BENTHAM TOWN COUNCIL

PUBLIC ASSET REGISTER

Financial Year: 2026–2027

Register date: 19th October 2026
Responsible authority: Bentham Town Council

Introduction

Bentham Town Council owns, maintains or has responsibility for a range of land, buildings, equipment and community facilities within the town.

This Asset Register provides a public record of the Council's assets, including their descriptions, acquisition dates and recorded financial values.

The register is intended to help residents understand the facilities and resources owned or managed by the Town Council and how these contribute to the local community.

The Council reviews its assets periodically to help ensure that they are properly maintained, protected and insured.

Financial information: The values shown are those recorded in the Council's asset records supplied for this register. They should not necessarily be interpreted as current market valuations.

Town Hall and building assets

Asset	Date acquired	Purchase value (£)	Recorded current value (£)	Location / responsibility
Bentham Town Hall	Pre 31/03/2022	400,000.00	400,000.00	Town Hall, Bentham
Town Hall contents	Pre 31/03/2022	35,000.00	35,000.00	Bentham Town Hall
Chain of Office, flags and regalia	Pre 31/03/2022	1,000.00	1,000.00	Town Hall
Gas oven	13/10/2023	1,895.00	1,895.00	Town Hall
Kitchen equipment	06/02/2023	799.00	799.00	Town Hall
Kitchen equipment	28/02/2023	565.00	565.00	Town Hall
Town Hall clock repair	03/11/2022	3,126.00	3,126.00	Town Hall
Water heaters (2)	06/12/2023	790.93	Not separately recorded	Town Hall

Window replacement	01/09/2022	523.00	523.00	Town Hall
Baby changing facility	02/03/2026	150.95	150.95	Town Hall

Community use: The Town Hall provides facilities for council business, community activities, meetings and private or public bookings. Kitchen and other facilities support the use of the building.

Land, parks and open spaces

Asset	Date acquired	Purchase value (£)	Recorded current value (£)	Location / responsibility
School Hill Land	02/08/2024	1.00	1.00	School Hill, Bentham, small part of land transferred from North Yorkshire Council
Low Bentham Green	Pre 31/03/2022	1.00	1.00	Low Bentham
Low Bentham Cross at The Green	Pre 31/03/2022	1.00	1.00	The Green Low Bentham
Philip Harvey Play Area – equipment	Pre 31/03/2022	109,249.00	109,249.00	Philip Harvey Playing Field, Low Bentham
Philip Harvey Playing Field and fencing	Pre 31/03/2022	30,000.00	30,000.00	Philip Harvey Playing Field, Low Bentham
School Hill	Pre 31/03/2022	5,348.00	5,348.00	School Hill, High Bentham
Heritage Trail signage and bridges	Pre 31/03/2022	1,363.00	1,363.00	Bentham Heritage Trail
Signpost restoration	04/07/2022	2,665.00	2,665.00	Green Smithy

Community use: These assets provide recreational, outdoor, heritage and public amenity facilities for residents and visitors.

Street furniture and community assets

Asset	Date acquired	Purchase value (£)	Recorded current value (£)	Location / responsibility
Public benches	31/10/2022	4,546.98	4,546.98	See bench map
Finger posts	Pre 31/03/2022	10,500.00	10,500.00	Way to GRPA School Hill
Parish seats	Pre 31/03/2022	14,185.00	14,185.00	See bench map
Public noticeboard – Low Bentham	Pre 31/03/2022	549.00	549.00	Low Bentham
Robin Lane bus shelter	Pre 31/03/2022	1.00	1.00	Robin Lane/School Hill
War Memorial	Pre 31/03/2022	5,500.00	5,500.00	School Hill, High Bentham
4 Welcome Walls	Pre 31/03/2022	4,500.00	4,500.00	Way out of High Bentham B6480 towards Clapham Way out of High Bentham towards Ingleton Way into High Bentham from Low Bentham Way out of Low Bentham towards Burton in Lonsdale
Sign post	08/05/2024	4,710.00	Not separately recorded	
Bygone Bentham plaques	05/10/2026	2,395.00	Not separately recorded	Various see Bygone Bentham section on website
Welcome to Bentham signage	06/07/2026	2,235.00	Not separately recorded	School Hill Grasmere car park Station Road Way into GRPA

Community use: Street furniture and community assets provide seating, public information, wayfinding, heritage recognition and facilities for residents and visitors.

Street lighting and Christmas lighting

Asset	Date acquired	Purchase value (£)	Recorded current value (£)	Location / responsibility
Street lights	Pre 31/03/2022	36,433.00	36,433.00	Various locations
Duke Street lights x 2	23/05/2022	830.00	830.00	Duke Street
Christmas lights	30/09/2022	2,394.44	2,394.44	Located at the Town Hall in situ – Main Street and Low Bentham

Community use: Public lighting contributes to the appearance, amenity and illumination of public areas. Christmas lights provide seasonal decoration for the town.

Defibrillators and emergency equipment

Asset	Date acquired	Purchase value (£)	Recorded current value (£)	Location / responsibility
Defibrillators and cabinets – 1	Pre 31/03/2022	710.00	710.00	Town Hall
Defibrillators and cabinets – 2	Pre 31/03/2022	710.00	710.00	Bentham Medical Centre
Defibrillators and cabinets – 3	Pre 31/03/2022	710.00	710.00	Naylor Myers
Defibrillators and cabinets – 4	Pre 31/03/2022	710.00	710.00	Pye Busk Springfield Bowling Club
Defibrillators and cabinets – 5	Pre 31/03/2022	1.00	1.00	Bentham Playing Fields
Defibrillator batteries and cabinet	06/07/2026	877.95	Not separately recorded	Victoria Institute, Low Bentham

Community use: Defibrillators are provided for emergency community use. Their availability, condition, battery status and maintenance arrangements should be checked regularly.

Council office and administration equipment

Asset	Date acquired	Purchase value (£)	Recorded current value (£)	Location / responsibility
Clerk's laptop	06/06/2023	704.94	704.94	Council office
Laptop	12/03/2025	439.15	439.15	Council office
Tablet	12/03/2025	215.80	215.83	Council office
External hard drive	05/08/2025	33.32	Not separately recorded	Council office
Dyson vacuum cleaner	11/03/2026	208.32	Not separately recorded	Town Hall
Computer monitor	26/08/2026	70.82	Not separately recorded	Council office
Paper shredder	14/09/2026	27.99	27.99	Council office
Printer and scanner	12/10/2026	324.99	Not separately recorded	Council office

Community use: Equipment supports the day-to-day administration, financial management, record keeping and delivery of Council services.

Other Town Hall equipment and payment facilities

Asset	Date acquired	Purchase value (£)	Recorded current value (£)	Location / responsibility
Grill	02/02/2026	229.99	Not separately recorded	Town Hall ballroom kitchen
SumUp card machine	15/12/2025	24.99	Not separately recorded	Town Council / Town Hall

Community use: These items support the operation of the Town Hall and the administration of bookings and payments.

Asset register summary

The Council's original asset schedule dated 19 October 2026 records the following overall totals:

Description	Recorded value (£)
Grand total – purchase value	687,999.66
Grand total – current value	675,977.43

These totals are reproduced from the Council's supplied financial asset schedule.

Asset management and maintenance

Bentham Town Council is responsible for managing and maintaining its assets in accordance with its statutory duties, financial regulations, insurance arrangements and relevant health and safety requirements.

The Council aims to:

- Maintain its buildings, land and community facilities in a safe and suitable condition.
- Review its assets and their condition periodically.
- Ensure appropriate insurance cover is maintained.
- Arrange inspections and maintenance where necessary.
- Protect public assets against loss, damage or misuse.
- Consider the needs of residents when making decisions about Council-owned facilities.
- Keep an accurate record of acquisitions, disposals and changes to assets.

Public information and enquiries

Members of the public who wish to enquire about Council-owned assets or facilities can contact the Parish/Town Clerk through the Council's published contact details.

Register last reviewed: 19th October 2026

Responsible authority: Bentham Town Council

Next review: To be undertaken as part of the Council's annual asset review.