



Thornbury Town Council

Annual Report to Residents

Civic Year: 1 May 2025 - 30 April 2026

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A message from Mayor Councillor Helen Ball



Dear Residents,

It gives me great pleasure to report on all that I have been involved in during the past year from May 2025 to April 2026.

The mayor has two main roles: the first is to chair Full Council meetings, which normally happen every two months, and the second is to represent the town as first citizen at various community and civic events. I have prioritised working with young people this year, and this is one of the Council's strategic priorities. Amongst other things, I have visited all the schools in Thornbury, which has been a real pleasure and has given me valuable insight into our changing community.

Full Council is made up of all councillors. Any member of the public can attend and raise issues. It has an overview of all the business of the Council, and their meeting receives minutes and recommendations from all the committees and working groups. Every meeting receives an update from our South Gloucestershire councillors, which is extremely helpful and informative. We also monitor progress on key projects, ensuring work remains on schedule and within budget. On an annual basis Full Council agrees the budget for the following year and the level of precept (the amount of money that is charged to all households to fund our work).

Local town councillors regularly report back on their involvement with the various voluntary and community organisations we work with e.g. Thornbury in Bloom, Thornbury Football Club, Love Thornbury, etc.

It is a real pleasure and honour to represent the town at various community and civic events. I see my role as being to understand all the excellent work that goes on in the community, and to thank volunteers who give their time and energy throughout the year. A real strength of Thornbury is its many voluntary and community organisations which contribute to the vibrancy and wellbeing of the town. I would also like to thank Councillor Chris Woodhouse, Deputy Mayor, for stepping in when I was unavailable.

I chair the Thornbury Town Partnership which meets quarterly. Its purpose is to share information and promote the wellbeing of the town centre for the benefit of the community. The membership is made up of the Town Council, South Gloucestershire Council, Avon and Somerset Police, Thornbury and District Chamber of Commerce, St Mary's Centre and Love Thornbury.



The major annual civic event is Remembrance Sunday in November each year. I have the honour of leading the parade, giving a reading in the church and placing a wreath on behalf of the town at the Remembrance Cross. I have attended this ceremony each year since becoming a councillor, and each year I am very moved by the dignity of this act of remembrance of all people who have served our country and especially those who have sacrificed their lives.

Out and About with the Mayor

Mayor Councillor Helen Ball said, 'Every month brings invitations to a wide variety of community events, with November and December being especially busy. I don't have the space to talk about everything, but here is a flavour of the year, and apologies if you are not mentioned!

My first event was the formal inauguration of the Thornbury Quilt in the Town Hall – if you haven't been, it's well worth a visit! See page six for more details and the opening hours.

I attended award ceremonies for the Duke of Edinburgh's Awards, Volunteer Centre, Jigsaw, Inspire and Thornbury in Bloom. One highlight was hosting a very special afternoon tea for Tina Mitchell Skinner who was honoured with an MBE for her work with the Brain Tumour Charity.

I attended the Thornbury Town Football Club tournament, the Thornbury Football Rugby Club Junior rugby tournament and the Rotary Swimathon amongst others.

I have spoken at the Chamber of Commerce, the Trefoil Association and the Rotary Club.

I attended three carol services, all very different, all enjoyable and also helped to switch on the Christmas lights in November 2025.

It has been both a pleasure and a humbling experience to attend a wide range of community events across Thornbury, including the Memory Café, the Haven Club and Badger Road community event, the annual Railway Club exhibition, the Eisteddfod, Thornbury and District Youth Music, Oklahoma and Thornbury Carnival.'



Pictures show Helen attending various community events 2025 - 2026.

Highlights from the Annual Town Meeting 2026

Mayor Councillor Helen Ball said 'I was delighted to host the Annual Town Meeting on 28th April at The Castle School. The evening focussed on young people in Thornbury, with 12 organisations and groups showcasing their activities. Exhibitors ranged from Thornbury Rugby Football Club and the Duke of Edinburgh programmes to the Chamber of Commerce, highlighting the wide variety of opportunities and experiences available to young people in the community.

The agenda was packed, starting with me giving a brief overview of the council's work in the past year, including improvements to our green spaces, support for Krunch's skatepark redevelopment and an update on our campaign to promote Thornbury.

We then came to the core of the meeting with inputs from young people from Jigsaw, Krunch and The Castle School. It was a delight to see the thought and care young people had put into their contributions, and the confidence they showed in presenting before a large audience. A dialogue developed between young people and members of the audience to follow through on points raised. **The overall message was that young people like Thornbury, but would like more activity targeted at teenagers.** As a Council, we want to build on these contributions. We are undertaking a young people's survey to get more ideas and we have created a small working group to explore the idea of setting up a Youth Council.

Our final contribution was from the Society of Local Councils (SLCC) who gave an invigorating presentation on job and career opportunities in local councils and also shared a new initiative creating an apprenticeship opportunity within a local council.

The evening closed with an opportunity for questions to the council: topics raised included the High Street and the future of Turnberries Community Centre.

Finally, on behalf of the Council, I would like to thank The Castle School for hosting this important community event.'



Pictures show the Annual Town Meeting 2026

Grants Awarded by Thornbury Town Council in 2025/2026

Thornbury Town Council awards grants to projects that provide a direct benefit to the local community. The Council offers two grant windows each year, one in the spring and one in the autumn.

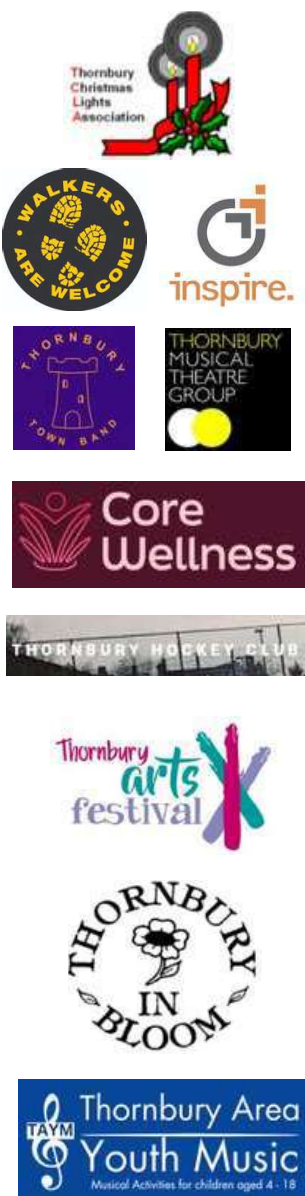
Grants are awarded in four categories:

- Community Development Grant Aid – funding for project-based activities
- Small Grants – funding for smaller projects
- Small Local Events – for events with up to 250 attendees
- Medium–Large Local Events – for events with more than 250 attendees

Priority is given to projects that support the Council's strategic priorities, particularly climate action, nature recovery, community wellbeing and new initiatives.

Full details of the grant scheme, including how to apply, are available at www.thornburytowncouncil.gov.uk

Details of the grants awarded in the two most recent application windows are set out below:



Community Group	Purpose of the Grant	Amount
Thornbury Christmas Lights Association	Annual switch on event, carabiners, D shackles and eye screws	£5,000.00
Thornbury Wayfinders	To run a 3 day walking festival	£600.37
The Inspire Arts Trust	Arts awards to young people	£750.00
Thornbury Town Band	Band uniform	£750.00
Thornbury Musical Theatre Group Ltd	Equipment store	£1,000.00
Core Wellness	Free postnatal fitness classes	£2,948.50
Thornbury Hockey Club	Support volunteer coaches and junior training	£3,000.00
Thornbury Carnival	Thornbury Carnival event 2025	£5,000.00
Thornbury Arts Festival	Support elements of 4 main 2025 events	£2,060.00
Friends of Manorbrook	Contribution to a fully accessible SEND pod	£3,000.00
Inspire Arts Trust	Develop activities and courses offered	£2,550.00
Jigsaw Thornbury	New laptops	£750.00
Love Thornbury	Love Thornbury events during 2026	£2,500.00
Rockhampton Ravens	Cricket equipment and coaching	£450.00
Thornbury and District Heritage Trust	New website	£1,000.00
Thornbury Area Youth Music	Small items for music lessons	£300.00
Thornbury Duke of Edinburgh Award Centre	Replace worn out and damaged kit	£600.00
Thornbury in Bloom	Support with winter/spring planting	£750.00
Total of Grant Awards 2025-26		£33,008.87



If you are involved with a group, club or organisation in Thornbury, or you'd like to start something new, please get in touch because a Town Council grant could help your journey to success!



Fantastic Feedback from Grant Recipients 2025/2026

Mama & Mini exercise classes delivered by Core Wellness

The grant funded the delivery of free “Mama & Mini” exercise classes for new mothers and their babies (0–5 years) in Thornbury, providing inclusive, postnatal-friendly sessions to support physical recovery, build confidence and reduce social isolation. By removing key barriers such as cost and childcare, the programme enabled 54 local women to participate in a safe, supportive, and baby-friendly environment. Participants reported improved physical fitness, emotional wellbeing and confidence, alongside stronger social connections and increased engagement with the local community, demonstrating a positive impact on both physical and mental health.



Thornbury Netball Club

A Thornbury Town Council grant funded 23 waterproof and windproof coats, helping to keep players warm and comfortable while waiting outside for netball games to begin and at the end of matches. As part of the feedback process, squad members were asked about the impact of the coats, and the response has been overwhelmingly positive.

The coats are now worn to and from all outdoor matches and training sessions, becoming an essential part of the team kit. Members have said they not only keep everyone warm and dry in all weather conditions, but also foster a fantastic sense of camaraderie, pride, and unity within the team. The coats have truly brought the squad together, both on and off the court.



Have you visited the Thornbury Quilt yet?

We have worked with Thornbury Museum to display some fantastic historical artefacts in the Town Hall.

We are fortunate to have the fascinating ‘Thornbury Quilt’ on display. It’s available to view on Wednesdays between 9.00am - 4.30pm with an interactive display for all ages to enjoy.

You can also explore a display of fascinating local historical artefacts in the entrance foyer every weekday from 9.00am - 5.00pm (until 4.00pm on Fridays)



Updates from groups who receive a Service Level Agreement (SLA) from Thornbury Town Council

Service Level Agreements are formal agreements that allow the Town Council to work with other organisations to deliver services for the community. They set out exactly what service will be provided, who is responsible for delivering it, and the standard residents can expect.

Thornbury Town Council funds a number of SLAs and the four groups below share their experiences.



Over 60's Tea Room

Julie Hughes, Chair of the Over 60's Tea Room says 'The Over 60's Tea Room, run by volunteers, has been open for 32 years offering older residents of Thornbury somewhere to meet new friends and socialise over a cheap cuppa! We are open weekdays between 10.00am and 3.00pm and we are situated in a ground floor room at the Town Hall.

We have occasional extra activities, such as cream teas, fish and chip lunches and musical entertainment which is enjoyed by our visitors. We welcome new visitors and volunteers.

We are grateful to Thornbury Town Council for their continued support, including our subsidised rent.'



Thornbury Museum

Since 1986 Thornbury & District Heritage Trust has provided an opportunity for community involvement in local history and heritage by opening a lively and friendly museum to the public with permanent displays and special exhibitions.

It responds to enquiries from local people and people all over the world with local connections. It encourages families with children and has various interactive activities and exhibits that can be handled to stimulate interest. Engagement with local schools is a priority and other outreach activities include guided town walks and well-researched talks.

Citizen's Advice Bureau

Mark Cardwell of Citizens Advice South Gloucestershire says 'CAB is grateful to Thornbury Town Council for funding its free advice sessions each week at Thornbury Town Hall. We have now added Thursdays alongside Tuesdays - both take place from 10.00am to 12.00pm. We helped 119 people in 2025-26 with 340 issues and expect these numbers to increase this year due to the addition of the Thursday session.'



Thornbury In Bloom

Chairman Kath Greenman was delighted to say, '2026 is Thornbury in Bloom's 35th anniversary - we formed in 1991! Throughout our existence, Thornbury Town Council has been a constant partner, providing both financial and practical support to enable us to maintain our high standards,

As Thornbury has expanded keeping our plants and sites hydrated is an ongoing challenge! In 2025, we entered into a Service Level Agreement (SLA) with the Council whereby they provide a sum of money annually, specifically to help towards our watering costs. This agreement is invaluable to us and ensures we can go about our work with confidence, knowing we can keep our plants looking good for as long as possible. Although we all love the colour annuals bring each summer, we are transitioning to more drought tolerant plants at certain sites, with climate change in mind.

Thornbury in Bloom is a thriving Community Group and we are always looking for new members - it's not just about plants and flowers, we do lots in the community so if you are interested in joining, please get in touch via our website: www.thornburyinbloom.org.uk



Financial Update

Income and Expenditure Overview

The following table presents Thornbury Town Council's confirmed financial figures for the years ending 31 March 2025 and 31 March 2026. It outlines the Council's principal areas of income and expenditure across operational services, community support, asset management and reserve allocations, providing an overview of how financial resources have been managed and allocated over the two-year period.

For the 2025–26 financial year, total income was lower than in the previous year, primarily due to a reduction in Community Infrastructure Levy receipts.

Expenditure on vehicles and street furniture increased as a result of investment in a new grass-cutting machine and the provision of additional seating across Town Council sites.

Open Spaces expenditure increased due to investment in replacement tennis court fencing, the addition of the temporary picnic area, initial costs associated with memorial repairs at St Mary's Churchyard, cemetery site investigations, and additional tree inspections and remedial works following storm damage.

Expenditure relating to Grants and Service Level Agreements increased due to the transfer of youth service contract costs into this budget area, an increase in the value of grants awarded and greater participation in the Community Toilet Scheme.

The Council also made significant investment in a number of capital projects during the year, including the renovation of the chapel at Thornbury Cemetery, improvements to staff facilities at the Mundy Playing Fields and initial project costs associated with the development of a new Multi-Use Games Area (MUGA) at Mundy Playing Fields.

	Year Ending	
	31 March 2025 (£)	31 March 2026 (£)
Income:		
Precept	931,436	967,612
Other Income	542,717	268,666
Expenditure:		
Councillor	1,245	684
Staffing	454,000	512,825
Administration	22,600	31,070
Central Services	163,249	80,984
Vehicles and Street Furniture	19,192	55,505
Open Spaces	72,694	113,952
Site & Property	107,919	108,164
Grants & Service Level Agreements	63,359	156,533
Projects	20,791	121,774
Transfer to/(from) Earmarked Reserves	417,097	- 35,496
Transfer to/from General Reserves	132,007	19,291

Did you know that Thornbury has a total of sixteen Councillors, all with a real passion for our town?

Councillors enjoy working with residents and we encourage you to get in touch with them or pop along to our monthly 'Meet Your Councillor' sessions.

Details, dates and times of these sessions are available on our website www.thornburytowncouncil.gov.uk



Climate and Nature

Dr Sharon Gardham, Climate & Nature Officer

We have had a busy 12 months supporting climate and nature here in Thornbury. Alongside growing our Community Nature Reserve, which links wildlife-friendly green spaces throughout our area, we have planted more wildflowers at the Mundy Playing Fields, installed swift boxes, worked with Avon Wildlife Trust to restore an overgrown hedgerow and installed energy saving measures, including a chimney sheep!

We've also been joined by residents of all ages who have enthusiastically taken part in a wide range of events promoting thriving nature in Thornbury. We've counted birds with local primary schools for the Great Big Schools Bird Watch, built bird boxes, picked litter, made wildflower seed 'bombs', gone on a nature scavenger hunt, furnished bug hotels and built mini-beast hotels from old plastic bottles. Our Earth Day celebration in April brought together many organisations with an interest in our relationship with water, helping to launch our participation in the Watermark Town scheme.



EARTH DAY EVENT AT ST MARY'S CHURCH,
THORNBURY, APRIL 2026

We are still welcoming new members to our Community Nature Reserve and would love to hear from you if you are already gardening with wildlife in mind or would like to. Our gardens can provide a welcome and much needed haven for wildlife and gardening with other creatures in mind can be very rewarding. We have lots of resources that can help you to get started if you're not sure where to begin. Visit our website thornburytowncouncil.gov.uk/page/community-nature-reserve for more details.



EARTH DAY EVENT AT ST MARY'S CHURCH,
THORNBURY, APRIL 2026

Our free of charge bat detector loan scheme is open to any Thornbury residents who would like to find out more about these sometimes mysterious and fascinating creatures. You can borrow a bat detector by visiting our website: thornburytowncouncil.gov.uk/page/events-projects.



Finally, we have lots more events coming up where you can get involved in helping nature to thrive. We will be sharing Thornbury Town Council's experience of decarbonisation and energy efficiency, as well as providing tips and advice about how you can reduce your own carbon footprint, at a series of events at the Town Hall in the coming months. We will be back in the Mundy Playing Fields on 30 July to celebrate Love Parks Week with moth expert Charlie, who will be carefully (and temporarily) capturing some of these amazing creatures so you can see them at close range.

We will be at the Love Thornbury event in August, looking at how actions upstream can impact our rivers, estuaries, seas and beaches downstream. We will also be back at the Fun Palaces event in October, where you can join us to make and plant self-watering planters using plastic waste. And lots more! Keep an eye out for our event posters, social media posts and website updates for full details.

Environmental challenges can sometimes feel overwhelming, but by coming together to take action locally, we can all make a difference to the health and wellbeing of our shared planet.



Bird Nest Box Building, Thornbury Town Hall, February 2026

The next year promises to be full of more actions and events that help support our local and global environment. As part of or our participation in the Watermark Town scheme, a programme designed to help communities protect and enhance their local water sources for generations to come, we are looking for ideas for watery projects. These could be based around restoring habitats, improving water efficiency, supporting education, or something completely different. If you have any ideas or would like to get involved, email climateandnature@thornburytowncouncil.gov.uk.

Committee Reports



Cllr Danny Bonnett, Chair of Climate & Nature Committee

The Climate & Nature Committee was set up in response to the Town Council's declaration of a climate and nature emergency in 2021. The Committee advises the Town Council on how to manage our assets in such a way to both reduce our climate impacts, and to increase our positive impacts on nature. We also seek to provide an example, in both these areas, to the people of the town, if they wish to take action themselves.

The Climate & Nature Officer has been working hard, alongside the Facilities Officer, to turn our robust carbon accounting into a quantified reduction plan with project outlines, budgets and timelines, all of which will help to reduce our climate impact. The biggest sources of our carbon emissions are heating of the Town Hall, and the petrol/diesel emissions of our grounds maintenance vehicles. Replacement of these involves long term planning, with budgeting over several years. Other aspects of decarbonisation are easier to do, such as improving the energy efficiency of the Council Chamber with draught proofing of the windows and reducing the heat loss behind radiators.

In other news, the Committee are looking for a site for a Tiny Forest, that we expect to bring joy to thousands of residents, as well as creating a wildlife habitat and educational resource for the town. We will be looking for schools to help us with this project in the near future, and you can find out more about the idea here: <https://tinyforest.earthwatch.org.uk/>



Cllr Danny Bonnett, Chair of Open Spaces Committee

Cllr John Reynolds was Chair of Open Spaces Committee for most of the civic year but had to stand down as a Councillor late in 2025 – we heartily thank him for his work for the Town Council and the Committee. It's been a busy and productive year, with the Committee continuing to oversee the maintenance and improvement of our many play areas and open green spaces to a high standard, for the benefit of the town. Following advice from an ecologist on how to improve all our open spaces, new land management styles have been adopted, such as increased tree planting, reduced mowing, establishment of wildflower friendly areas and tall grassland, as well as the installation of log piles and bug hotels for small mammals and invertebrates. Over the year, nature has continued its quiet work to establish what was planted last year.

An important and exciting development this year is that the planned Multi-Use Games Area (known as a MUGA) received planning permission, and now work is underway behind the scenes to appoint a contractor and to get the MUGA ready for use later in 2026. Work is likely to start over the summer holidays. A big thank you is due to last year's Mayor, James Murray, who was the driving force behind this project. The Town Council are proud that this facility will really improve what's available for the youth of the town.

During the year, work has progressed to improve the facilities for the grounds maintenance team based at the Mundy Playing Fields. The old garage/store has been replaced with a brand new, much improved, facility. The Town Council has also been in active discussion with South Gloucestershire Council regarding improvements to the Streamside Walks, a project being run by SGC, the results of which will be seen later in 2026, and into 2027.

Committee Reports



Deputy Mayor Councillor Chris Woodhouse, Chair of the Staffing Committee

Over the past year, the Staffing Committee has worked closely with the Chief Executive to ensure the Town Council is adequately resourced to support the progression of the Council's objectives, including our capital strategy projects over the coming years. We have said a fond farewell to those that have chosen to move to pastures new and we thank them for their contributions during their time with us. We have also welcomed a few new additions to the team, all of whom have hit the ground running. The Town Council staff are committed to ensuring the highest standards are achieved and maintained and I would like to thank them for all their efforts and commitment over the past year.

Planning Committee Report

During the year, most planning applications considered by the Town Council related to small-scale extensions and works to trees subject to preservation orders. All applications were carefully reviewed, with particular attention to their impact on neighbouring properties and environmental and sustainability considerations.

The Committee also considered a range of change-of-use and licensing proposals, several of which were seen as positive additions to the town, supporting the local economy.

The Committee has sought to ensure its responses to new development reflects the needs of residents, particularly in relation to transport, for example, by challenging public transport provision for housing on the edge of Thornbury, the local economy including licensing applications and the natural environment. This has included advocating for tree protection, following the guidance of tree conservation officers, and requesting ecological surveys, including assessments of badger setts and other protected species.

A formal objection was submitted to a proposed development of 350 homes on land north of Oldbury Lane, which lies outside the Local Plan boundary in an area of significant growth. Concerns were raised about the cumulative impact of development in the Butt Lane area and the resulting reliance on Oldbury Lane, particularly given the yet-to-be-realised impact of previously approved development of 595 homes.

The Committee remains committed to protecting the character of Thornbury and has objected where proposals were not considered in keeping with the area. It also responded to consultations on proposed pedestrian crossings on Down Road and Thornbury Road, and speed limit changes on Butt Lane, Morton Way, and Oldbury Lane.



News from Thornbury Cemetery

Thornbury Cemetery has a special white 'Letters to Heaven' post box. This is part of a national scheme to help people through all stages of grief. The bereaved can write letters, cards and messages to those they have lost and post them in the white 'Letters to Heaven' post box at the entrance of the cemetery. Every letter or card put into the memorial post box is treated with the utmost respect and confidentiality. They are stored securely and are never opened or read. Once the post box is full, the letters will be fragmented and added to the compost in the cemetery which provides nutrients for nature to grow.

Following an extensive refurbishment, Thornbury Cemetery Chapel is reopening as a welcoming space for the community. The light and airy chapel will be available to hire for small ceremonies, gatherings connected with burials and the interment of ashes, as well as suitable community events.

The restoration has preserved an important part of Thornbury's heritage while ensuring the historic building can continue to serve the community for future generations. The project was funded through the Community Infrastructure Levy.

For more information or to enquire about hiring the chapel, please contact Thornbury Town Council on 01454 412103.



Councillors

Councillor Attendance at Meetings

Meetings Attended	Full Council (10)	Finance & General Purpose (5)	Open Spaces (8)	Planning (5)	Staffing (2)	Climate & Nature (4)
Councillor						
Helen Ball	9	3	N/A	2	N/A	N/A
Danny Bonnett	5	N/A	8	N/A	N/A	4
Chris Rowe	7	5	7	N/A	2	4
Jayne Stansfield	6	4	N/A	4	1	N/A
Chris Woodhouse	9	4	4	N/A	2	N/A
Chris Bloor	7	5	8	N/A	2	4
Gil Gilroy	7	N/A	4	3	1	N/A
Chris Davies	7	4	8	4	N/A	N/A
Fiona Deas	8	4	8	5	N/A	N/A
Kath Greenman	6	N/A	N/A	N/A	1	3
Maggie Tyrrell	5	2	N/A	3	N/A	1
Christine Carter	9	N/A	6	N/A	N/A	4
David Dawkins *	4	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Tiff O'Connor *	4	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Neil Johnson *	1	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
James Murray **	5	2	3	N/A	N/A	N/A
John Reynolds **	4	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Emma Shepherd **	1	N/A	0	0	N/A	N/A
Phil O'Rourke **	3	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

*Joined Council or Committee mid-year

**Left Council or Committee mid-year

Thornbury Town Councillors



Thornbury's Mayor, Councillor Helen Ball, represents the North East Ward. Helen is Chair of Full Council. She also is on the Finance and General Purpose Committee and Planning Committee. She is on the following working groups: Events & Innovations, Grant Review, Service Level Agreements and Capital Strategy.

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Thornbury's Deputy Mayor, Councillor Chris Woodhouse, represents the North West Ward. He Chairs the Finance and General Purpose Committee and is a member of Full Council and the Open Spaces Committee. Chris is also on the following working groups: Grant Review, Youth Council and Capital Strategy.

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Councillor Chris Bloor represents the South Ward. He is on the Finance and General Purpose Committee, Open Spaces, Staffing and Climate & Nature. Chris is also on the Events & Innovations, Youth Council, Thriving Nature and Capital Strategy working groups.

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Councillor Gill Gilroy represents the South Ward. He is a member of Full Council, Open Spaces, Staffing and the Climate & Nature Committees. Gil is on the following working groups: Events & Innovations, Thriving Nature, Capital Strategy, Grant Review and Service Level Agreements.

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Councillor Danny Bonnett represents the North East Ward. He is Chairman of both the Open Spaces and Climate & Nature Committee. He is on the Finance and General Purpose Committee and the Youth Council and Thriving Nature working groups.

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Councillor Tiffany O' Connor represents the North West Ward and is a member of Full Council. She is also on the Youth Council working group.

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Councillor Chris Davies represents the South East Ward. He is on Full Council, Finance and General Purpose Committee, Open Spaces Committee and the Planning Committee. Chris is also on the Events & Innovations and Capital Strategy working groups.

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Councillor Davis Dawkins represents the North West Ward. He is a member of Full Council and also sits on the Planning Committee. He is also on the Grant Review working group.

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Councillor Maggie Tyrrell represents the South East Ward. She is Chair of the Planning Committee and is on Full Council, Finance and General Purpose and the Climate & Nature Committee. Maggie also sits on the Capital Strategy working group.

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Councillor Christine Carter represents the South Ward. She is a member of Full Council, Open Spaces and the Climate & Nature Committee. Christine is also on the the Events & Innovations and Thriving Nature working groups.

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Councillor Fiona Deas represents the South East Ward. She is Chair of the Staffing Committee, a member of Full Council and of Open Spaces, Finance and General Purpose and Planning Committees. Fiona is also on the following working groups: Grant Review, Capital Strategy and the Service Level Agreement.

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Councillor Kath Greenman, represents the South East Ward. She is on Full Council, Staffing, and Climate & Nature Committees. Kath is also on the following working groups: Events & Innovations, Thriving Nature, Youth Council, Grant Review and Service Level Agreements.

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Councillor Jayne Stansfield represents the South East Ward. She is a member of Full Council, Finance and General Purpose, Planning and the Staffing Committee. Jayne is on the following working groups: Grant Review, Capital Strategy and Service Level Agreement.

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Councillor Neil Johnson represents the South Ward. He is a member of Full Council.

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Councillor Chris Rowe represents the North East Ward. He is Vice Chair of the Staffing Committee. He is a member of Full Council, Finance and General Purpose Committee, Open Spaces, and Climate & Nature Committees. Chris is also on the Thriving Nature working group.

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Dates for Your Diary 2026

Saturday 18th July 10.00am - 12.00pm

The doors of the Town Hall will be open for visitors of the 'Thornbury Quilt' as part of the Heritage Craft Day - no need to book - just pop in!

Saturday 25th July 10.00am - 12.00pm

Meet Your Councillors Outreach at Colleston Way Park, Thornbury Fields. Visit our gazebo for lots of information on what's happening in the town, plus free games and giveaways. We look forward to warmly welcoming both new and old residents of Thornbury.

Saturday 1st August 10.00am - 12.00pm

As part of Love Thornbury's fantastic 'Summer on the High Street' event, visit our gazebo for lots of fun directly outside the Town Hall.

Saturday 12th September 2026 10.00am - 2.00pm

Explore the Town Hall during Heritage Open Day and enjoy a free guided tour of the building with the theme 'Everyday Histories.'

Saturday 3rd October 11.00am - 2.00pm: Come and say hello to Councillors and Town Council staff at the Fun Palaces and the Love Thornbury 'Oktoberfest' events, organised by South Gloucestershire Council, in St Mary's Centre, Thornbury.

Saturday 21st November Talk with Councillors, find more about the area and maybe even win a teddy at the Thornbury Christmas Light Association's big switch on event (*timing TBC*)

More events will be added to Facebook and Instagram pages throughout the year and to our website:
www.thornburytowncouncil.gov.uk



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MEET YOUR COUNCILLORS!



‘Meet Your Councillors’ sessions are held in the Town Hall from 10.00am to 12.30pm on the dates listed below.

This is an opportunity to speak with your local councillors and share your thoughts, concerns and ideas to help inform Town Council decisions.

26th September 2026

31st October 2026

28th November 2026

30th January 2027

27th February 2027

24th April 2027

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