

Council Tax information

2026 to 2027

Where your Council Tax goes

In 2026 to 2027 people who live in West Suffolk will pay £142.95 million in Council Tax. This money goes to the following:

- Suffolk County Council gets £105.27 million (73.6 per cent of the total)
- The Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner for Suffolk (OPCCS) gets £18.51 million (12.9 per cent of the total)
- West Suffolk Council gets £12.75 million (8.9 per cent of the total)
- Parish and town councils get £6.42 million (4.6 per cent of the total).

What you pay for services

The Council Tax payable by properties in West Suffolk for 2026 to 2027 is set out in the table below (excluding the parish council charge):

	Suffolk County Council	OPCCS	West Suffolk Council	West Suffolk Council area total	
Band	this year	this year	this year	this year	each week
A	£1,154.46	£202.98	£139.80	£1,497.24	£28.79
B	£1,346.87	£236.81	£163.10	£1,746.78	£33.59
C	£1,539.28	£270.64	£186.40	£1,996.32	£38.39
D	£1,731.69	£304.47	£209.70	£2,245.86	£43.19
E	£2,116.51	£372.13	£256.30	£2,744.94	£52.79
F	£2,501.33	£439.79	£302.90	£3,244.02	£62.39
G	£2,886.15	£507.45	£349.50	£3,743.10	£71.98
H	£3,463.38	£608.94	£419.40	£4,491.72	£86.38

If you have a parish or town council in your area, your final bill will also include a contribution for them. Parish Council Tax bills for Band D properties will vary from nil to £1698.10 depending on where you live. The average bill for a Band D property will be £2,351.47 including all authorities.

Where the money comes from

	2025 to 2026 £ millions	2026 to 2027 £ millions
Council Taxpayers	(18.16)	(19.60)
Interest and investment income	(0.84)	(0.67)
Fees, charges, reimbursements and contributions	(39.20)	(43.16)
Housing Benefits subsidy	(24.11)	(27.30)
Transfer from reserves	(7.05)	(4.60)
Business rates and Government grants	(19.17)	(17.27)
Total	(108.53)	(112.60)

How we spend the money

	2025 to 2026 £ millions	2026 to 2027 £ millions
Employee costs	40.87	42.66
Premises	9.22	8.89
Transport	2.27	2.08
Supplies and services	10.95	12.22
Third party payments	3.17	3.37
Parish and Town spending	5.97	6.42
Contributions to reserves	8.27	9.49
Borrowing and interest costs	3.28	4.03
Housing services	24.53	23.44
Total	108.53	112.60

Parish precepts

Listed below are the parish and town council precepts. The table shows the total amount of the parish precept, the taxbase and the resulting Council Tax charge for 2024 to 2025 and 2025 to 2026 for a dwelling in valuation Band D.

Parish	2025 to 2026			2026 to 2027		
	Parish precept £	Taxbase	Band D parish council tax £	Parish precept £	Taxbase	Band D parish council tax £
Ampton, Timworth and Livermere	-	51.70	-	-	55.80	-
Bardwell	18,310	316.16	57.91	21,196	313.97	67.51
Barnardiston	-	57.52	-	-	56.10	-
Barnham	10,270	235.00	43.70	11,107	240.75	46.13
Barningham	45,000	354.99	126.76	49,825	357.37	139.42
Barrow cum Denham	28,663	779.83	36.76	29,140	792.76	36.76
Barton Mills	31,250	435.65	71.73	37,632	442.62	85.02
Beck Row	56,800	1,261.89	45.01	62,750	1,359.92	46.14
Bradfield Combust with Stanningfield	15,245	229.65	66.38	15,845	234.41	67.60
Bradfield St Clare	4,100	73.19	56.02	4,100	73.00	56.16
Bradfield St George	5,500	162.14	33.92	5,455	161.45	33.79
Brandon (and Wangford)	405,011	2,547.69	158.97	428,529	2,577.87	166.23
Brockley	9,587	136.07	70.46	10,546	137.98	76.43
Bury St Edmunds	621,240	14,707.69	42.24	646,090	15,017.98	43.02
Cavendish	31,322	429.58	72.91	32,289	442.86	72.91
Cavenham	2,753	64.66	42.58	840	66.23	12.68
Chedburgh	13,000	272.20	47.76	16,000	273.72	58.45
Chevington	8,300	272.93	30.41	11,764	278.31	42.27
Clare	134,547	877.28	153.37	141,274	900.39	156.90

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	Parish precept £	Taxbase	Band D parish council tax £	Parish precept £	Taxbase	Band D parish council tax £
Coney Weston	12,603	169.09	74.53	13,253	171.31	77.36
Cowlinge	14,839	140.55	105.58	16,000	146.59	109.15
Culford West Stow and Wordwell	11,760	274.32	42.87	13,054	277.28	47.08
Dalham	7,871	123.06	63.96	8,198	122.85	66.73
Denston	200	49.45	4.04	200	51.75	3.86
Depden	3,300	88.58	37.25	3,700	87.22	42.42
Elveden	1,300	96.47	13.48	1,500	140.11	10.71
Eriswell	15,741	298.72	52.69	17,874	329.37	54.27
Euston	1,780	57.98	30.70	2,200	68.72	32.01
Exning	108,525	955.91	113.53	128,550	990.10	129.84
Fakenham Magna	4,939	60.13	82.14	5,633	59.14	95.24
Flempton-cum-Hengrave	10,500	146.83	71.51	11,800	150.34	78.49
Fornham All Saints	25,000	283.36	88.23	26,750	286.59	93.34
Fornham St Martin-cum-St Genevieve	36,870	494.98	74.49	38,000	492.84	77.10
Freckenham	16,715	148.97	112.20	22,350	153.11	145.97
Gazeley	21,179	284.82	74.36	22,628	285.61	79.23
Great and Little Whelnetham	16,012	385.30	41.56	22,000	395.71	55.60
Great Barton	32,928	964.08	34.15	33,481	966.51	34.64
Great Bradley	15,250	159.24	95.77	16,250	157.48	103.19
Great Livermere	11,210	84.34	132.91	12,186	86.12	141.50
Great Thurlow	6,900	86.09	80.15	6,900	99.53	69.33
Great Wratting	9,640	89.73	107.43	10,615	88.53	119.90
Hargrave	5,800	122.37	47.40	6,030	121.15	49.77

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	Parish precept £	Taxbase	Band D parish council tax £	Parish precept £	Taxbase	Band D parish council tax £
Haverhill	1,561,365	8,078.67	193.27	1,618,040	8,167.71	198.10
Hawkedon	336	69.84	4.81	764	76.27	10.02
Hawstead	7,600	131.40	57.84	7,600	132.59	57.32
Hepworth	6,250	217.09	28.79	6,250	230.68	27.09
Herringswell	8,383	146.82	57.10	9,300	159.05	58.47
Higham	-	75.94	-	-	79.78	-
Honington-cum-Sapiston	22,481	308.15	72.95	23,605	317.38	74.37
Hopton cum Knettishall	9,027	265.69	33.98	9,009	265.11	33.98
Horringer	20,696	418.62	49.44	21,899	421.85	51.91
Hundon	30,400	452.47	67.19	31,560	461.20	68.43
Icklingham	16,800	159.76	105.16	18,000	168.62	106.75
Ickworth	304	8.67	35.06	349	9.47	36.85
Ingham	6,000	170.02	35.29	8,000	173.17	46.20
Ixworth cum Ixworth Thorpe	48,895	780.80	62.62	53,448	789.01	67.74
Kedington	77,032	704.76	109.30	91,704	698.73	131.24
Kentford	18,140	461.99	39.26	18,140	470.39	38.56
Lackford	6,347	105.18	60.34	6,752	106.41	63.45
Lakenheath	190,250	1,475.19	128.97	199,900	1,506.49	132.69
Lidgate	11,139	102.87	108.28	11,550	105.83	109.14
Little Bradley	-	19.21	-	-	19.24	-
Little Thurlow	11,271	113.79	99.05	11,744	111.79	105.05
Little Wratting	-	65.63	-	-	72.79	-
Market Weston	10,097	106.18	95.09	11,200	107.08	104.59
Mildenhall High Town	366,828	2,292.76	159.99	386,785	2,366.95	163.41

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	Parish precept £	Taxbase	Band D parish council tax £	Parish precept £	Taxbase	Band D parish council tax £
Moulton	39,265	436.25	90.01	43,661	434.05	100.59
Newmarket	1,006,971	5,814.88	173.17	1,131,996	5,959.16	189.96
Nowton	4,072	65.63	62.04	4,765	67.49	70.60
Ousden	11,082	136.48	81.20	12,627	136.61	92.43
Pakenham	12,620	349.18	36.14	13,420	357.38	37.55
Poslingford	4,412	91.91	48.00	5,000	93.80	53.30
Red Lodge	254,900	1,909.54	133.49	279,807	1,987.62	140.77
Rede	1,463	56.50	25.89	1,463	58.60	24.97
Risby	18,046	303.12	59.53	23,235	309.32	75.12
Rushbrooke with Rougham	21,000	443.76	47.32	21,630	455.43	47.49
Santon Downham	8,570	92.61	92.54	9,216	93.34	98.74
Stansfield	8,509	96.97	87.75	8,758	98.66	88.77
Stanton	71,010	947.17	74.97	78,111	953.90	81.89
Stoke by Clare	24,397	231.50	105.39	34,027	230.64	147.53
Stradishall	13,007	173.92	74.79	14,477	174.99	82.73
The Saxhams	7,000	128.71	54.39	7,500	130.25	57.58
Thelnetham	1,800	100.40	17.93	1,800	101.88	17.67
Troston	20,000	292.59	68.36	22,500	294.14	76.49
Tuddenham St Mary	16,275	170.09	95.68	16,275	178.69	91.08
West Row	62,327	581.25	107.23	69,100	634.51	108.90
Westley	2,180	96.14	22.68	2,180	94.01	23.19
Whepstead	10,500	220.74	47.57	10,800	226.64	47.65
Wickhambrook	55,404	533.93	103.77	65,910	535.30	123.13
Withersfield	10,040	327.28	30.68	11,393	360.88	31.57

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Wixoe	500	60.69	8.24	500	65.95	7.58
Worlington	20,477	227.06	90.18	20,709	229.65	90.18
Total parish precepts	5,967,228			6,419,993		
Total taxbase		59,449.99			60,791.93	
Average Band D parish tax			100.37			105.61

Parish and town councils spending more than £140,000

Regulations state we must show details of service spending if a parish or town council's precept is more than £140,000.

Brandon Town Council	2025 to 2026			2026 to 2027		
	Expenditure	Income	Net spend	Expenditure	Income	Net spend
	£ thousands			£ thousands		
Administration	235	-	236	271	-	271
Cemetery	21	(21)	-	21	(21)	-
Disused Churchyard or memorial	21	-	21	21	-	21
General services	26	-	26	29	-	29
Grants	46	-	46	47	-	47
Leisure services	20	-	20	21	-	21
Other expenses	14	-	14	14	-	14
Street lighting	33	-	33	15	-	15
Village, memorial hall or other property	11	(1)	10	12	(1)	11
Transfer to or from reserves	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	427	(22)	405	451	(22)	428

Bury St Edmunds Town Council	2025 to 2026			2026 to 2027		
	Expenditure	Income	Net spend	Expenditure	Income	Net spend
	£ thousands			£ thousands		
Administration	147	(24)	123	213	(25)	188
Allotments	20	(23)	(3)	20	(25)	(5)
Civic costs	11	-	11	10	-	10
Community events	50	-	50	71	-	71
Disused churchyard/memorials	2	-	2	1	-	1
General services	91	-	91	57	-	57
Grants	232	-	232	297	-	297
Other expenses	165	-	165	121	-	121
Transfer to or from reserves	-	(49)	(49)	-	(95)	(95)
Total	717	(96)	621	790	(144)	646

Clare Town Council	2025 to 2026			2026 to 2027		
	Expenditure	Income	Net spend	Expenditure	Income	Net spend
	£ thousands			£ thousands		
Administration	123	-	123	44	(4)	40
Cemeteries	-	-	-	11	(20)	(9)
Community events	-	-	-	15	-	15
General services	-	-	-	59	-	59
Grants	-	-	-	9	-	9
Leisure services	-	-	-	7	-	7
Other expenses	-	-	-	4	-	4
Transfer to or from reserves	12	-	12	16	-	16
Total	135	-	135	165	(24)	141

Haverhill Town Council	2025 to 2026			2026 to 2027		
	Expenditure	Income	Net spend	Expenditure	Income	Net spend
	£ thousands			£ thousands		
Administration	326	(42)	284	317	(42)	275
Arts centre	983	(408)	575	962	(382)	580
Civic costs	12	(1)	11	9	(1)	8
Community events	135	(9)	126	147	(9)	138
General Services	746	(368)	378	686	(301)	386
Grants	185	-	185	199	-	199
Other expenses	40	-	40	72	-	72
Transfer to or from reserves	-	(38)	(38)	6	(46)	(40)
Total	2,427	(866)	1,561	2,399	(781)	1,618

Lakenheath Parish Council	2025 to 2026			2026 to 2027		
	Expenditure	Income	Net spend	Expenditure	Income	Net spend
	£ thousands			£ thousands		
Administration	54	-	54	70	-	70
Cemetery	20	(3)	17	50	(5)	45
Disused churchyard, memorials	10	-	10	10	-	10
General services	39	-	39	49	-	49
Grants	2	-	2	12	-	12
Leisure services	30	-	30	30	-	30
Other expenses	62	(47)	15	87	(55)	32
Street lighting	116	-	116	116	-	116
Village, memorial hall or other property	5	-	5	-	-	-

Transfer to or from reserves	-	(97)	(97)	-	(164)	(164)
Total	338	(147)	191	424	(224)	200

Mildenhall High Town Council	2025 to 2026			2026 to 2027		
	Expenditure	Income	Net spend	Expenditure	Income	Net spend
	£ thousands			£ thousands		
Administration	319	(20)	299	363	(34)	329
Allotments	2	(3)	(1)	2	(3)	(1)
Cemetery	4	(12)	(8)	4	(15)	(11)
Community events	34	(1)	33	35	-	35
Disused churchyard, memorials	1	-	1	-	-	-
General services	23	-	23	23	-	23
Grants	5	-	5	5	-	5
Street lighting	22	-	22	23	-	23
Village, memorial hall or other property	38	(53)	(15)	53	(68)	(15)
Transfer to or from reserves	8	-	8	-	-	-
Total	455	(89)	367	507	(120)	387

Newmarket Town Council	2025 to 2026			2026 to 2027		
	Expenditure	Income	Net spend	Expenditure	Income	Net spend
	£ thousands			£ thousands		
Administration	431	-	431	458	(12)	446
Allotments	2	(1)	1	2	(1)	1
Cemetery	75	(52)	23	77	(52)	25
Civic costs	6	-	6	5	-	5

Community events	63	(1)	62	67	(1)	66
Disused churchyard, memorials	15	-	15	16	-	16
General services	244	(13)	231	289	(13)	275
Grants	21	-	21	15	-	15
Leisure services	57	(7)	50	58	(7)	51
Other expenses	10	-	10	11	-	11
Street lighting	35	-	35	35	-	35
Village, memorial hall or other property	143	(20)	123	206	(20)	186
Total	1,101	(94)	1,007	1,238	(106)	1,132

Red Lodge Parish Council	2025 to 2026			2026 to 2027		
	Expenditure	Income	Net spend	Expenditure	Income	Net spend
	£ thousands			£ thousands		
Administration	212	-	212	258	-	258
Community Events	2	-	2	2	-	2
Grants	3	-	3	4	-	4
Leisure services	12	-	12	12	-	12
Street lighting	-	-	-	3	-	3
Village, memorial hall or other property	-	-	-	-	-	-
Transfer to/from reserves	26	-	26	-	-	-
Total	255	-	255	280	-	280