OVERTON-ON-DEE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

ANNUAL REPORT

2025-2026



The High Street

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One of Overton's famous Yew trees

CHAIRMAN'S INTRODUCTION

Welcome to the 2025-2026 annual report of Overton Community Council which I hope will provide you with information on your local Community Council and what it does for the community.

I am honoured to have the role of Chairman and to be able to put something back into the community and I welcome any feedback or comment on what the Council is doing or what you would like it to do.

Please read this annual report and if you have any questions or suggestions do get in touch with myself, our Clerk or one of the Councillors.

Best wishes

Tony Walker

Chair and Community Councillor

ANNUAL REPORT - Finance

This report aims gives information about the Community Council, the money it spends and the activities it carries out on your behalf. The report does not detail the budget in line by line terms but will give an overview of of how the money has been spent. For a more detailed breakdwown, the Community Council's accounts are available to anyone at any time on request – contact details for the Community Council appear above.

Precept

The Precept for 2025/26 was set at £78,614 (increase of 8.2% on 2024/25) Figure 1

The Precept is set after the budget has been agreed and approved by the members of Overton Community Council and it is used wholly for funding the following;

- Staff salaries (Clerk and Caretaker)
- Grounds maintenance Contractor for Playingfields and park, Cemetery and Cenotaph
- Rental of the Playingfield, maintenance and installation of all the play equipment
- Maintenance of the Millennium Meadow - including trees and benches
- Cemetery administration
- Maintenance of the War Memorial
- Cleaning and maintenance of the toilets
- Streetlight electricity, maintenance and repair of the lights, Christmas tree and Christmas lights
- Payments of rates and utilities
- General office administration, equipment and software packages and parish room hire
- Members/Clerks costs
- Insurance, Accountancy and Audit (internal and external)
- Grants and donations given to local organisations including Overton Twinning, Playcentre St. Mary's School and the annual village fete

Overton Community Council Budget/Precept 2025-2026		
Category	Summary	Budget
Personnel costs	Clerks and caretaker's wages	£26,417
Cemetery	Ground Maintenace Contractor - Hedges, Grassed areas, paths, borders, boundaries, play areas	£8,520
Cenotaph		£510
Playingfields and Millennium Meadow		£15,500
Parks and Open Spaces	Defibrillators and benches	£1,000
Public toilets	Utilities, sanitary units, repairs	£4,120
Community Services	Street lighting repairs and maintenance, Xmas tree and lights	£5,500
Premises costs	Utilities and rates	£1,425
Office and Administration	Computer software, email and website provision, room hire	£5,770
Members/Clerks costs	Training, expenses and adminstration	£3,432
Legal and memberships	Audit, Insurance and legal advice	£4,020
Grants and Donations		£2,400
	Total	£78,614

Figure 1 Breakdown of Budget (Annual Precept)

Grants to local associations

Each year the Community Council makes annual grants to organisations within the village. The total amount awarded in 2025/26 was £1300 and was divided between the Overton Oracle, Overton Play Centre, Twinning Association and the Royal British Legion.

Community Chest Grants

Each year the Community Chest Grant Scheme is funded from an annual community payment received from the Operator of the solar farm (Snellius Energy). The Community Council makes financial contributions to local organisations which provide valuable services that bring benefit to the local community. Funded solely out of dividends, applications are reviewed and allocated accordingly. In November 2025, £4482 in total, was awarded to St. Mary's School (Overton), Overton Playcentre, Overton and District Bowling Club, Overton Recreational Football Club Overton, Overton Twining Association and Overton Village Hall.

Note: In order to be considered for inclusion for a Community Chest grant in 2026-27 you will need to apply before 31st October 2026.

Details can be found on the Community Council website

https://overton-on-dee.co.uk/community-council/

Overton Jubilee Community Fund

A Fund, established by Overton Community Council through local donations and fundraising, commenced during the Queen's Jubilee Celebrations, to provide assistance, support and relief to those in need residing in the Community of Overton on Dee.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

It has been an exciting year in Overton-on-Dee.

Overton Bowling Club and Overton Recreational Football Club are well supported. The Local Women's Institute continues to flourish with its annual shows at the village hall.

Overton has an active Royal British Legion and this year commemorated the 80th anniversary of VE day a second trip to the National Memorial Arboretum in Staffordshire was arranged.

The Community Hub initiative has continued throughout 2025 and into 2026. It has proven to be popular and a valuable meeting space for those wishing to chat and enjoy the refreshments supplied. A big thank you for the support of community councillors, local volunteers and cake makers!

The Community Council relies on the help, input and active participation of our local community, clubs, committees and organisations.

We are your local Community Council so please do come to us with issues, concerns, initiatives or activities you'd like us to help you with.

Several Community Councillors have set up a Community Speedwatch and have started monitoring the speed of all vehicles through the village.

CLERK'S REPORT

The Community Council makes most of its decisions at its monthly Full Council meeting. An agenda is set and circulated one week before. The meeting is attended by County Councillor John McCusker and Police Community Support Officer, Lisa-Marie Davies.

The first ten minutes of the meeting are allocated to members of the public to raise issues, concerns or ideas with the Community Council.

There are three other committees which meet regularly: General Amenities, Planning and Finance.

Planning is part of the Council's remit and as a statutory consultee the Community Council is asked to comment on all planning applications which affect the community. A group of Councillors (the Planning Committee) meet and review applications as they arise in order to forward any comments to WCBC Planning Department (there were 7 meetings in 2025-2026).

The annual village fete was held at the end of June. There was great support for the Street Market with a great selection of stalls and produce.

The Big Picnic on the Playingfield was as popular as ever. The dog show, food and drink and competitions (including this year's inaugural tug of war) provided fun and games for all ages.

A big thank you to all who helped with the organisation and hard work. Thanks to all who attended and supported this popular feature of the village calendar.

It has been a busy year and I would personally like to thank all the Councillors who give their time freely, for all their support, advice and hard work.

David Williams, Clerk and Responsible Financial officer

ABOUT THE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

The Role of the Council Community Councils are known as the first tier of local government, the tier closest to the residents it represents and consisting of local people working to benefit the local area.

It is consulted on –

- Planning Applications
- Consultations and Comments on County Council formal policy changes e.g. street lighting, affordable housing and changes to play areas, grass cutting, street cleaning etc.

It works to provide, support, maintain and improve facilities to benefit the local area –

Currently -

- Regular inspection and maintenance of the play and exercise areas in the park
- Regular inspection and review of all trees in the millennium meadow and recreational areas
- Inspection and maintenance of Overton Cemetery and the allocation and purchase of burial plots in the Cemetery and Garden of Remembrance
- Maintenance (and recent refurbishment) of the War Memorial in the High Street.
- Provision of two community defibrillators and their ongoing maintenance. One situated near the football pavilion and a second near the entrance to the village hall (pictured)
- Provision of Dog Waste Bag Dispensers at key locations around the village (pictured)





- Maintenance and cleaning of public toilets in the main village car park and Playingfields
- Local litter hub providing large bags for litter collection and litter grabbers, working closely with Keep Wales Tidy and WCBC
- Community Hub – every Monday between 2pm and 4pm (poster pictured)



COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

Tony Walker – Chair of Overton Community Council

Paul Ashton – Community Councillor

Martin Bannister-Kelly – Community Councillor (new member April 2025)

Penelope Coles – Community Councillor

Charlotte Copeman – Community Councillor

Clive Hellingman – Vice-Chair of Community Council

John Herbert – Community Councillor

Peter Lynch – Community Councillor

Lesley Pugh – Community Councillor



19th Century Cottages on Wrexham Road