



CAM PARISH COUNCIL

NEWSLETTER

Winter 2025-26

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CAM CHRISTMAS LIGHTS SWITCH ON 2025

Cam Parish Council Community Christmas Event Brings Festive Cheer to Over 8,600 Residents.

Cam came alive with festive spirit on Saturday 28 November as more than 8,600 residents and visitors attended the Cam Parish Council Community Christmas Event, held from 2:00pm to 5:00pm.

The event took place along Cam High Street, Chapel Street Car Park, Cam Memorial Hall, Cam Methodist Church, St Bart's Church and participating local catering premises, transforming the heart of Cam into a vibrant Christmas celebration for all ages.



Highlights of the afternoon included the much-anticipated Christmas lights switch-on, a wide variety of hot food vendors, a craft market, community group stalls and festive activities designed especially for younger residents. Children and families enjoyed a Christmas grotto, face painting, pony rides, festive games, a treasure hunt, giant street games and inflatable attractions, as well as a traditional fun fair.

Live entertainment added to the atmosphere with performances from the Rednock Swing Band, Wotton-under-Edge Silver Band and Amy Addle Dance School drawing crowds throughout the afternoon. The event concluded with a spectacular laser display, providing a memorable finale to a joyful community celebration. The Cam Parish Council Community Christmas Event was designed to bring the community together to celebrate the Christmas season, strengthen community engagement and encourage partnership working among local organisations, traders, and residents.



The overwhelming turnout and positive feedback reflect the event's success in achieving these aims.

Cam Parish Council would like to thank all the traders, entertainers, volunteers, community groups and partners who helped make the event such a success, as well as everyone who attended and contributed to the wonderful festive atmosphere.







Interested in becoming a Councillor for Cam?

We are looking for passionate, community-minded individuals to join Cam Parish Council as a Councillor.

Whether you care about local planning, safeguarding green spaces, supporting community events, or simply want to make a positive difference, becoming a Parish Councillor is a great way to get involved and make your voice heard in YOUR community.

What Does a Parish Councillor Do?

- Represent the views of local residents
- Help influence decisions on local services and amenities
- Work to improve the quality of life in your area
- Be involved in planning and budgeting
- Shape the future of the parish



No prior experience is needed – just a desire to get involved and help your community. Training and support will be provided.

You are eligible if you:

- Are 18 or over
- Are a British citizen, an eligible Commonwealth or EU citizen
- Live or work in the parish (or within 3 miles)



for further information or to apply,
visit our website or contact:

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Upcoming NPPF Changes: What Do They Mean for Housing Near Train Stations?



The Government is preparing changes to the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) that will make it easier to build new homes close to train and tram stations. A key element of the reforms is a “default yes” for housing developments located within walking distance of well-connected stations. This is intended to speed up planning approvals, focus growth around sustainable transport hubs, and help boost national housing supply.

The revised NPPF is also expected to streamline the planning process by reducing certain consultations and giving the Housing Secretary greater ability to intervene where large housing schemes are refused.

What This Means for Cam

With Cam served by its own railway station and sitting within a growing strategic corridor, these policy changes could influence future development proposals in and around the parish.



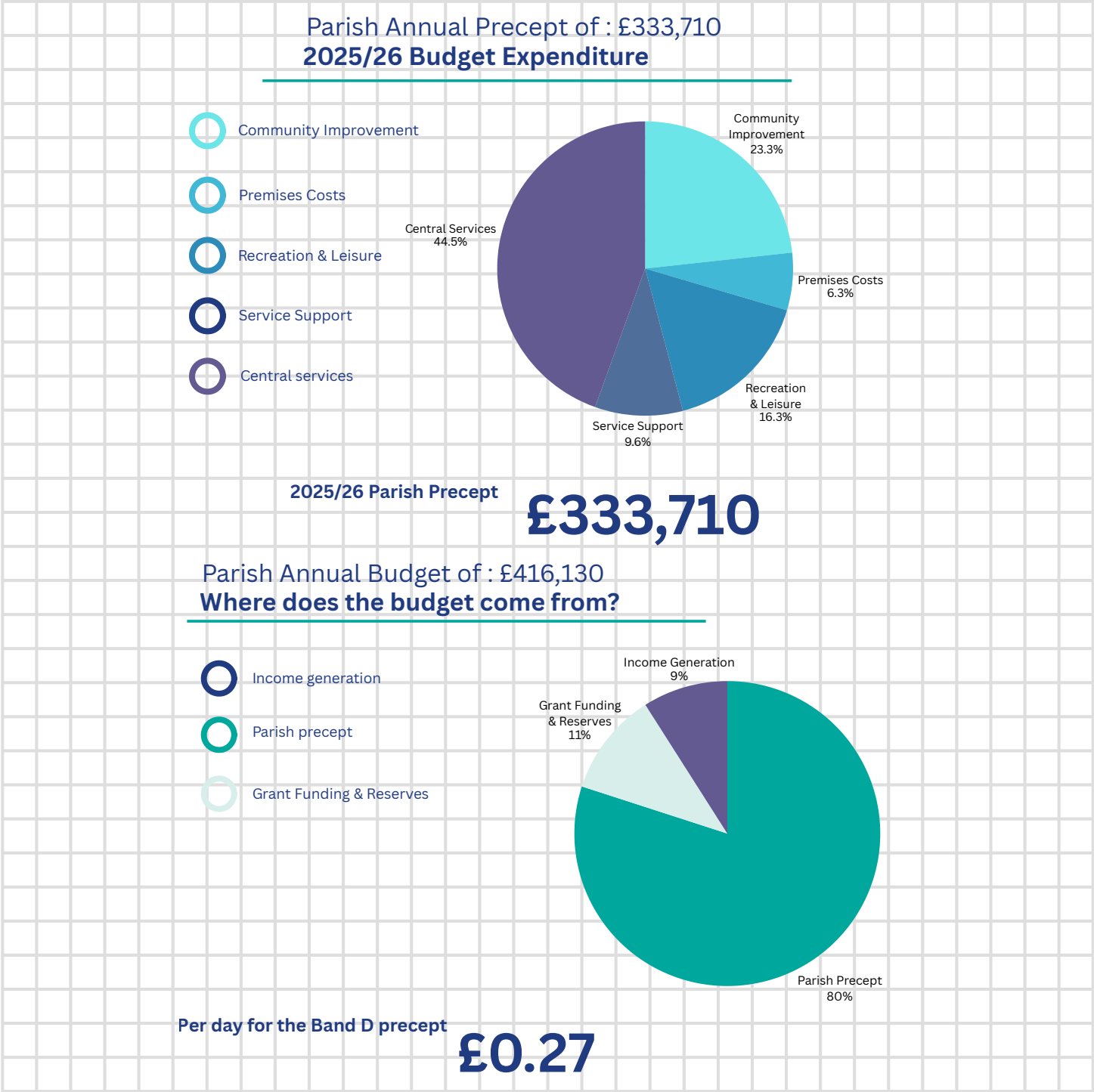
Cam Parish Council will work closely with planning officers at Stroud District Council to ensure Cam’s interests are fully represented. This partnership aims to make sure that any proposals brought forward under the new NPPF reflect local priorities, respect community character, and deliver the right infrastructure for residents. Public consultations commenced in the new year and will continue throughout 2026. If you would like to share your thoughts and provide feedback, look out for upcoming Public Consultation dates on our website and social media



2026 Budget & Precept

Cam Parish Council

This page provides information about the Parish Council’s budget and precept for the 2026 financial year, explaining how the money raised will be used to support local services, maintain community facilities, and deliver projects for the benefit of residents.



The budget has been carefully prepared to meet rising costs while keeping the impact on households as low as possible. By sharing this information, the Parish Council aims to be open and transparent about its spending plans and the priorities for the year ahead.



Winter Photos of Cam



We'd love to see your photos of Cam! If you'd like a photo to be included in our Spring edition newsletter, please send to: hello@camparishcouncil.gov.uk

Tribute to Dennis Andrewartha

It is with great sadness that Cam Parish Council announces the passing of serving Councillor and Chairman of the Planning and Highways Committee Councillor Dennis Andrewartha.

Alongside a successful political career at both district and county level, Dennis was elected onto Cam Parish Council in May 1999. During his many years of service, he made a huge impact on matters that were important to local people.

He stood down in May 2016, leaving behind a strong record of achievement.

Dennis re-joined the Parish Council in January 2022. This was a time of rapid development in Cam and Dennis used his experience and knowledge to help ease residents' concerns about this growth and to offer reassurance. He was elected Chairman of the Planning and Highways Committee, working closely with Councillor Mike Grimshaw as his Vice Chair.

Dennis was a much-loved and highly respected councillor who consistently placed the community at the heart of everything he did. His wisdom, kindness and sense of public duty made a profound impact on those who served alongside him and on the residents he worked so hard to represent.

Cam Parish Council extends its heartfelt condolences to Dennis's devoted wife Celia, his loving children and the grandchildren he adored.

He will be remembered not only for his service, but as a true gentleman whose legacy will continue to shape the parish he called home.

