

Ashby Town Council

King Charles III Coronation Event

On Sunday 7th May a free community event will be held on Ashby Bath Grounds from 12noon through to 5pm to celebrate the coronation of King Charles III. All residents are invited to attend and enjoy the entertainment planned. Headline act Madison Avenue will take to the stage performing a variety of Soul & Motown classics. There will also be a magician, Punch & Judy, a choir and much more with plenty of fun for all the family. Hot food and drinks will be available so bring along your picnic blanket and settle in.

Purple Flag

Last month we received the fantastic news that we have again been awarded the prestigious Purple Flag accreditation for the town in recognition of the evening and night-time economy. Councillor John Coxon commented; "Ashby continues to pull in residents and visitors alike to enjoy the restaurants, pubs and clubs or to take part in various activities such as sports and leisure or comedy and film nights." Highlights of the Ashby submission include the creation of the BID, the 'Eats, Streets & Beats' concept and the inclusion of a violence reduction officer.



Council Tax 2023/24

For the next financial year, the decision has been taken to increase the Town Council element of your council tax bill by 58p per week for a band D property. This is an increase of £30 for the year. The increase for properties in other bands will be greater or lesser in proportion.

This is in response to the unprecedented financial position we are facing caused by an increase in insurance premiums, utility charges, fuel costs and legal charges as well as the higher cost of repairs and maintenance of our vehicles, the



cost of disposing of the waste we collect and an unexpected increase in staff costs. It is worth noting that the Town Council accounts for under 5% of the overall council tax bill.

The proposed increase in council tax will protect the Town Council's events programme with a budget allocated for the Coronation celebrations in May, the Christmas lights scheme and a contribution to the Christmas Fair & Market. A budget has also been allocated for Ashby Sport Fun Day, the Ashby Big Weekend and the Town Council's contribution towards the running of the Ashby Information Centre along with improvements to the Bath Grounds in line with Green Flag Award requirements.

We are mindful that any increase in the council tax bill has an impact on everyone's budget and that we are all facing difficulties in the current economic climate. Any increase is regrettable but we have been faced with very little choice.

