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Stratford-on-Avon District Council collects over £139.6m in council tax on behalf of all the authorities below. The total amount is then split to provide the services that are part of your everyday life.



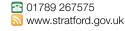












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To find your local District Councillor go to www.stratford.gov.uk/Your-Councillor

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STRATFORD-ON-AVON DISTRICT COUNCIL

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A message from Councillor Susan Juned

Leader, Stratford-on-Avon District Council



This booklet provides an update on the services provided by Stratford-on-Avon District Council, how they are funded and the vision that has been developed for positive change going forward.

The council tax goes towards the cost of a wide range of services, including functions such as waste and recycling collections, planning, licensing, business support, environmental health, preventing homelessness, providing leisure facilities, addressing climate change and much

Leisure services and a protected environment are highly valued by residents and improve health. Economic development is essential for a robust economy. The Council also works in partnership with many other organisations to ensure we can drive forwards positive change.

The Council is funded from three main sources: central government grants; the money that comes from council tax receipts and service charges; and a proportion of business rates.

The amount of financial support we get from the Government has reduced by 17% in the last five years. Inflation has increased costs over the same period. The challenge of ongoing single year financial settlements from Government makes planning difficult.

We are anticipating that the current reduced budgets for public services will continue in the next few years and have to prepare. It is our task to develop robust plans - not only in terms of financial resilience, but also in finding ways to reinvent, transform and improve the way local services are delivered to better serve our communities and to ensure that we remain in control of expenditure.

In May 2023, there was a change in the administration of the District Council. This has led to a new Council Plan being produced to determine the actions and targets for the delivery of services over four years.

We must develop our vision for the Council of the future and adapt to change, whilst continuing to protect priority frontline services, make council assets work harder and work with our excellent staff to deliver improved services.

We also need to prepare for the future challenges such as those presented by a changing climate. The Council recently launched a Community Climate Change Fund to assist Town and Parish Councils and community groups deliver sustainability projects of benefit to their communities. This, plus other initiatives, will help protect our environment and our communities.

This year's budget was developed around a number of themes which included:

- Helping rural communities and vulnerable residents by maintaining the UBUS service and providing further investment to the Community Safety Team.
- Helping residents stay healthy and active by providing targeted support for people with long-term health conditions and encouraging sporting activity.
- Addressing the Cost-of-Living Crisis by providing grants for those most in need of support with energy bills and supporting vulnerable residents.
- Addressing Climate Change by reducing energy costs in leisure centres and other buildings and reducing harmful emissions.
- Preparing for the future with a Council Plan and Change Programme by improving the delivery of services, developing projects to stimulate growth in the local economy, delivering better affordable homes and providing support for the voluntary sector.

Stratford-on-Avon District is a beautiful place to live and work and it has a thriving and diverse economy. We will continue to work with our partners and communities to ensure that this is protected.

Thanks to all residents for making this happen.



VISION STATEMENT

We are an ambitious, fair, inclusive, and responsible organisation which will put our communities at the heart of everything we do.

The Council will be recognised as a leader for supporting the health and wellbeing of our residents, protecting our environment, delivering sustainability and innovation.

By proactively working with our partners the Council will strive to deliver cohesive communities that are well built, in the right place and served by appropriate infrastructure.

The Council will support existing business to thrive and seek to attract new businesses to create valued jobs and opportunities.

In developing this plan we have set ourselves realistic aims and objectives within six areas of focus.



OUR AIMS AND AREAS OF FOCUS



WE WILL LIVE BY					
Be a transparent Council, fostering the levels of trust and understanding of responsibilities between the Council and the Public	i Thi	2			
Making the best decisions in the public interest	iĦŧ	2		us Telegra	(ill)
Holding ourselves and others providing public services to account more effectively for the benefit of the communities served	źĦ÷	2		n ² n ² n	all)
WE WILL DELIVER					
To improve access to Council services to those throughout the District	ίĦή	2			
To improve the effectiveness of the Council through innovation, engaging with our peers to improve service delivery	iŤŤi	2		nž _n ¥n	
To support the quality of our service by being a local employer of choice		2			áÍÌ
Increase and protect green spaces which positively affect nature recovery					
Be a Local Authority leader in the reduction of our own carbon footprint					
Build the relationship and proactively foster partnership working with others to influence areas where the Council cannot deliver success alone	iĤŶi			nZ _n Yn	
Support those most in need from inequality	i/ÎI Î				
Make the most of Stratford District's rich cultural heritage as a national and international tourist destination	iŤŤi		*		
WE WILL INFLUENCE					
To improve the range and quality of social infrastructure e.g. town centres, health and social care, education, housing and transport within the District	ήĦή		*		
To reduce crime and anti-social behaviour through the Community Safety Partnership	ήĦ÷				
To enable those living and working in the district to live more environmentally sustainable lifestyles					
Facilitate more opportunities for residents to use alternative modes of transport	i İİ İİ i				
Ensure that development is meeting local needs, attractive, environmentally sustainable and fit for purpose	iŤŤ i		*	n? _m ¥m	πÎ
To increase the levels of valued employment and training			©		all)
To support Parish Councils for the benefit of communities	iŤŤi	2	*		ίij
To support opportunities for our residents to develop skills for the future	i/ÎÎ				

Please recycle all of the items below in your blue lidded bin.

Yes please



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✓ Plastic bottles, pots, tubs and trays



✓ Glass jars and bottles with or without lids



Tins, clean cans, clean foil and aerosols



Clean, dry paper and card



✓ Tetra Pak and cartons

Place next to your bin in a bag



Textiles, household batteries and small electrical items

No thanks

- X Food waste
- **X** Nappies
- X Black bags and general rubbish
- ✗ Plastic film from food containers

Food Waste Collection. **Every week**

Please recycle all of the items below in your food waste caddy.

Yes please



🧞 🗸 Fish, meat and bones



Leftovers and plate scrapings



Bread, rice and pasta



Fruit and vegetables (including peelings)



✓ Teabags and coffee arounds

No thanks

- X Packaging of any kind
- X Liquids such as milk or oil
- X Garden waste
- X Pet waste

Top Tip!

To keep your caddy and bin clean line the caddy with a compostable liner, plastic bag or newspaper

Tips for managing and reducing your waste

Did you know you can take the items below to a recycling collection point?



- Plastic film
- Crisp and snack packaging
- Printer and toner cartridges
- Plastic bags
- Light bulbs

Visit www.recyclenow.com to find your nearest recycling point



Why not switch to re usable items? Swap suggestions below:

- Disposable nappies for reusable, washable nappies
- Disposable cotton wool pads for re usable, washable cotton pads
- Disposable sanitary items for reusable, washable sanitary items
- Disposable, single use cleaning wipes for reusable, washable cleaning cloths
- Cling film for beeswax wraps and reusable pot covers
- Single use plastic straws for reuseable, washable straws



Friday 10 January 2025





Your refuse, recycling and food waste collections will change over Christmas

on Christmas Day, Boxing Day or New Year's Day. Your collections will be affected by the following changes:

NEW collection date Normal collection date Wednesday 25 December 2024 Friday 27 December 2024 Saturday 28 December 2024 Thursday 26 December 2024 Friday 27 December 2024 Monday 30 December 2024 Monday 30 December 2024 Tuesday 31 December 2024 Tuesday 31 December 2024 Thursday 2 January 2025 Wednesday 1 January 2025 Friday 3 January 2025 Thursday 2 January 2025 Saturday 4 January 2025 Monday 6 January 2025 Friday 3 January 2025 Monday 6 January 2025 Tuesday 7 January 2025 Tuesday 7 January 2025 Wednesday 8 January 2025 Wednesday 8 January 2025 Thursday 9 January 2025 Friday 10 January 2025 Thursday 9 January 2025

There will be no refuse, recycling or food waste collections. There will be no garden waste collections between 27 December 2024 and 9 January 2025..

Normal collections will resume on Monday 13 January 2025.

Please ensure your bins are presented at the edge of your property by 6am on your new collection day. to Tuesday 21 January 2025.



Saturday 11 January 2025

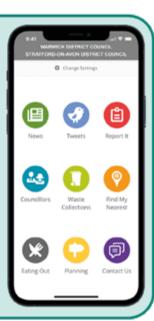
Download our app

You can now download our app which is designed to allow access to a variety of council services whilst on the go - the Stratford-on-Avon District Council mobile app enables residents to keep up to date with the latest council news, quickly report incidents, get reminders of bin collections and find useful information about their property and the surrounding area.

www.stratford.gov.uk/app







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Stratford & Warwick Districts recycle





Don't forget to renew your subscription for the garden waste collection service

Subscriptions for 2024/25 cost £46 per bin and are available now

(1 April 2024 to 31 March 2025)

Note: There will be no garden waste collections between 27 December 2024 and 9 January 2025

You can pay for your subscription on our website https://www.stratford.gov.uk/waste-recycling/garden-waste-service.cfm

Or call 01789 260628

For more information visit www.stratford.gov.uk/gardenwaste

Elections Matter

The elections taking place in Stratford-on-Avon District this year include the Police and Crime Commissioner for Warwickshire on Thursday 2 May 2024.



Police and Crime Commissioners (PCCs) are elected representatives who oversee how crime is tackled in a police force area. Their aim is to cut crime and to ensure the police force is effective.

If you have not received a poll card by 8 April contact the District Council to check if you are registered. Go to **www.stratford.gov.uk/elections** or call 01789 260208.

Electoral Registration

Everyone is responsible for their own registration. If you are not on the electoral register you will not be able to vote and may not be able to get credit either. If you are already on the electoral register you do not have to re-register.

In order to vote this year you need to be registered by 16 April and can do this by going to **www.gov.uk/register-to-vote**

Going away?

If you are not going to be able to get to the polling station on 2 May you can have a postal vote or proxy vote (where someone votes on your behalf). Applications for a Postal Vote close at 5pm on 17 April and Applications for a Proxy Vote close at 5pm on 24 April. You must be on the electoral register to have a valid postal or proxy vote.

To apply for a Postal Vote please visit www.gov.uk/apply-postal-vote

To apply for a Proxy Vote please visit **www.gov.uk/apply-proxy-vote**





Voting on 2 May

To be able to vote you must show a form of photo ID at the polling station such as your passport, driving licence, blue badge and certain bus passes. If you do not have any photo ID you can apply for a Voter Authority Certificate.

To apply for a Voter Authority Certificate please visit: **www.gov.uk/apply-for-photo-id-voter-authority-certificate**

You can check accepted forms of Identification by visiting: **www.gov.uk/how-to-vote/photo-id-youll-need**

Important information regarding postal vote handling

New provisions from the Elections Act 2022 relating to handling postal votes are due to take effect in time for the 2 May Election. Political Campaigners will no longer be able to handle postal votes, except where the postal vote is their own or a close family member or someone they provide care for. Postal workers or those that handle postal votes as part of their duties are also exempt.

If you choose to hand in postal votes at the Council building or Polling Station, you will be limited to handing in no more than five postal votes for other electors, plus your own for each election.

If handing in postal votes you will now be required to complete a 'return of postal voting documents' form and declaration.

These rules apply to all postal votes not posted through Royal Mail.

Our best advice is to post postal votes through Royal Mail as soon as possible. Please do not use unstaffed letterboxes at the Council building as we will have to reject these in compliance with the new Legislation.



If you misplace your Poll Card and need to find your Polling Station information please visit: www.stratford.gov.uk/council-democracy/find-your-polling-station.cfm

Priority: Our Environment

Addressing Climate Change

In 2019 Stratford-on-Avon District Council declared a climate emergency. Since then, Your Council has implemented a number of projects to achieve its goal of becoming carbon neutral by 2025.

South Warwickshire Climate Champions

This programme encourages individuals, groups, and business across South Warwickshire to share their environmentally friendly stories.

Our current ones include:

- Alcester and Stratford-upon-Avon Repair Café
- ECO for ALL
- GREAT Community Environmental Action Group
- Harbury Energy Initiative

The smallest change can make the biggest difference when it comes to climate change. These stories help others get involved and find out how they can do their part as individuals to reduce their carbon footprint.



Community Climate Change Fund

The new Community Climate Change Fund allows Your Council to formally invest in initiatives proposed by either community groups and charities or Town and Parish Councils to enhance local climate change agendas.

£100,000 is to be awarded across two phases - the first phase opened for expressions of interest for £50,000 in January 2024.

Cllr Susan Juned, Leader of Stratford-on-Avon District Council said:

"I'm thrilled that with this funding we can support local projects seeking to address the climate emergency across Stratford-on-Avon District. We know that many community groups in the District are already leading the way on climate action, and we want to support this important work through our Community Climate Change Fund."

Climate Change Panel

The Panel was set up by Your Council to act as an advisory group, designed to drive positive and constructive actions to support the climate change agenda across the District.

Members of the public are welcome to attend the meetings, and the next Public Participation Panel will take place on the 23 April 2024.

Please send your questions to <u>climate</u>. <u>emergency@stratford-dc.gov.uk</u> by the 9 April 2024.



Free Trees for farmers

The scheme offered trees to landowners and farmers in a bid to encourage more tree planting to help renew and restore existing woodland and vegetation, as well as replacing trees which have been affected by diseases. Various tree packs were available, which allowed farmers to find the perfect species mix for their land, including hedgerow packs, fruit tree packs, and woodland packs. Farmers were able to apply for anything from a single tree pack up to hundreds of trees.

Around 8,000 trees were distributed from Tubbs End Farm, Butlers Marston to 38 farmers from across the District.

Stratford-upon-Avon Nature Reserve

In 2020, Your Council working with Stratfordupon-Avon Town Trust secured a grant for £1.5m from the Coventry and Warwickshire Local Enterprise Partnership via the Government's Getting Building Fund to improve the area known locally as Warwick Road Lands and The Lench Meadows, on the edge of Stratford-upon-Avon.

The enhancement works undertaken with this funding, as part of the Stratford Riverside Project to create a green corridor between Fisherman's Car Park and Lucy's Mill Bridge, has resulted in an overall increase in biodiversity and an Ecological Management Plan (EMP) spanning 30 years. In October 2023, the northern area was declared a Local Nature Reserve following consultation with Natural England.







Council Tax Help

Are you, or someone in your household, living with:

- a degenerative brain disorder such as Alzheimer's
- other kinds of dementia

- a learning disability
- a severe stroke
- severe or chronic mental illness

and are entitled to one of the following benefits:

- Employment Support Allowance
- Severe Disablement Allowance
- increased Disability Pension
- Personal Independence Payments (PIP)
- Income Support that includes a disability premium
- the care component of high or middle rate Disability Living Allowance
- Constant Attendance Allowance
- Incapacity Benefit

then you may be entitled to a Council Tax discount

Did you know you can claim Housing Benefit online 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year. Go to www.stratford.gov.uk

If you want to make a payment for Council Tax or Business Rates use our dedicated payment line **0345 600 6956**



and save money off your Council Tax bill

For more information please contact Revenues on

- **Q 01789 260990**
- @ revenues@stratford-dc.gov.uk

Where Your District Council spends its money				
	2023/24	2024/25		
EXPENDITURE	£000's	£000's		
Housing Benefit	18,315	18,248		
Housing	2,008	2,834		
Recreation and Tourism	826	883		
Grounds Maintenance	776	835		
Parking Off Street	1,734	1,783		
Planning	5,653	6,875		
Environmental Health	1,684	1,788		
Street Cleansing	1,504	1,497		
Refuse Collection	7,197	14,648		
Council Tax / National Non-Domestic Rates	1,408	1,608		
Council Tax Benefits	540	589		
Other Services less charges for use of Land, Buildings and Equipment	7,811	6,835		
TOTAL GROSS EXPENDITURE	49,456	58,423		
INCOME	£000's	£000's		
Government Grants	-17,721	-18,313		
Fees & Charges	-9,187	-16,063		
Interest	-1,555	-2,896		
Other (Grants, Rent, Sales)	-3,074	-3,863		
TOTAL GROSS INCOME	-31,537	-41,135		
Contribution to /- from reserves	16	2,552		
NET EXPENDITURE	17,935	19,840		

Where Your District Council gets its money	2023/24	2024/25
Whole four bleater country gote the money	£000's	£000's
Council Tax	9,416	10,215
Government Formula Grant	4,000	4,800
Specific Grants	451	423
3% Funding Guarantee	2,204	0
4% Funding Guarantee	0	1,758
New Homes Bonus	1,864	2,644
TOTAL	17,935	19,840

Your council tax explained

Your council tax is a local property tax that is charged in order to supplement Government funding of the local services provided by public authorities. The amount of council tax you pay is dependent upon which band your property is in. In addition, town and parish councils are able to levy their own charge or precept. The amount of the precept varies between each town or parish council. The amount of the relevant precept for your town or parish is added to your council tax.

Band SDC charges

Α	109.41
В	127.65
C	145.88
D	164.12
E	200.59
F	237.06
G	273.53
Н	328.24

Staff - The figures are based on full-time equivalent employees.

As of	As of	As of	As of
1 February	1 February	1 February	1 February
2021	2022	2023	2024
273	267	273	282

Help with meeting your council tax bill

If you are on a low income and liable to pay council tax, you could be eligible to receive help towards paying your council tax by claiming Local Council Tax Reduction. The Local Council Tax Reduction Scheme is available for benefit recipients who can claim help towards their council tax bill. If you would like to make a claim, please contact the District Council on 01789 260991.

Additional Town and Parish Council precept information

Town / Parish	Year	Gross Expenditure	Contingency & Reserves	Income	Net Expenditure	Precept
		£000's	£000's	£000's	£000's	£
Alcester	2023 / 24	368	0	-38	330	329,813
Aicestei	2024 / 25	411	0	-42	369	369,340
Bidford-on-Avon	2023 / 24	318	50	-62	306	306,379
Bidiord-on-Avoir	2024 / 25	318	50	-59	309	309,583
Shipston-on-Stour	2023 / 24	333	0	-37	296	296,000
Shipston-on-Stour	2024 / 25	352	0	-42	310	310,000
Southam	2023 / 24	340	0	-6	334	334,361
Southam	2024 / 25	381	0	-7	374	374,296
Stratford-upon-Avon	2023 / 24	978	-62	-334	582	582,238
Stratioru-upon-Avon	2024 / 25	1087	-61	-364	662	661,678
Studley	2023 / 24	274	0	-44	230	230,131
Studiey	2024 / 25	359	0	-78	281	281,162
Wellesbourne	2023 / 24	309	-29	0	280	280,000
	2024 / 25	363	-24	-54	285	285,000

Parish Council Precepts (If your parish is not listed it is not raising a precept in 2024/25)

Parish	Parish	Parish	2024/25
	Precept 2023/24	Precept 2024/25	Band D Amount
Admington	£3,250	£3,250	£55.12
Alcester	£329,813	£369,340	£157.40
Alderminster	£11,738	£12,500	£41.51
Arrow (& Weethley)	£5,500	£6,050	£56.98
Aston Cantlow	£9,400	£9,400	£34.83
Avon Dassett	£15,610	£15,610	£143.65
Barton-on-the-Heath	£1,000	£1,000	£15.12
Bearley	£22,873	£25,100	£85.89
Beaudesert & Henley-in-Arden	£123,500	£127,192	£84.25
Bidford-on-Avon	£306,379	£309,583	£115.43
Binton	£6,750	£7,500	£50.88
Bishops Itchington	£108,840	£110,000	£92.55
Brailes	£17,626	£19,008	£34.09
Burmington	£2,750	£2,750	£38.89
Burton Dassett	£33,242	£36,442	£62.08
Butlers Marston	£3,761	£4,918	£47.72
Charlecote	£3,000	£3,000	£32.53
Cherington & Stourton	£8,300	£10,700	£47.03
Chesterton & Kingston	£1,000	£1,050	£14.09
Claverdon	£34,500	£35,910	£55.04
Clifford Chambers & Milcote	£10,350	£10,350	£37.92
Combroke	£4,760	£4,998	£50.54
Coughton	£5,150	£6,631	£65.79
Dorsington	£2,000	£2,200	£26.32
Ettington	£41,150	£58,680	£102.01
Exhall	£3,600	£3,600	£30.55
Farnborough	£17,806	£14,913	£112.49
Fenny Compton	£25,130	£24,677	£61.37
Gaydon	£14,085	£15,494	£63.94
Great Alne	£27,500	£30,000	£56.34
Great Wolford	£5,500	n/a	20.00
Halford	£7,200	£7,200	£41.95
Hampton Lucy	£18,737	£19,680	£83.69
Harbury	£128,900	£138,886	£115.65
Haselor	£5,000	£8,000	£72.36
Ilmington	£25,611	£31,250	£81.34
Kineton	£78,430	£84,700	£73.69
Kinwarton	£27,000	£29,000	£55.10
Ladbroke	£6,072	£7,087	£50.75
Langley	£1,500	£2,500	£26.73
Lighthorne	£16,000	£16,000	£57.58
Little Compton	£11,200	£15,680	£96.44
Little Wolford	£1,000	n/a	20.00
Long Compton	£18,334	£19,251	£43.59
Long Itchington	£128,221	£137,428	£119.00

it is not raising a precept in 2024/25)					
Parish	Parish Precept 2023/24	Parish Precept 2024/25	2024/25 Band D Amount		
Loxley	£7,000	£7,000	£30.41		
Luddington	£17,775	£17,647	£53.03		
Mappleborough Green	£14,853	£21,950	£68.23		
Marston Sicca	£30,500	£37,000	£39.38		
Moreton Morrell	£24,480	£24,970	£72.65		
Napton-on-the-Hill	£49,198	£52,004	£93.34		
Newbold Pacey & Ashorne	£8,717	£9,153	£70.29		
Oxhill	£11,576	£12,155	£51.14		
Pillerton Hersey	£2,625	£2,766	£27.84		
Pillerton Priors	£3,998	£4,320	£23.17		
Preston-on-Stour	£6,000	£5,000	£59.83		
Priors Hardwick	£2,500	£2,500	£26.20		
Priors Marston	£18,560	£18,560	£59.87		
Quinton	£32,170	£32,300	£27.41		
Radway	£12,301	£12,793	£106.15		
Ratley & Upton	£15,000	£16,000	£98.07		
Salford Priors	£55,000	£79,000	£115.89		
Sambourne	£17,500	£17,500	£46.27		
Shipston-on-Stour	£296,000	£310,000	£120.03		
Shotteswell	£6,500	£6,500	£51.55		
Snitterfield	£53,000	£60,000	£95.98		
Southam	£334,361	£374,296	£116.47		
Stockton	£30,000	£31,000	£53.60		
Stratford-upon-Avon	£582,238	£661,678	£46.49		
Stretton-on-Fosse	£6,300	£7,000	£32.65		
Studley	£230,131	£281,162	£133.48		
Sutton-under-Brailes	£2,300	£2,300	£37.97		
Tanworth-in-Arden	£97,000	£97,000	£57.90		
Temple Grafton	£4,000	£4,000	£15.77		
The Wolfords Joint Parish Council	n/a	£8,500	£48.16		
Tredington	£26,900	£29,000	£32.69		
Tysoe	£35,472	£36,384	£65.50		
Ufton	£9,867	£9,867	£90.41		
Ullenhall	£11,750	£11,750	£31.94		
Upper Lighthorne	£18,169	£27,386	£35.98		
Warmington & Arlescote	£10,361	£10,757	£59.57		
Welford-on-Avon	£36,480	£40,128	£43.02		
Wellesbourne & Walton	£280,000	£285,000	£91.93		
Whichford & Ascott	£6,600	£7,188	£39.05		
Wilmcote	£43,840	£43,846	286.66		
Wixford	£7,500	£8,000	£92.01		
Wolverton	£3,700	£3,700	£27.20		
Wootton Wawen	£27,046	£27,856	£43.42		
TOTAL	£4,168,336	£4,555,424			
Average			£73.83		



Concessionary Parking Permits available for residents of State Pension age 66 and over

Permits cost £50 per year and can be used at anytime of the week at Bridgeway Multi-Storey Car Park and Bridgeway Surface Car Park, Stratford-upon-Avon, with a maximum stay of 4 hours (in any 24-hour period)

Permits are available online at:
www.stratford.gov.uk/concessionary-parking-permit or at the District
Council Offices in Stratford-upon-Avon

You will need to provide the following documents:

- V5C vehicle registration certificate (log book)
- Driving licence
- Valid insurance document confirming your address and vehicle registration number

One hour's free parking is still available at Bridgeway Multi-Storey Car Park and Bridgeway Surface Car Park for all residents and visitors.

Disabled parking for Blue Badge holders remains free of charge in all District Council car parks.