

Your Council | Your Money | Your Guide to Council Tax 2026/27



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Dear Resident

Essential local services and community facilities are funded through Council Tax, Business Rates, government grants and income generating activities. The level of Council Tax payable by each household is determined by its property band.

Warwick District Council is responsible for collecting Council Tax on behalf of Warwickshire County Council, Warwickshire Police, and town and parish councils.

Less than 8% of the total Council Tax collected is retained by Warwick District Council to deliver its own services, with **over 92%** distributed to other authorities.

In recent years, we have maintained a strong record of applying only modest increases to our share of the Council Tax bill, whilst protecting our services. These services include waste and recycling collections, the maintenance of parks and open spaces, environmental health, community safety and protection, social housing provision, street cleansing, community support, and the management and maintenance of public buildings.

For 2026/27, the Council proposes a **2.99%** increase in its portion of the Council Tax. For a Band D property, this represents an annual rise of **£5.61**, equivalent to **11 pence per week**.

In a challenging economic climate, we continue to make efficiency improvements and exercise prudent financial management to sustain and enhance the services for the benefit of all those living and working in our district.



Cllr Jonathan Chilvers

Portfolio Holder for Resources, Warwick District Council

What is the Council Tax?

Each year the Government expects local authorities to raise money to help pay for the cost of providing local services. Some of this money comes from residents of the District and is collected by the Council in the form of Council Tax. Your Council Tax bill is based upon your Council Tax banding figure (which relates to the capital value of your property in 1991).

The District Council also collects Council Tax on behalf of the County Council, Police, Town and Parish Councils. Your Council Tax bill includes the charges from these authorities as well as that from Warwick District Council.

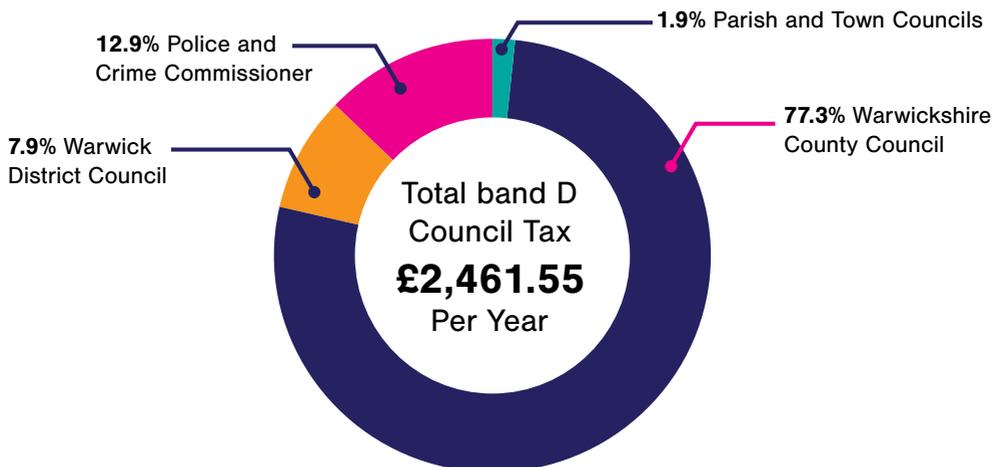
Why do you have to pay it?

By law we have to ask you for money and, by law, you are expected to pay. Failing to pay on time costs the council thousands of pounds each year, which can have an adverse effect on the following year's bills. In addition, failing to pay on time may result in additional costs being charged to you. We try to make paying the bill as easy as possible. We offer a number of ways in which you can pay. These are outlined on your Council Tax bill. There may also be help available (Council Tax Support) if you are on a low or fixed income.

Where does the money go to?

The money we collect from you is not all for Warwick District Council. In fact we keep just under 8p in every pound.

The rest of the money is collected on behalf of Warwickshire County Council, Warwickshire Police & Crime Commissioner and the local Parish and Town Councils. This part of the booklet tries to explain how the District Council's element of the Council Tax has been arrived at. If you require further information regarding the level of tax set by each organisation please refer to their relevant links below.



How do we work out the Warwick District Council share of the Council Tax?

To work out the District Council element of the Council Tax we estimate what we will spend on delivering local services; we then reduce this for any income that we receive specifically for those services by way of fees and charges. This produces the Council's budget requirement. We then take away the money we will receive from the Government and from the Business Rates Pool. The balance is what is due to be raised from the Council Tax.

Calculating the Total Council Tax

£11.6m is the amount we need to collect in Council Tax to provide Warwick District Council services. We add on to this the amounts that the County Council, Police & Crime Commissioner and Parish/Town Councils require to provide their services, which we then collect on their behalf. In order to work out the specific level of Council Tax, these figures are divided by the number of properties in the area that are equivalent to a Band 'D'. For Warwick District in 2026/27 the total 'Band D equivalent' properties is 60,080.

The Band D 'average' for the District Council's share is just £16.10 per month when spread over 12 months.

	2026/27 £'000
Budget Requirement for Warwick District Council	28,618
Non Domestic Rates / General Grants	-17,204
Collection Fund Balance Adjustment	193
Amount to be raised from Council Tax	11,608

	Total amount to be raised from Council Tax	Council Tax for Band D property	Proportion of Council Tax
	£'000	£	%
Warwick District Council	11,608	193.21	7.849%
Warwickshire County Council	114,384	1,903.86	77.344%
Warwickshire Police & Crime Commissioner	19,148	318.71	12.948%
Parish and Town Councils	2,750	45.77	1.859%
Total / Average Band D Council Tax	147,890	2,461.55	100.0%

How do we spend the money?

2025/26				2026/27		
Gross Expend £'000	Gross Income £'000	Net Expen. £'000		Gross Expend £'000	Gross Income £'000	Net Expen. £'000
6,812	(2,870)	3,942	Community Protection	7,371	(2,697)	1,804
24,997	(22,570)	2,427	Customer & Digital Services	25,404	(21,963)	2,620
6,419	(3,798)	2,621	Finance	5,371	(3,799)	10,300
3,455	(2,552)	903	Governance	3,691	(2,552)	694
7,932	(7,211)	721	Housing Services - GF	10,106	(8,990)	1,308
21,369	(12,059)	9,310	Neighbourhood	23,920	(12,559)	3,971
1,999	(2,140)	(141)	People and Communication	2,290	(2,140)	9,247
15,371	(5,071)	10,300	Place, Arts & Economy	15,957	(5,065)	(142)
3,899	(3,276)	623	Strategic Leadership	3,082	(3,498)	903
92,253	(61,547)	30,706	Total Expenditure on Services	97,192	(63,263)	33,929
		(8,644)	Less Capital and Reserves Adjustment			(5,311)
		22,063	Budget Requirement			28,618
		(10,789)	Less Redistributed Non-Domestic Rates & General Grants			(17,204)
		(70)	Collection Fund Balance Adjustment			193
		11,203	Amount to be raised from Council Tax			11,608

Why has the budget changed from last year?

Budget Requirement 2025/26	£'000
	22,063
Effect of Inflation: The effect of inflation on the Council's major commitments, including contracts and salaries	1,209
Committed Expenditure: Increased investment in services through the 2026/27 budget, with resources focused on priority areas to support our communities	3,202
Change Programme: Change programme target agreed for 2026/27	(600)
Use of Reserves: Increased contributions being made to Council reserves in 2026/27 to support agreed future project commitments	1,707
Financing Charges: A reduction in interest to be generated on the Council's investments	1,037
Budget Requirement 2026/27	28,618

Town Council Precepts in Excess of £140,000

	Net Expenditure	
	2025/26	2026/27
	£'000	£'000
Royal Leamington Spa		
Recreation & Tourism	28	27
Community	149	159
Other	320	337
Total Net Expenditure	497	523
Warwick Town Council		
Economic Development & Town Centre Management	44	102
Tourism, Events & Promotion	217	210
Community Facilities, Services & Grants	166	186
Corporate Services & Governance	263	255
Total Net Expenditure	690	753
Kenilworth Town Council		
Administration	185	200
Civic	12	11
Grants/Town projects	95	139
Total Net Expenditure	292	350
Whitnash Town Council		
Finance & General Purposes	159	173
Hall & Playing Fields	89	101
Civic centre	95	70
Total Net Expenditure	343	344
Bishops Tachbrook		
Community	155	168
Other	15	15
Total Net Expenditure	170	183

Parish and Town Council Precepts

The table below gives the additional precept requested by each Parish and Town Council in the Warwick District area and the corresponding amounts of Council Tax applicable to dwellings in valuation Band D.

Parish and Town Council	Precept 2025/26 £	Precept 2026/27 £	Band D Equiv. £
Baddesley Clinton	4,042.69	4,500.00	38.87
Baginton	19,438.00	22,500.00	61.99
Barford, Sherbourne & Wasperton	71,500.00	79,500.00	81.95
Beausale, Haseley, Honiley & Wroxall	19,295.00	20,000.00	58.27
Bishops Tachbrook	170,000.00	183,000.00	58.26
Bubbenhall	20,000.00	20,000.00	63.70
Budbrooke	45,000.00	51,500.00	52.09
Burton Green	39,949.00	47,005.00	54.32
Bushwood	0.00	0.00	0.00
Cubbington	73,736.00	83,946.00	51.87
Eathorpe, Hunningham, Offchurch, Wappenbury	18,169.68	18,891.26	55.20
Hatton	16,950.00	19,000.00	18.31
Kenilworth	291,815.00	349,840.00	33.12
Lapworth	30,100.00	30,401.00	29.44
Royal Leamington Spa	497,094.00	523,394.00	29.98
Leek Wootton and Guy's Cliffe	45,000.00	60,134.00	111.52
Norton Lindsey	10,750.00	11,000.00	46.66
Old Milverton & Blackdown	8,200.00	9,012.00	45.40
Radford Semele	38,974.00	43,788.00	40.50
Rowington	23,000.00	23,000.00	39.17
Shrewley	10,046.00	11,855.00	26.98
Stoneleigh & Ashow	23,886.00	26,274.60	56.74
Warwick	690,140.28	753,008.34	55.64
Weston-under-Wetherley	14,050.64	14,397.40	74.13
Whitnash	342,925.00	343,821.67	94.44
Total	2,524,061.29	2,749,768.27	
Average			45.77

Need to contact us?

Contact details can be found on the [Warwick District Council website](#).

Useful Links

[**Are you on a low income and struggling to pay your Council Tax?**](#)

[**Find out about other benefit entitlements**](#)

[**Who has to pay Council Tax?**](#)

[**Eligibility, discounts and exemptions**](#)

[**For more information about Adult Social Care Precept**](#)

Warwick District Council and Fraud

We are committed to do everything we reasonably can to protect public money from fraud and, to this end, we may share information provided to us with other bodies responsible for auditing and administering public funds.

The National Fraud Initiative requires us by law to pass individuals' personal details, which have been supplied to us for council tax charging and other lawful purposes, onto the Cabinet Office.

Further information on the National Fraud Initiative can be found on the

[**Warwick District Council website**](#)

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