



# Buckfastleigh & Buckfast

# Where Next ?

**Wed 30th Oct 7:00pm**

**Buckfastleigh Town Hall**

**Meet your Town Council & get involved  
...and eat cake!**

**“Engaging our Community - 2019”**

**Welcome**

*Please start filling in your contact details on the sheet provided...  
we want to know your views and keep you in touch*

# What we are going to do...

- 1) Why are we/you here? (15 mins)
- 2) What is the Town Council's role? (15 mins)
- 3) Your Money – How much do we have? What do we spend it on? (15 mins)
- 4) Discussion groups - Where do we want to go next? (30 mins)
- 5) Feedback from discussion (30 mins)

**Finish approx. 9:00**

+ Cake & Tea!

# Why are We (TC) here?

We want your **expert knowledge** of the community you live in...

- To find out what's working well,
- hear your concerns,
- identify issues/gaps,
- collect your ideas,
- find out your priorities
- ...and germinate positive change

So we can initiate or support projects & actions, & provide support / resources / funding...

**AND** collect **EVIDENCE** of what our community needs (which helps to get resources from outside)...

**AND** be **TRANSPARENT** - keep you up-to-date with what we are doing...

# Why are You here?

Find someone & form a pair (preferably with someone you don't know well – this is an opportunity to make new connections)

## Take turns to tell:

- Your name...
- Why you have come tonight
- What you like about this community?
- What your concerns are about our community?
- Any ideas you have to make things change?

If you are the listener, try not to interrupt, just listen (and ask questions if you think your partner is stuck).

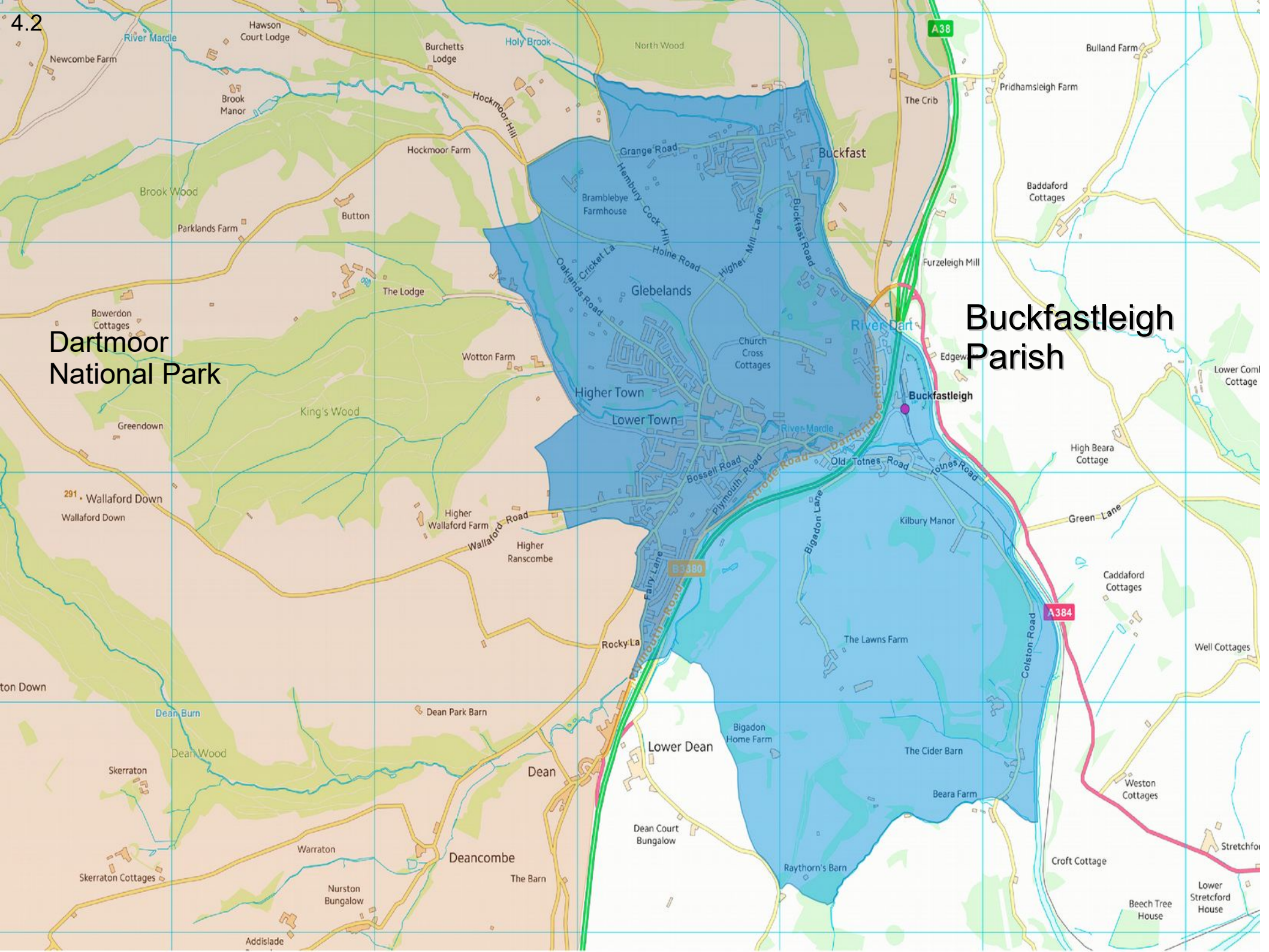
Save your thoughts till your go!

# Where's BUCKFASTLEIGH...

(and Buckfast!)

**...in the scheme of things?**





Dartmoor National Park

Buckfastleigh Parish

A38

B3380

A384

# Local Authorities Powers & Duties

*\*Town/Parish councils can also issue fixed penalty fines for things like...*

- litter
- graffiti
- fly posting
- dog poo

**National Government**

**Devon County Council** (since 1889)

education (not academies)

economy & enterprise

?housing?

transport...

roads (except trunkroads) & on-street parking

waste management

environment

fire & public safety

planning decisions (transport, minerals & waste)

trading standards

libraries

social care

**Teignbridge District Council** (since 1974)

**Dartmoor National Park Authority** (since 1997)

planning decisions (north)

*...conserve and enhance the natural beauty, wildlife & cultural heritage...*

*...promote public understanding & enjoyment of the park...*

*...foster economic & social well-being of local communities*

litter bins?

promote tourism

rubbish/litter collection

play areas/play equipment

public toilets

recycling

?parks & recreation?

community centres/village halls

swimming pools

environmental health

planning decisions (south)

public clocks

recreation

bus shelters

council tax & business rates collection

allotments?

grants to local organisations

elections

?housing?

parks

**Buckfastleigh\***

**Town(Parish) Council** (since 1974)

car parks/ off-street parking

# What does the Town Council DO?

## Represents Buckfastleigh at all levels...

- **Liaising** with authorities – Central & regional Government, Health service, Police etc.
- **Communication** – passing on information that affects the community
- **Advocacy** – speaking up and fighting for our community
- **Promote** the community (where it brings benefit)

*... i.e. Campaigning for proper Fire Service, Education, Policing, Transport, Responding to major planning applications etc...*

## Works in partnership...

**...with community groups, voluntary organisations and other local authorities, including neighbouring local councils, to support community-led initiatives, campaigns, services and projects.**

*...i.e. Providing funding, training and information to local organisations*

## Provides services...

**...resources & facilities direct to the local community (where we have the capacity).**

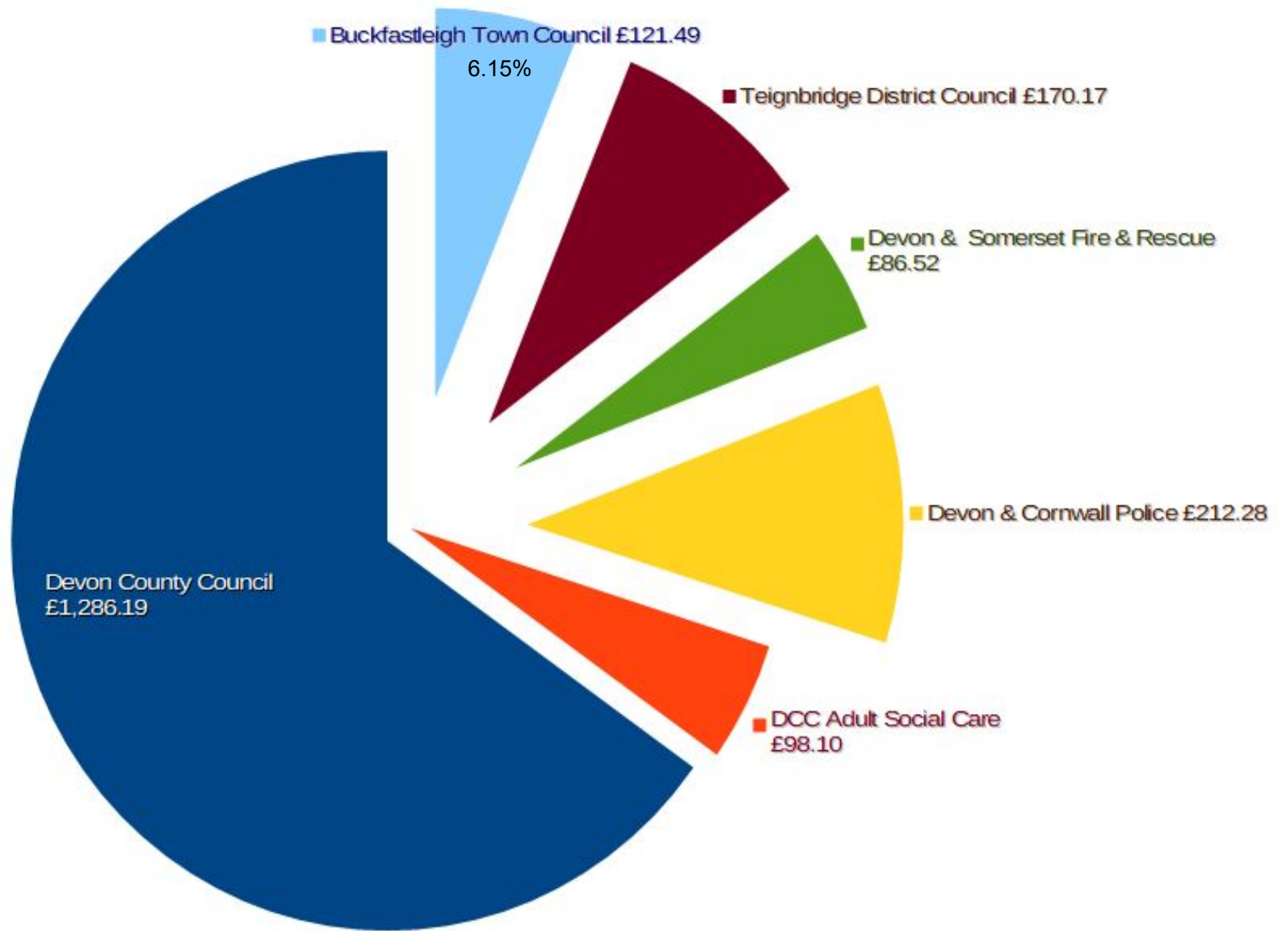
*... i.e. Youth activities program*

# £££ Money ££££

So we can be clear and accountable to you and so you have an idea of what resources are available to the town and how we're spending your money...

- What have we got?
- Where does it come from?
- How are we spending it?

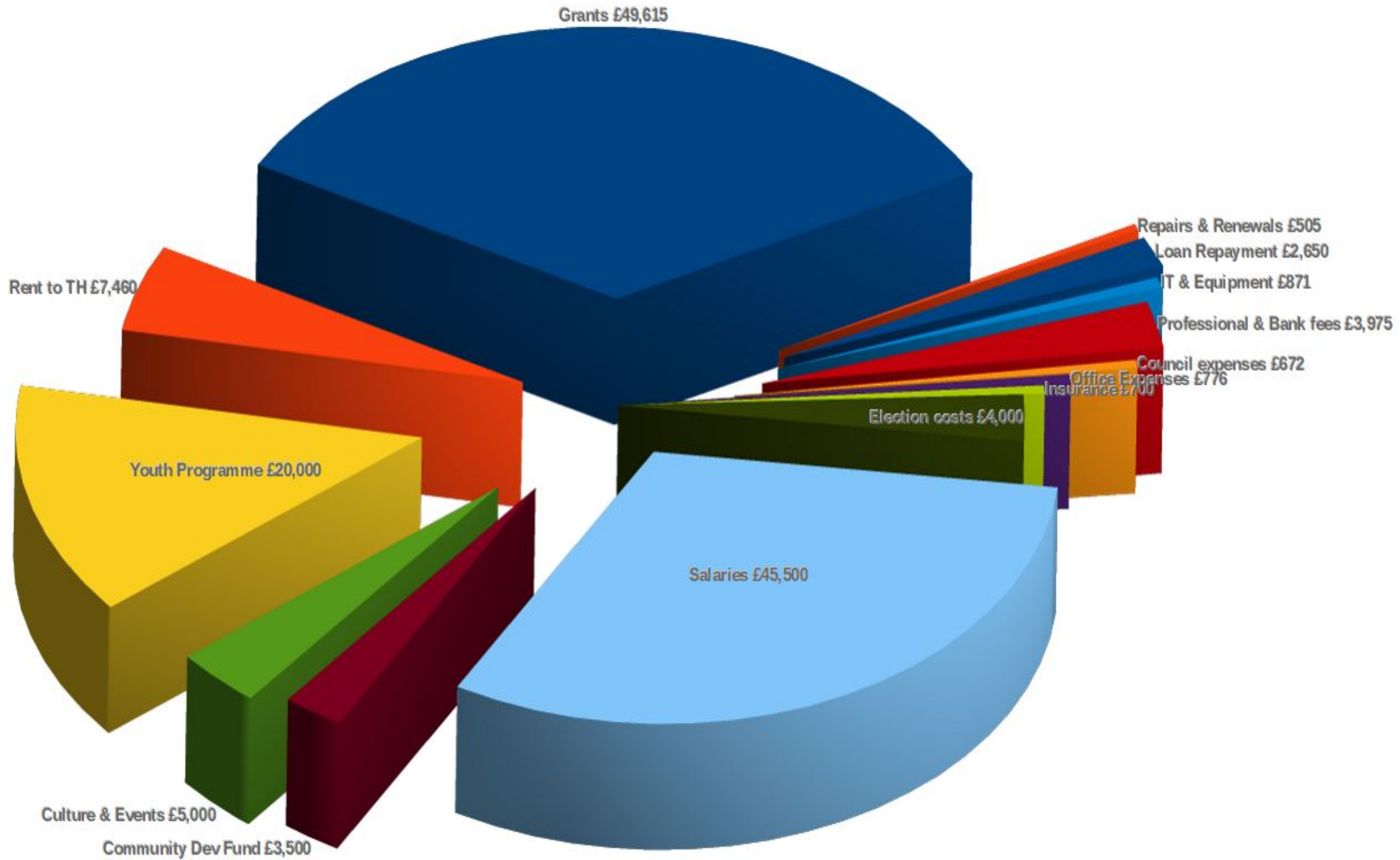
### Council Tax Breakdown - 2019/20 (Band D)



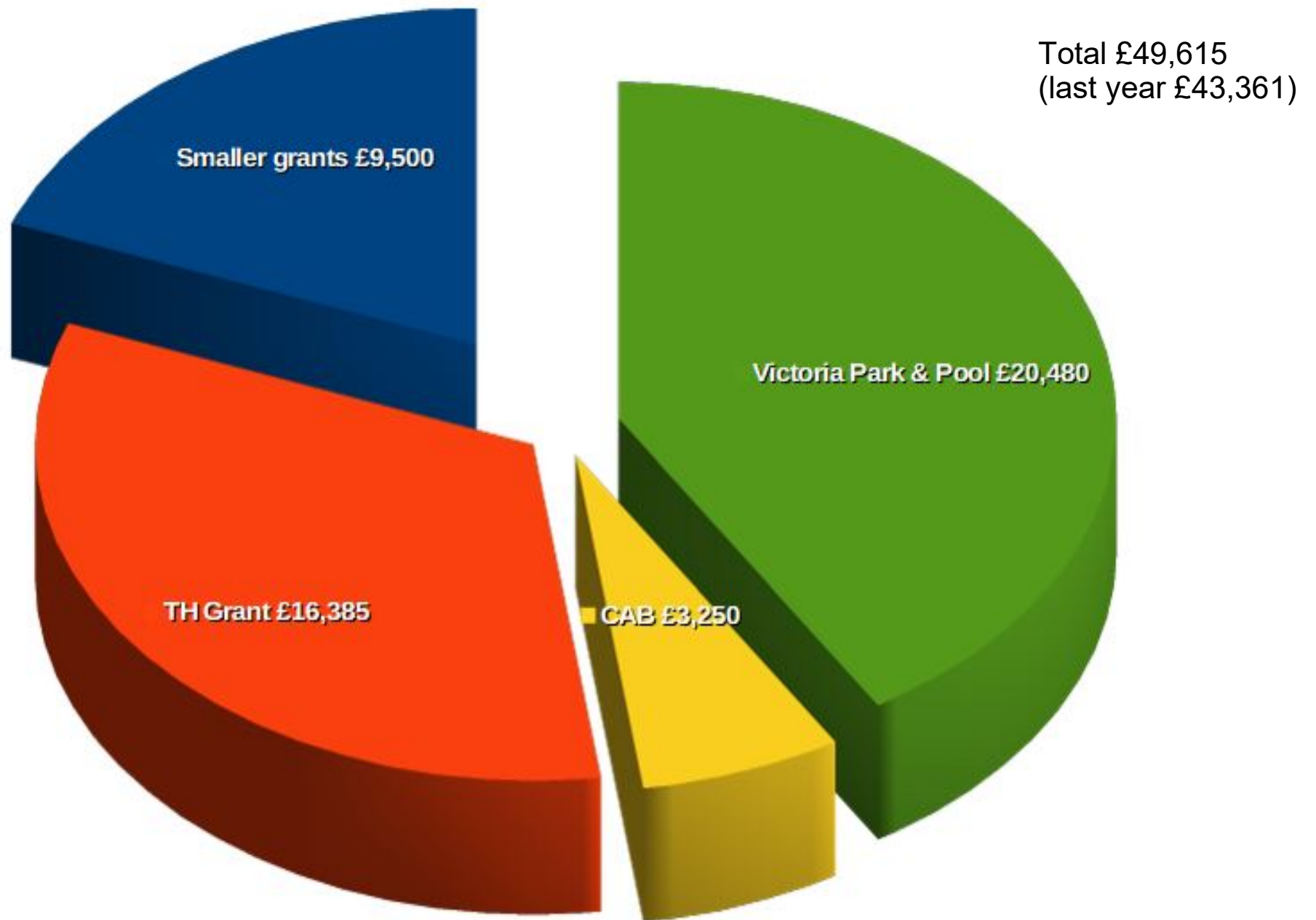
Total (Band D) household Council Tax: £1,974.75

**Total Council Income: £145,224**

## Expenses (Budgeted 2019/20) - £145,224



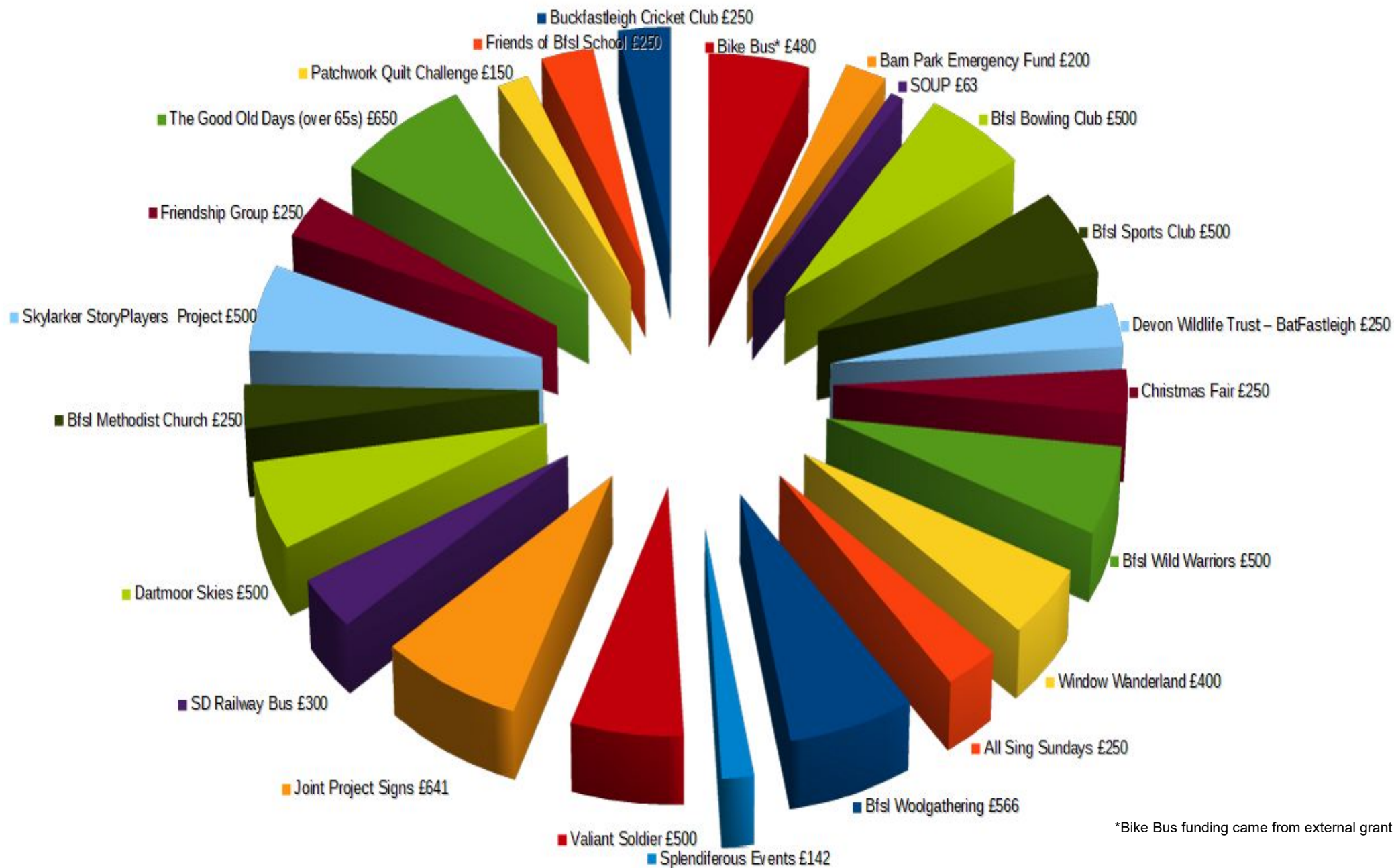
6.3 Grants - Budgeted 2019/20



## Smaller Grants (up to £500) Paid Last Year 2018/19 – Total £8,341

(note this is last year as current year not completed)

Up from £6,225 prev. year



\*Bike Bus funding came from external grant

# Tables - discussion

- What is the community doing well?
- What could we as a community do better?
- Any ideas for how we could make a change?
- How could the community make this happen?
- How could the Town Council help?

## Topics:

**Sport & Fitness**

**Older people**

**Mental Health**

**Climate & Environment**

**(Older) Young people**

**...plus???**

- *Keep notes and have someone report back at the end*
- *Prioritise – try and pick the three you would like to have go forward*
- *Would you be prepared to help get something done...?*

**Remember:** Make sure everyone gets a chance to speak and be heard... Not just the ones with the loudest voices!

*Please fill in a contact sheet through the evening and don't leave without doing it... We want to know your views and keep you in touch*

# Feedback

- **What is good?**
- **What were your concerns?**
- **What were your ideas?**
  - Do you want to take them further?
  - What might be needed to make them work?...

**...Please keep it brief!**

The Town Council would like to offer support to any person or group that would like to take on projects that benefit the community, so let us know how we can help.

We would also like to take this workshop out to the community, so let us know if you have a group of people who you think would like to take part...

*Please make sure you complete as much of your feedback sheet as possible and leave it here – we want your views and want to keep in touch...*

**Thank-you for  
taking part**

Discussion notes will be posted on-line at [www.buckfastleigh.gov.uk](http://www.buckfastleigh.gov.uk)