

# Your Guide to Local Council Services

A summary of which Council is responsible for each of your public services.

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## Axminster Town Council

The Town Council (ATC) comprises 15 elected or co-opted Councillors led by the Town Mayor. Approximately 6% of your Council Tax bill is received by ATC. The ATC office is open from 9 am – 4 pm Monday to Thursday



### ATC is responsible for:

#### Open Green Space

- Three allotment sites
- One Community Orchard
- Chard Road Cemetery
- Jubilee Field
- Douglas Hull Memorial Garden
- Over 37km of registered footpaths
- Town centre floral displays

#### Community Support

- Community grants
- The Neighbourhood Plan
- Town Centre CCTV

#### Street Furniture

- Most benches
- Some bus shelters
- Most defibrillators

#### Buildings and Structures

- The Old Court House
- The Guildhall
- The Cemetery chapels
- The War Memorial
- Jubilee Fountain

These lists are not definitive, and some services have overlapping responsibilities. If you are unsure about which authority you need to speak to, please contact Axminster Town Council, and we will point you in the right direction.

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## Devon County Council



The County Council (DCC) comprises of 60 elected Councillors, one of whom represents Axminster. Approximately 71% of your Council Tax bill is received by DCC to deliver the following services:

### Highways & Environmental Management

- Highway Authority: road/pavement maintenance, e.g. drains, potholes, verges, gritting, traffic & streetlights: licensing for roadworks, skips, scaffolding etc.
- Traffic Management
- Public Rights of Way: foot/cycle paths/bridleways
- On-street parking
- Parking enforcement
- Public transport, blue badges, bus passes
- Flyposting & unauthorised advertising on lampposts or verges.

- Fallen trees
- Flooding and drainage
- Recycling centres

### Schools & Social Services

- Health & Social Care: Social Services, Care homes, Care Direct; Family, Children & Carers Support; Independent Living etc.
- Adoption & Fostering
- Schools and education
- Youth services

### Administrative Services

- Registration services: Births, Deaths, Marriages
- Libraries & archives
- Trading Standards

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## East Devon District Council



The District Council (EDDC) comprises of sixty elected Councillors, three of whom represent Axminster. Approximately 7% of your Council Tax bill is received by EDDC to deliver the following services:

### Housing, Financial Services & Licensing

- Council Tax & Business Rates billing
- Benefits & Homeless Support
- Council housing & repairs
- Licensing: events, taxis, charity collections, pubs.

### Democratic Services

- Elections & electoral registration

### Economy, Assets & Amenity

- EDDC car parks
- Public toilets
- Most parks & recreation
- Sports, arts and culture
- Economic development

### Building Development & Public Safety

- Planning applications
- Building Control
- Community safety
- Environmental maintenance & dangerous structures
- Tree Protection Orders
- Food hygiene & safety

### Waste Management

- Fly tipping on public land
- Litter, graffiti & dog fouling
- Street cleaning & street bins
- Kerbside rubbish collections
- Green waste collections
- Pest control

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