



Budget Consultation 2025/2026

An important part of setting our budget is hearing from residents and businesses how they think the tax paid to Lake Parish Council should be spent. Each £1,000 of the budget represents £0.59 of the Lake Parish Council Tax paid by Residents.

The draft budget will be presented to councillors in December 2024. The budget has to be finalised at the February 2026 meeting. You help fund the work of the council so be sure to have your say.

1. COUNCIL'S PRIORITIES

The council will need to prioritise the provisions, services, and activities it provides as it has a limited budget. How do you think the council should prioritise these (Please rank with 1 being the highest priority and 8 being the lowest)

- ☐ Youth Provision
- ☐ Supporting Isle of Wight Council Grounds Maintenance of open spaces.
- ☐ Public Toilets
- ☐ Civic Space (Hanging Baskets, Christmas Tree, Decorative Lights)
- ☐ Community Support (Grants, Warm Spaces etc)
- ☐ Community Events (Remembrance, Christmas Carol Service)
- ☐ Communication (Ripples and Website)
- ☐ Parish/Place Improvement

2. YOUTH OFFER

The council included £7,500 funding to support provision in last years budget. Using those monies as match funding the local resilience officer was able to secure grants to deliver a number of outreach programmes to young people across the Bay, accessible to young people from Lake and work with the police to reduce antisocial behaviour. Activities in Lake include boxing at TJ's gym. Do you support continued/increased funding for youth provision by the parish council? The increase to your council tax has been included with each option.

- ☐ £10,000 (£1.49 per household) ☐ £15,000 (£4.46 per household) ☐ £20,000 (£7.43 per household)

☐ No funding.

3. WARM SPACES AND COMMUNITY WELLBEING INITIATIVES

The reduction of Government support with Fuel Costs will significantly impact on the residents of Lake. Warm spaces have also served to reduce isolation within the community and are now operate all year.

Local Warm Space is currently supported via Connect for Communities grant funding and is not Guaranteed. Do you support the Council budgeting to build a fund to support the Lake Warm Space should the Grant be withdrawn .

- ☐ 12 Months a Year - £6000 (£3.56 increase to Lake Parish Council portion of council tax per year)
- ☐ Late Autumn, Winter, Early Spring - £4000 (£2.38 increase to Lake Parish Council portion of council tax per year)
- ☐ Winter Only - £2000 (£1.19 increase to Lake Parish Council portion of council tax per year)
- ☐ Do not protect funding.

4. ISLE OF WIGHT COUNCIL GREEN SPACE

Lake Parish Council does not own green space in the ward. However, it does make a significant contribution to the Isle of Wight Council's maintenance of public areas which is essential to helping the maintenance continue and keeping the parish looked after. Do you support this contribution:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Lake Common. | <input type="checkbox"/> Manor Road Playground. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Merrie Gardens. | <input type="checkbox"/> New Road Toilets. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cliff Path (Lake Section). | <input type="checkbox"/> Thearles Green. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Temporary Playing Field near Kingdom Hall. | <input type="checkbox"/> Do not support contribution. |

5. CIVIC SPACE

Budget constraints meant the Hanging Baskets were not installed this summer. Do you support the council funding the planting and watering of:

- ☐ Hanging Baskets on the high street.
- ☐ Planters at war memorial.
- ☐ Neither

6. PARISH IMPROVEMENTS

Last year the council has a budget for town improvements which it uses to install and maintain defibrillators, address graffiti and the impact of other anti-social behaviours. If the monies are not spent they are allocated to Civic Space budget lines or carried forward into the next year. What do you think would be an appropriate level of funding for these types of activities:

- ☐ £5,000 ☐ £10,000 ☐ £15,000 ☐ No provision should be made.

7. COMMUNITY EVENTS

Community events help bring members of a community closer together and enhance mental well-being. They also help establish a towns identity and boost the local economy. Which of the following do you think the parish council should support:

- ☐ Armistice Day ☐ Remembrance Service
☐ Civic Celebrations ☐ Christmas event
☐ Celebration projects with schools (i.e., mug design, competitions, VE day at 80 etc.)

8. PUBLIC TOILETS

The public toilets in Lake were passed from the Isle of Wight Council to the parish council in 2017. They were not in good condition and have continued to deteriorate since, with extensive vandalism and misuse leading to repeated maintenance. The council has re-provided two locations and re-opened toilets at Lake Slipway.

- a) Charging for use of the toilets significantly reduces vandalism and reduces the burden for the costs of the toilets on residents of Lake. Which would you support?

- ☐ 20p ☐ 50p ☐ £1 ☐ No charge – residents fully fund facilities.

- b) The toilets can be protected through putting aside monies every year for the allocation of monies every year for future provision. This would also reduce the amount of money which needs to be found when toilets do need significant repair or replacement. Do you support:

Building monies for significant repairs (Slipway Toilets) ☐ Yes ☐ No

Building monies for replacement at end of life ☐ Yes ☐ No

COMMENTS AND SUGGESTIONS - The parish council would welcome any other ideas or suggestions you may have:

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