

St Austell Town Council



INCOME AND EXPENDITURE BUDGETS

2025/2026				2026/2027		
Gross Expenditure £	Income £	Net Expenditure £		Gross Expenditure £	Income £	Net Expenditure £
250	50	200	Allotments	600	75	525
111,880	0	111,880	CCTV and Security	132,700	0	132,700
47,200	0	47,200	Civic expenses including elections	11,100	0	11,100
5,750	0	5,750	Climate Change	5,750	0	5,750
30,000	0	30,000	Events	22,565	0	22,565
314,870	36,000	278,870	General Administration	361,520	38,000	323,520
274,765	5,710	269,055	Library	283,181	5,760	277,421
35,250	0	35,250	Misc. Projects and Grants	37,500	0	37,500
465,515	2,680	462,835	Parks and Open Spaces	490,610	2,750	487,860
74,815	240,000	-165,185	Car Parks	112,220	265,000	-152,780
27,705	2,650	25,055	Public Conveniences	30,260	2,400	27,860
23,150	0	23,150	Office and Depot Costs	62,505	0	62,505
21,500	10,000	11,500	The House and Youth Services	21,500	10,000	11,500
28,600	0	28,600	Town Centre Revitalisation	25,000	0	25,000
53,640	0	53,640	Transport and Plant	57,350	0	57,350
43,000	0	43,000	Contingency	50,000	0	50,000
1,557,890	297,090	1,260,800		1,704,361	323,985	1,380,376
40,300	0	40,300	Contributions to Reserves	40,224	0	40,224
	0	0	Contributions from Reserves		0	0
<u>1,598,190</u>	<u>297,090</u>	<u>1,301,100</u>		<u>1,744,585</u>	<u>323,985</u>	<u>1,420,600</u>

Estimated Reserves at: -

31st March 2026

31st March 2027

**General
Fund**

£425,599

£425,824

**Specific
Reserves**

£775,761

£815,761

		Full time	Part time
Employees at: -	31 st March 2026	11	11
	31 st March 2027	12	12

St Austell Town Council owns or manages; 17 parks and open spaces, 11 play areas, 2 car parks (Priory Road and Tregonissey Lane End), 25 CCTV cameras (mainly in the town centre), St Austell Library and The House Youth Centre.

St Austell Library is one of the busiest libraries in Cornwall with on average 300 people visiting the building every day. It is open 6 days a week and offers a large range of reading material, children and older persons activities, reading and writing groups, public computers, free Wi-Fi, regular drop-in events from outside organisations and a variety of events organised by the Library Support Association (SALSA).

The Town Council leases “The House” youth centre on Carlyon Road to Young People Cornwall and provides an annual grant to assist their social, educational and wellbeing work with a wide range of young people, many of whom are struggling through no fault of their own. It is hoped that a Youth Council will be set up within the next few months and will be a forum for young people to express their views to Town Councillors on what is important to them.

During the year we have continued to invest in and enhance parks and play equipment and during the summer months carried out the grass cutting on the highways verges and residential areas on behalf of Cornwall Council. The Council is committed to reducing its carbon footprint and since 2017 has planted 700 trees, created a number of wildflower areas and re-cycled plants and shrubs where it can.

One of the most exciting projects the Town Council has completed this year is the pump track at The Meadows (behind Bishop Bronscombe School). The design and quality of the finished track has attracted people from across Cornwall and due to its clever design can accommodate beginners as well as advanced riders.

The Town Council has co-ordinated an extensive town centre improvement project with a partnership representing businesses, councillors and the voluntary sector with funding from Cornwall Council. This year funding has been obtained to replace the faded banners on the Poundland building and create a piazza and sustainable planting at the Holy Trinity Church.

The Council has worked closely with Cornwall Council, the Police and other agencies to reduce anti-social behaviour in and around the town centre. The measures undertaken include funding for security staff (jointly with St Austell BID) and the maintenance and monitoring (almost 24/7) of 25 CCTV cameras in and around the town centre.

The Town Council’s Planning and Regeneration Committee is consulted on planning applications by Cornwall Council and in the last year has responded to over 120 planning applications.

Councillors have agreed to set a precept which equates to a Council Tax charge of £213.90 (for Band D properties). This compares very favourably with other large Town Councils in Cornwall. Full details of the Council’s budgets for the 2025/26 and 2026/27 financial years are available from the Town Clerk, The Stable Block, Pondhu House, Penwinnick Road, St Austell, Cornwall, PL25 5DP. Telephone: 01726 829859 or e-mail david.pooley@staustell-tc.gov.uk More details about the Town Council are available on our website at www.staustell-tc.gov.uk