



# NEW MILLS TOWN COUNCIL

## In the High Peak of Derbyshire



### STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED EXPENDITURE AND INCOME

With the introduction of the Council tax to England and Wales, Town and Parish Councils are required to provide charge payers with details of their spending plans for the coming financial year. The information required is included within this fact sheet, showing estimated expenditure for the 2013/2014 financial year together with the estimated expenditure for 2012/2013 which has been included for comparison purposes only.

**In an attempt to save council expenses; starting in 2014/2015 the information laid out in this leaflet will only be available to view via the Town Council website and will no longer be sent out with the Council Tax Bill.**

### HOW THE MONEY WILL BE SPENT

THE NEW MILLS TOWN COUNCIL provides a number of services in your area. The Town Council maintains two major parks (High Lee and The Torrs), Goytside Meadows Local Nature Reserve and a large number of recreation grounds, play areas, open spaces and planted areas throughout the Town (including Birch Vale and Rowarth), and under a maintenance agreement with Derbyshire County Council clears and cleans some of the numbered footpaths within the Town Councils boundaries. The Council is also responsible for two important buildings in the Town - the Town Hall and High Lee Hall. Among its other responsibilities, the Council is responsible for the running of the Heritage and Information Centre and supports tourism in the area by actively backing and funding the One World Festival, the New Mills Carnival and the New Mills Festival (2013) the finale of which is the renowned Lantern Procession. The Town Council with the aid of a team of volunteers continues to run the annual Community Bonfire and The Christmas light 'switch on'. The Town Council contributes to the funding of the Citizens Advice Bureau and Volunteer Centre and is responsible for the Town's Christmas decorations. The Town Council provides land for the provision of allotments on two separate sites and has land which is the home of a Community Orchard.

The estimated expenditure on each of these services is shown below :-

2012/2013			2013/2014		
GROSS	INCOME	NET	GROSS	INCOME	NET
£	£	£	£	£	£
152746	110885	41861	148959	109215	39744
34066	19780	14286	31736	18890	12846
60333	26590	33743	63300	27200	36100
51958	-	51958	57616	-	57616
69760	8386	61374	63580	31936	31644
		<b>203222</b>			<b>177950</b>
		<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>			

The income which the Town Council receives consists of grants, fees and charges, and other miscellaneous items including a grant of £97,489 from High Peak Borough Council as a contribution for the maintenance of Parks and Open Spaces and the newly introduced Council Tax Support grant of £23,500 included in the General Administration income.

#### Reserves and Balances

The level of reserves and balances held by the Town Council are estimated at: -

@ 31 MARCH

	2012	2013
Reserves	53,700*	52,800
Balances	19,400	24,100
Total	73,100*	76,900

\* includes HPBC regeneration grant of £4,000

#### OTHER MAJOR CHANGES SINCE LAST YEAR

The New Mills Town Council's expenditure has been affected by:-

1. The Council made an addition to the new skate boarding equipment installed on Newtown Recreation ground.
2. Renovation work carried out on the Town Hall Cottage and the first floor of High Lee Hall
3. There has been a range of major improvements to the play facilities in High Lea Park.
4. With the aid of a lottery grant outdoor fitness equipment was introduced to High Lea Park.