortunately in recent years it was often out of action, due to maintenance issues or vandalism. We hope that the replacement Coco Wave Swing is equally exciting!

This year also saw another successful Weald on the Field delivered in August. This event is an annual fixture in the calendar, that can only happen because of the hard work of Council staff, aided by Councillors. This year's Weald on the Field was the ninth annual festival, and was boosted by beautiful, sunny weather, making it the most successful yet in terms of visitor numbers. Visitors crowded around the stage, enjoying food and drink from a range of local providers, and music from acts including The Management, Repeat Offenders, The Midnight Project, The Carnaby Brothers and headliners, Dynamite. We are all awaiting Weald on the Field 10 this year, with anticipation.

Climate change and biodiversity loss are important considerations for the Committee and drive work such as our tree planting programmes. The Committee works closely with outside bodies such as the Conservators of Ashdown Forest; it also works internally to find green solutions where possible, supported by Council's Climate Emergency Steering Group.

For example, this year has seen starting to upgrade our solar panels on the Civic Centre. In March we held our second Eco Expo at the Civic Centre, where we had

stallholders demonstrating different products ranging from solar panels to bees wax wraps. We are grateful to have the support of the Council staff, the Hospitality team at Luxfords Restaurant, the Town Ranger, and the Grounds staff in pursuing a green agenda.

Councillor Angie Smith
Chair of Environment and Leisure Committee

Plans Committee

Uckfield Town Plans Committee are still working hard as a planning consultee within the local planning system.

We review each application in detail; considering local knowledge, adopted local planning policies, as well as national planning policy such as the National Planning Policy Framework.

We have also, with the support of the Environment and Leisure Committee, just submitted a comprehensive response to the focused Wealden Draft Local Plan which was out for public consultation. As the local planning authority for this area, Wealden District Council are required to prepare a Local Plan which sets out a long-term spatial vision. It also focuses on themes such as housing, climate change, the natural environment, heritage, the economy and infrastructure. With the extent of growth anticipated for the Uckfield area, we were keen to consider the draft plan in close detail. Uckfield will need to have the right facilities and infrastructure to support this level of growth; the often-suggested tweak of a traffic light operation by applicants is not enough!



It was disappointing to see the loss of much needed community infrastructure within the Ridgewood Farm application for Phase 2 (750 dwellings). As we all know Uckfield has a thriving community and a number of local organisations are struggling to find space to support their voluntary groups and the various community events we see within our town. It would have also created a positive link between residents within the urban area and new residents moving into developments on the periphery of the town. On a positive note however, the employment space assigned to this site has also been approved and we hope that it will be built out soon to ensure Uckfield has the right commercial units to support both new and existing business.

Recently an application submitted by Taylor Wimpey for 100 dwellings just south of Victoria Football Pitch went to Wealden District Council's Major Plans Committee for approval. The Town Council tried to seek a deferral as we felt a number of points hadn't been fully evaluated against the concerns we had previously raised. Despite lengthy discussions however, this application was granted approval. We therefore hope that Taylor Wimpey will engage with the Town Council to ensure this site works and any impact to both Victoria Pleasure Ground and Boothland Wood is minimal, during and after construction.

As a committee, we would like to invite you to our meetings in order to provide your comments through us or directly to Wealden District Council. The Town Council's Plans Committee considers (as a consultee) all Uckfield based applications. A list of the applications being considered can be viewed on the agenda for each meeting, which are published on our website. We need your voice, and your input, to fully understand the

setting of each application, and help committee members prepare a constructive response which reflects the views of our community.

Councillor Jackie Love
Chair of Plans Committee

Allowances paid to Councillors

ALLOWANCES PAID TO COUNCILLORS			
IN 2025-26 per annum (1 Apr 2025– 31 Mar 2026 before tax)			
	Allowances	Mayoral and/or Expenses	Notes
	£	£	
Cllr. Karen Bedwell	£1,458.08	£2,013.37/ £241.94 expenses	>Denotes Town Mayor duties (An additional allowance is payable to the Mayor in connection with the duties of the position).
Cllr. Duncan Bennett	£1,458.08	-	
Cllr. Kathy Butler**	£1,042.53	-	
Cllr. Ben Cox*	£168.23	-	
Cllr. Donna French	£1,458.08	-	
Cllr Val Frost	Co-opted member	-	
Cllr. Jackie Love	£1,458.08	-	
Cllr Michael McClafferty	£1,458.08	-	
Cllr. Chris Macve***	**	-	
Cllr. Dan Manvell	£1,458.08	-	
Cllr. Spike Mayhew	£1,458.08	-	The allowances are from the financial year 1 April 2025 – 31 March 2026
Cllr. Bernadette Reed	Co-opted member	-	
Cllr. Peter Selby***	**	-	
Cllr. Angie Smith	£1,458.08	-	
Cllr. Peter Ullmann	Co-opted member	-	
Cllr. Diane Ward	£1,458.08	-	

N.B.

* Councillor B. Cox resigned from the Town Council on 12 May 2025. His allowance therefore reflects the period between 1 April and 12 May 2025;

** Councillor K. Butler was elected to the Town Council through a by-election on 10 July, and commenced in the role from 14 July 2025. Her allowance therefore reflects the period between 14 July 2025 and 31 March 2026;

***Councillors can choose to opt out of receiving the allowance, if they wish. Councillors C. Macve and P. Selby did not claim for their allowance during the past financial year.

Financial Summary for 2025/26 (early predictions at 31 Jan 2026)

DRAFT INCOME and EXPENDITURE SUMMARY 2025/26 by COMMITTEE			
Committee	Budget set for 2025/26	Projected outturn at year end	Variation from budget set
	£	£	£
Environment and Leisure			
Expenditure (Revenue)	483,589	488,593	(5,004)
Expenditure (New Initiatives)	81,420	72,506	8,914
Expenditure (Earmarked Reserves)	56,000	27,382	28,430
<i>Expenditure (Earmarked reserves allocated in previous years)*</i>	-	144,438	-
Income	128,284	133,790	5,506
General Purposes			
Expenditure (Revenue)	959,857	940,244	19,613
Expenditure (New Initiatives)	98,750	60,560	38,190
Expenditure (Earmarked Reserves)	12,500	2,500	10,000
<i>Expenditure (Earmarked Reserves allocated in previous years)*</i>	-	35,132	-
Income	281,136	262,335	(18,801)
Luxfords			
Expenditure (Revenue)	294,788	315,171	(20,383)
Expenditure (New Initiatives)	0	0	0
Expenditure (Earmarked Reserves)	0	0	0
Income	255,600	256,574	974
N.B. Year-end financial processes need to be completed before the above figures can be finalised so these figures are likely to change.			
* Overspend of earmarked reserves is reflective of delivering projects in 2025/26 for projects funded by monies saved in previous years, or previously scheduled and now delivered. For example, £125,002 of the expenditure related to E&L Committee Earmarked reserves covers the cost of the Victoria Play Area upgrade and replacement of equipment at Hempstead Recreation Ground.			

Our Community Grants Programme for 2025-26

Each year the Town Council sets a budget for the provision of community grants within its budget setting process.

A total of 25 organisations were awarded funding through the Town Council's Annual Community Grants programme for 2025-26. The recommendations of Finance Sub-Committee were ratified by General Purposes Committee in March 2025.

Community Grant Funding under the General Power of Competence	
1. Family Support Work	£750
2. Uckfield and Area Community Responders	£1,000
3. Ashdown Radio Limited	£500
4. Uckfield Music Club	£500
5. Wealden Works	£1,000
6. Uckfield Food Bank	£750
7. Uckfield Youth Trust	£1,100
8. Uckfield College	£3,000
9. St Wilfrid's Hospice (Eastbourne)	£1,000
10. Imago Community East Sussex Young Carers	£595
11. Care for the Carers	£2,000
12. Uckfield Camera Club	£500
13. Uckfield Proms on the Pitch	£500
14. Uckfield Community Orchestra	£320
15. Friars Gate Archers	£250
16. St Peter & St James	£1,000
17. Uckfield Bonfire and Carnival Society CIC	£3,000
18. 2530 Uckfield Squadron RAF Cadets	£600
19. Sussex Support Service	£750
20. Royal British Legion Uckfield	£200
21. Uckfield Phab Club	£793
22. Uckfield Theatre Guild	£583
23. Bluebell Railway Preservation Society	£250
24. PDA Sense	£559
25. Ridgewood Village Hall	£500
TOTAL	£22,000.00

Councillor Attendance

ATTENDANCE AT MEETINGS (13 March 2025 to 30 March 2026 inclusive)							
Councillors	Full Council (8 meetings of which one fell before Annual Statutory in May)	General Purposes (9 meetings of which two fell before Annual Statutory in May)	Environment and Leisure (8 meetings of which one fell before Annual Statutory in May)	Plans (19 meetings of which three fell before Annual Statutory in May) 1 extraordinary was arranged.	Finance Sub-Committee (6 meetings)	Personnel Sub-Committee (3 meetings)	Overall Attendance %
K. Bedwell	7 out of 8	-	8 out of 8	18 out of 19	6 out of 6	3 out of 3	95.5%
D. Bennett	5 out of 8	-	4 out of 8	11 out of 19	-	-	57.1%
K. Butler*	4 out of 5	4 out of 6	-	13 out of 13	-	-	87.5%
B. Cox**	1 out of 1	0 out of 2	-	-	-	-	33.3%
D. French	7 out of 8	-	8 out of 8	-	-	-	93.8%
V. Frost	4 out of 8	2 out of 9	3 out of 8	-	-	-	36.0%
J. Love	7 out of 8	8 out of 9	-	18 out of 19	-	2 out of 3	89.7%
M. McClafferty	7 out of 8	-	7 out of 8	-	-	3 out of 3	89.5%
C. Macve	7 out of 8	9 out of 9	8 out of 8	18 out of 19	-	-	95.5%
D. Manvell	8 out of 8	7 out of 9	-	-	6 out of 6	-	91.3%
S. Mayhew	8 out of 8	-	7 out of 8	16 out of 19	6 out of 6	-	90.2%
B. Reed	6 out of 8	-	7 out of 8	-	-	-	81.3%
P. Selby	6 out of 8	7 out of 9	-	6 out of 7	-	-	79.2%
A. Smith	7 out of 8	5 out of 9	8 out of 8	-	-	3 out of 3	82.1%
P. Ullmann	4 out of 8	0 out of 9	-	0 out of 2	5 out of 6	-	36.0%
D. Ward	6 out of 8	7 out of 9	-	-	6 out of 6	3 out of 3	84.6%

Not all Councillors sit on all or the same committees each year. Committee appointments are reviewed each year at the Annual Statutory meeting of the Council. Last year's meeting took place on 19 May 2025.

*Councillor Butler was elected onto Uckfield Town Council at a by-election on 10 July 2025, so joined partway through the period being reviewed.

** Councillor Cox resigned from Uckfield Town Council on 12 May 2025 so departed early within the period being reviewed.



Uckfield Town Council's Annual Priorities 2026/27

RESTORE AND PROTECT	
<p>UNDERSTANDING OUR NATURAL HABITATS We will commission wildlife appraisals and monitoring of our ancient woodlands and local nature reserves. We will continue to enhance Harlands Pond. We will develop biodiversity action plans for delivery with partner agencies, and the voluntary and community sector, to restore and protect our wildlife corridors.</p>	<p>ENHANCING CONNECTIVITY We will feed into consultation on the Local Cycling & Walking Infrastructure Plan and planning applications to seek improvement to walking and cycling within the town. We will review signage and mapping of existing footways and facilities. We will explore opportunities to develop a River Walk.</p>
<p>PROTECTING AND RESTORING OUR ANCIENT WOODLANDS We will address the remainder of ash dieback, and undertake works to restore specific areas of woodland to allow for the re-establishment of flora and fauna and restoration of priority habitats.</p>	<p>TACKLING CLIMATE CHANGE We will host an Eco EXPO to promote alternative technologies to local residents, a Green Shoots Fashion Show to promote the reuse and recycling of textiles. We will commission a review of our previous carbon audit to create a clear and up to date action plan for our asset portfolio.</p>
EMPOWER AND STRENGTHEN	
<p>UPGRADING OUR BUILT ASSETS We will continue to improve the condition, safety and decoration of buildings we manage day to day – Civic Centre, Foresters Hall and Victoria Pavilion. We will upgrade car parks adjacent to our built assets. We will seek professional expertise to explore and deliver options for creating a new community facility on Town Council land.</p>	<p>UPGRADING OUR SPORTS AND RECREATION FACILITIES We will design and install new welfare facilities at Harlands Recreation Ground. We will pursue our application to the Football Foundation for the design, supply and installation of a 3G pitch at Victoria Pleasure Ground. We will seek expertise and funding to strengthen sports pitch renovations. We will also explore options for undertaking improvements to the Skate Park and identify new ideas to broaden the range of recreational facilities available within the town.</p>
<p>COMMUNITY GRANTS We will award up to £19,000 of community grant funding to local groups and charitable organisations for the period 2026/27, alongside the provision of £24,500 to Wealden Citizen's Advice, £9,000 to Wealden Volunteering and £3,500 to Uckfield Bonfire & Carnival Society.</p>	<p>PUBLIC EVENTS AND ANNIVERSARIES IN THE TOWN We will organise and deliver a variety of indoor and outdoor events including the annual day festival Weald on the Field, and support the organisation of the Remembrance Parade and Services.</p>
REFLECT AND PROGRESS	
<p>PROFESSIONAL EXPERTISE We will utilise the assistance of professional expertise to manage delivery of major projects and assist with the review of specialist policies and procedures.</p>	
<p>BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT We will focus on developing our existing, and introducing new revenue streams.</p>	
<p>FORWARD PLANNING We will work with local partner agencies, residents and local businesses to understand the infrastructure requirements for Uckfield, in regards to sport, leisure, recreation and community facilities. We will also consider the future impact of growth on the Town Council's provision of allotment and cemetery space. This information will also be utilised to inform the finalisation of an Uckfield Neighbourhood Plan.</p>	
<p>REVIEWING GOVERNANCE We will launch a community governance review.</p>	

Did you know?

Your County Council looks after:	Your District Council looks after:	Your Town Council looks after:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Highways maintenance (road repairs, verge cutting, pavements, most street lighting); • Highway emergencies; • Winter gritting; • Rights of Way; • Public transport; • Adult Social Care (<i>carers, services for older people, learning disabilities, physical/sensory impairments</i>); • Children's services (<i>child protection, support for families</i>); • Education; • Leisure and culture; • Libraries; • Trading standards • Registration of births and deaths; • Waste disposal (<i>including household waste recycling centres</i>). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council Tax collection; • Local planning as your local planning authority; • Development control; • Building control; • Waste collection and street cleansing; • Environmental health (<i>including licensing, environmental protection – air quality, noise, food safety, health and safety and currently Covid safety</i>) • Housing advice; • Homelessness; • Business rates; • Housing benefits; • Leisure Centres; • Wealden car parks; • Supporting economic development, local businesses and tourism; • Community toilet scheme; • Community and capital grants scheme; • Conserving biodiversity assets, conservation areas and designated sites. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maintenance of Uckfield's green parks and open spaces; • Snatts Road Cemetery; • Upgrades and maintenance of Uckfield play areas, sports pitches and open spaces; • Maintenance and management of Allotments; • Conservation of our nature reserves and conservation areas; • Floral displays and hanging baskets; • Christmas lights; • Town Centre CCTV; • Community grants; • Some street lighting; • Maintenance of Town Council owned buildings which includes Civic Centre, Foresters Hall, sport pavilions, and lease agreements with tenants of Bridge Cottage, Osborn Hall, upstairs of Victoria Pavilion, Ridgewood Village Hall, the Source and West Park Pavilion etc. • Hire of rooms at the Civic Centre and Foresters Hall, as well as hire of our open spaces and sports grounds; • Events held within the Civic Centre and through the summer on Luxford Field; • Luxfords Restaurant; • Events held within the town to educate, mark special occasions, and celebrate Uckfield.

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