



1. Introduction

Knighton Town Council is pleased to present its Annual Report for the year 2025–2026. This report outlines the Council’s activities, challenges, and achievements over the past year, and provides an update on ongoing initiatives that aim to enhance community life within Knighton.

2. Council Information

Knighton Town Council comprises of 14 members.

Details of councillors: 1st April 2025	31st March 2026
Christine Branford	Christine Branford
Tom Taylor	Tom Taylor
Tina Sharp	Tina Sharp
David Williams	Chris Bevan
Chris Bevan	Petranella Ford
Petranella Ford	Tom Crail
Tom Crail	Robert Andrews
Andrew Craggs	Mark Vaughan
Robert Andrews	Sally Vaughan
Mark Vaughan	Holly Adams-Evans
Sally Vaughan	Ben Butler
Holly Adams-Evans	Celia de Serra
Ben Butler	
Vacancies: 1	Vacancies: 2



3. Meetings

The Council meets monthly on the third Wednesday of each month at the Knighton Civic Centre, West St, Knighton; except for the month of August when no meeting is held. All of our Councils meetings are available to attend by Councillors, members of the public, and press online, making our meetings hybrid; this ensures that we are complying with the Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2011.

An opportunity for public participation is given in each full council meeting at its start at 7pm.

4. Budget

Knighton Town Council receives its income primarily via the Precept, the money that the Town Council asks the District Council to collect from residents through the Council Tax bill. For the year 2025-26, this amounted to £168,128.61.

Councillor remuneration for 2025-2026 totalled £1,804.60.

A full breakdown of the Council's expenditure is available in the Annual Accounts for 2025-2026. Please refer to the Council's website.

5. Key Objectives for 2025-2026

The Council's Key Objectives for the last year were:

To continue to develop the potential of the Civic Centre as an asset to the town

To implement new accounting and booking software

To deliver successful community events

To continue to support the Clerk, hired in 24-25, in improving financial and administrative protocols

To fund refurbishment to the Knighton Toilets

6. Activities

Continued maintenance of council assets, such as signs, benches, gym equipment and toilets.

The date of contract renewal and payment for allotment holders was changed to January.

Working with Powys County Council on Welsh Government funded refurbishment of Knighton Toilets.

Opening of the Offa's Dyke Centre toilets, run by Knighton Town Council.



The Clerk completed FILCA and CILCA training.

Provision of flower baskets and planters with a diverse, eco- and insect-friendly plant offer from a local business. Knighton Town Council won a Silver award from Wales in Bloom. Several new planters were placed around town, grant-funded.

Knighton in Bloom awards celebrating local business and home-gardener excellence; Volunteer of the Year award celebrating local volunteers.

The Christmas Lights and Christmas Grotto event, including presents from Santa to the children.

One of Knighton Town Council's street cleaners retired, and a new employee was hired.

Knighton Town Council applied and was awarded a grant for local Shopfront refurbishments to improve the high street.

7. Priorities

The Council's Priorities for 2026-2027 are:

Aim to achieve an Unqualified audit.

To hold community events.

To ensure publication of all required documents on its website, using social media to support in positive communication and engagement.

To maintain successful and attractive community asset provision.

Ensure successful completion of refurbishment of Knighton Toilets.

To update the code of conduct.

To review staff policies.