



Okehampton Town Council



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NEWSLETTER – JANUARY 2026

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Okehampton Youth Council

If you are interested in joining the Youth Council, please email youthcouncil@okehampton.gov.uk or make contact through the council office.



Launching our Approved Contractor Scheme

We are compiling Contractor's and Skilled People from the local area who are interested in working with OTC assisting with regular upkeep and/or getting involved with our upcoming projects. We are particularly looking for:

- General Maintenance/Handyperson
- Painters and Decorators
- Electricians
- Plumbers
- Carpenters
- Roofers
- Cleaners

But we would also welcome interest from people with other skills and trades e.g. Upholsterers, Artists or Digital Services.

Please request an application form from the Town Hall or by email to facilities@okehampton.gov.uk.

Okehampton Town Council Cemetery

Please note that Christmas wreaths and other related items will be removed by Town Council staff during the last week of January, weather permitting.

Okehampton Town Council Grants

Good news - The Council's Grant Scheme for this financial year has reopened as there is a small amount of funding left in the budget.

Local not-for-profit groups and organisations who have not already received a grant from the Council this year are invited to apply for a grant of up to £300 to assist with projects and initiatives that benefit the residents of Okehampton.

Applications must be received by 31st January for consideration by the Policy & Resources Committee on 2nd March 2026.

Further information can be obtained from the council website or the Town Hall.

2026/27 Grant Scheme - The Grant Policy and process will be changing for the 2026/27 financial year. This is because of the high financial value and number of applications received this year and to ensure the process is fair for all applicants. The main changes are:

Small Grants

Up to £400. Applications will be considered at scheduled meetings of the Committee as they are received throughout the year (June to March).

Large Grants

Applications between £400 and up to a maximum of £5,000 will be considered annually, at a dedicated meeting of the Committee in June. Applicants for grants of £3,000 or above will be required to attend the meeting to give a presentation of up to 10 minutes to provide additional information not contained with the application. Presentations will be held within an open meeting of the Committee.

What do you think of our facilities?

We are looking for feedback on the spaces we have to hire.

Have you used them? What works, what doesn't? How can we improve them for you?

What is missing from Okehampton for you and what do you need to be able to put on different events?

We want to know what facilities you would like to see and hear your suggestions for how we can provide for our community.

Scan the QR code,
or pop into Town
Hall for a paper
copy and let us
know what you
think





CHARTER HALL Coffee Mornings

- Are you involved with local not-for-profit organisations?
- Do you need more money?

Promote your cause and raise vital funds with a Saturday Coffee Morning

Discount Rate held for 2026/27
£36 for four hours*

*Updated Terms and Conditions from 1st April 2026

OFFICE SPACE

For rent **£75pw**
+ Utilities and rates

Lower Market Street,
Okehampton, EX20 1HN

- 1ST FLOOR SPACE
- LIGHT, AIRY OFFICE OR THERAPY ROOM APPROX 5.5X4.5M
- RECEPTION/ANTE ROOM WITH KITCHENETTE APPROX 5X3M
- 12 MONTH MINIMUM LEASE



Expressions of Interest by 05/11/25
01837 53179
facilities@okehampton.gov.uk

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Coming up in January

- **Mondays and Wednesdays:** Clubbercise, 6pm-8pm Charter Hall
- **Tuesdays:** West Devon Folk Choir, Charter Hall
- **Saturdays:** Parkrun, 9am Simmons Park

January

10th Trek26 Coffee Morning (Charter Hall)

24th RBL Coffee Morning (Charter Hall)

Town Council Meeting Dates

Members of the public are welcome to attend council meetings and have the opportunity to address the council. Alternatively, meetings are livestreamed through the council Facebook page where they are available to view.

January 2026

12th Policy & Resources Committee

13th Full Council (meeting to consider the Local Government Reorganisation responses submitted to the government by Devon local authorities including WDBC and DCC)

19th Full Council (2026/27 Budget & Precept)

26th Planning Committee

February 2026

2nd Property Committee

16th Parks Committee

23rd Full Council

Meeting dates for 2025/26 can be found on the [website](#). Some Planning Committee Meetings have been scheduled others will be convened as needed.

Council meetings normally start at 7pm in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Fore Street. Occasionally meetings are added or subject to change, details can be found on the [website](#) or noticeboard in the Victorian Arcade.

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Cllr Laura Bird (Deputy Mayor)

Cllr Terry Cummings

Cllr Christine Marsh

Cllr Allenton Fisher

Cllr David McNeill

Cllr Frankee Hart

Cllr Mark Richards

Cllr Carole Holt

Cllr Bob Tolley

Cllr Dr Michael Ireland

Cllr Simon Weekes

Cllr Tony Leech

Cllr Julie Yelland

Contact details available from the website
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