

Council Tax information

2025 to 2026

Where your Council Tax goes

In 2025 to 2026 people who live in West Suffolk will pay £133.35 million in Council Tax. This money goes to the following:

- Suffolk County Council gets £98.06 million (73.5 per cent of the total)
- The Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner for Suffolk (OPCCS) gets £17.21 million (12.9 per cent of the total)
- West Suffolk Council gets £12.11 million (9.1 per cent of the total)
- Parish and town councils get £5.97 million (4.5 per cent of the total).

What you pay for services

The Council Tax payable by properties in West Suffolk for 2025 to 2026 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	£1,099.62	£193.02	£135.78	£1,428.42	£27.47
B	£1,282.89	£225.19	£158.41	£1,666.49	£32.05
C	£1,466.16	£257.36	£181.04	£1,904.56	£36.63
D	£1,649.43	£289.53	£203.67	£2,142.63	£41.20
E	£2,015.97	£353.87	£248.93	£2,618.77	£50.36
F	£2,382.51	£418.21	£294.19	£3,094.91	£59.52
G	£2,749.05	£482.55	£339.45	£3,571.05	£68.67
H	£3,298.86	£579.06	£407.34	£4,285.26	£82.41

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 £193.27 depending on where you live. The average bill for a Band D property will be £2,243.00 including all authorities.

Where the money comes from

	2025 to 2026 £ millions	2024 to 2025 £ millions
Council Taxpayers	(18.16)	(17.19)
Interest and investment income	(0.84)	(1.12)
Fees, charges, reimbursements and contributions	(39.20)	(38.69)
Housing Benefits subsidy	(24.11)	(26.26)
Transfer from reserves	(7.05)	(6.07)
Business rates and Government grants	(19.17)	(21.56)
Total	(108.53)	(110.89)

How we spend the money

	2025 to 2026 £ millions	2024 to 2025 £ millions
Employee costs	40.87	36.35
Premises	9.22	10.11
Transport	2.27	2.10
Supplies and services	10.95	10.19
Third party payments	3.17	3.02
Parish and Town spending	5.97	5.58
Contributions to reserves	8.27	14.08
Borrowing and interest costs	3.28	2.42
Housing services	24.53	27.04
Total	108.53	110.89

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	2024 to 2025			2025 to 2026		
	Parish precept £	Taxbase	Band D parish council tax £	Parish precept £	Taxbase	Band D parish council tax £
Ampton, Timworth and Livermere	-	49.71	-	-	51.70	-
Bardwell	17,448	317.05	55.03	18,310	316.16	57.91
Barnardiston	-	59.59	-	-	57.52	-
Barnham	9,944	238.25	41.74	10,270	235.00	43.70
Barningham	40,000	350.11	114.25	45,000	354.99	126.76
Barrow cum Denham	28,583	777.47	36.76	28,663	779.83	36.76
Barton Mills	30,500	445.00	68.54	31,250	435.65	71.73
Beck Row	53,850	1,220.63	44.12	56,800	1,261.89	45.01
Bradfield Combust with Stanningfield	15,245	229.82	66.33	15,245	229.65	66.38
Bradfield St Clare	4,100	71.66	57.21	4,100	73.19	56.02
Bradfield St George	5,500	159.38	34.51	5,500	162.14	33.92
Brandon (and Wangford)	389,480	2,538.02	153.46	405,011	2,547.69	158.97
Brockley	9,308	133.70	69.62	9,587	136.07	70.46
Bury St Edmunds	609,059	14,518.34	41.95	621,240	14,707.69	42.24
Cavendish	29,650	434.37	68.26	31,322	429.58	72.91
Cavenham	840	65.94	12.74	2,753	64.66	42.58
Chedburgh	11,500	268.15	42.89	13,000	272.20	47.76
Chevington	8,050	275.52	29.22	8,300	272.93	30.41
Clare	122,315	875.24	139.75	134,547	877.28	153.37

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	Parish precept £	Taxbase	Band D parish council tax £	Parish precept £	Taxbase	Band D parish council tax £
Coney Weston	10,676	171.60	62.21	12,603	169.09	74.53
Cowlinge	13,000	133.99	97.02	14,839	140.55	105.58
Culford West Stow and Wordwell	11,200	269.94	41.49	11,760	274.32	42.87
Dalham	7,580	120.01	63.16	7,871	123.06	63.96
Denston	400	51.42	7.78	200	49.45	4.04
Depden	2,900	88.51	32.76	3,300	88.58	37.25
Elveden	1,300	96.07	13.53	1,300	96.47	13.48
Eriswell	15,127	292.80	51.66	15,741	298.72	52.69
Euston	1,780	59.22	30.06	1,780	57.98	30.70
Exning	94,950	908.84	104.47	108,525	955.91	113.53
Fakenham Magna	4,541	61.05	74.38	4,939	60.13	82.14
Flempton-cum-Hengrave	10,000	152.70	65.49	10,500	146.83	71.51
Fornham All Saints	25,109	286.43	87.66	25,000	283.36	88.23
Fornham St Martin-cum-St Genevieve	32,331	494.68	65.36	36,870	494.98	74.49
Freckenham	15,800	146.46	107.88	16,715	148.97	112.20
Gazeley	20,500	283.55	72.30	21,179	284.82	74.36
Great and Little Whelnetham	13,953	386.13	36.14	16,012	385.30	41.56
Great Barton	32,578	954.00	34.15	32,928	964.08	34.15
Great Bradley	14,968	162.50	92.11	15,250	159.24	95.77
Great Livermere	9,365	82.87	113.01	11,210	84.34	132.91
Great Thurlow	6,900	91.43	75.47	6,900	86.09	80.15
Great Wratting	7,280	86.56	84.10	9,640	89.73	107.43
Hargrave	5,500	119.90	45.87	5,800	122.37	47.40

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	Parish precept £	Taxbase	Band D parish council tax £	Parish precept £	Taxbase	Band D parish council tax £
Haverhill	1,445,073	7,925.59	182.33	1,561,365	8,078.67	193.27
Hawkedon	751	66.77	11.25	336	69.84	4.81
Hawstead	7,400	128.40	57.63	7,600	131.40	57.84
Hepworth	7,855	221.31	35.49	6,250	217.09	28.79
Herringswell	8,129	149.48	54.38	8,383	146.82	57.10
Higham	-	75.20	-	-	75.94	-
Honington-cum-Sapiston	22,259	312.61	71.20	22,481	308.15	72.95
Hopton cum Knettishall	8,587	254.25	33.77	9,027	265.69	33.98
Horringer	20,696	414.66	49.91	20,696	418.62	49.44
Hundon	25,220	448.99	56.17	30,400	452.47	67.19
Icklingham	11,452	149.48	76.61	16,800	159.76	105.16
Ickworth	304	8.67	35.06	304	8.67	35.06
Ingham	6,000	165.70	36.21	6,000	170.02	35.29
Ixworth cum Ixworth Thorpe	49,735	787.63	63.15	48,895	780.80	62.62
Kedington	88,746	688.77	128.85	77,032	704.76	109.30
Kentford	18,000	458.48	39.26	18,140	461.99	39.26
Lackford	5,947	103.51	57.45	6,347	105.18	60.34
Lakenheath	177,500	1,416.21	125.33	190,250	1,475.19	128.97
Lidgate	9,500	100.96	94.10	11,139	102.87	108.28
Little Bradley	-	18.91	-	-	19.21	-
Little Thurlow	10,951	108.48	100.95	11,271	113.79	99.05
Little Wratting	-	65.24	-	-	65.63	-
Market Weston	9,100	104.31	87.24	10,097	106.18	95.09
Mildenhall High Town	339,029	2,304.14	147.14	366,828	2,292.76	159.99

Parish	2024 to 2025			2025 to 2026		
	Parish precept £	Taxbase	Band D parish council tax £	Parish precept £	Taxbase	Band D parish council tax £
Moulton	36,665	432.13	84.85	39,265	436.25	90.01
Newmarket	923,030	5,716.10	161.48	1,006,971	5,814.88	173.17
Nowton	4,514	66.13	68.26	4,072	65.63	62.04
Ousden	10,115	130.46	77.53	11,082	136.48	81.20
Pakenham	11,958	344.87	34.67	12,620	349.18	36.14
Poslingford	4,400	94.38	46.62	4,412	91.91	48.00
Red Lodge	225,650	1,851.78	121.86	254,900	1,909.54	133.49
Rede	1,463	57.52	25.43	1,463	56.50	25.89
Risby	16,755	302.04	55.47	18,046	303.12	59.53
Rushbrooke with Rougham	21,000	428.63	48.99	21,000	443.76	47.32
Santon Downham	8,140	92.17	88.32	8,570	92.61	92.54
Stansfield	8,851	100.87	87.75	8,509	96.97	87.75
Stanton	71,010	942.74	75.32	71,010	947.17	74.97
Stoke by Clare	23,648	223.65	105.74	24,397	231.50	105.39
Stradishall	12,327	173.56	71.02	13,007	173.92	74.79
The Saxhams	6,500	129.09	50.35	7,000	128.71	54.39
Thelnetham	1,800	100.75	17.87	1,800	100.40	17.93
Troston	17,500	280.74	62.34	20,000	292.59	68.36
Tuddenham St Mary	15,070	173.09	87.06	16,275	170.09	95.68
West Row	61,535	573.80	107.24	62,327	581.25	107.23
Westley	2,180	98.08	22.23	2,180	96.14	22.68
Whepstead	10,000	220.57	45.34	10,500	220.74	47.57
Wickhambrook	46,341	527.43	87.86	55,404	533.93	103.77
Withersfield	10,100	329.25	30.68	10,040	327.28	30.68

Parish	2024 to 2025			2025 to 2026		
	Parish precept £	Taxbase	Band D parish council tax £	Parish precept £	Taxbase	Band D parish council tax £
Wixoe	800	65.66	12.18	500	60.69	8.24
Worlington	18,300	223.12	82.02	20,477	227.06	90.18
Total parish precepts	5,584,996			5,967,228		
Total taxbase		58,684.97			59,449.99	
Average Band D parish tax			95.17			100.37

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	2024 to 2025			2025 to 2026		
	Expenditure	Income	Net spend	Expenditure	Income	Net spend
	£ thousands			£ thousands		
Administration	232	-	232	235	-	236
Cemetery	20	(21)	(1)	21	(21)	-
Disused Churchyard or memorial	20	-	20	21	-	21
General services	15	-	15	26	-	26
Grants	43	-	43	46	-	46
Leisure services	11	-	11	20	-	20
Other expenses	14	-	14	14	-	14
Street lighting	48	-	48	33	-	33
Village, memorial hall or other property	9	(1)	8	11	(1)	10
Transfer to or from reserves	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	412	(22)	390	427	(22)	405

Bury St Edmunds Town Council	2024 to 2025			2025 to 2026		
	Expenditure	Income	Net spend	Expenditure	Income	Net spend
	£ thousands			£ thousands		
Administration	192	(1)	191	147	(24)	123
Allotments	20	(19)	1	20	(23)	(3)
Civic costs	5	-	5	11	-	11
Community events	11	-	11	50	-	50
Disused churchyard/memorials	2	-	2	2	-	2
General services	136	-	136	91	-	91
Grants	157	-	157	232	-	232
Other expenses	107	-	107	165	-	165
Transfer to or from reserves	-	-	-	-	(49)	(49)
Total	629	(20)	609	717	(96)	621

Haverhill Town Council	2024 to 2025			2025 to 2026		
	Expenditure	Income	Net spend	Expenditure	Income	Net spend
	£ thousands			£ thousands		
Administration	331	(34)	297	326	(42)	284
Arts centre	877	(317)	560	983	(408)	575
Civic costs	15	(1)	14	12	(1)	11
Community events	126	(2)	124	135	(9)	126
General Services	585	(291)	294	746	(368)	378
Grants	170	-	170	185	-	185
Other expenses	5	-	5	40	-	40
Transfer to or from reserves	1	(20)	(19)	-	(38)	(38)
Total	2,111	(666)	1445	2,427	(866)	1,561

Lakenheath Parish Council	2024 to 2025			2025 to 2026		
	Expenditure	Income	Net spend	Expenditure	Income	Net spend
	£ thousands			£ thousands		
Administration	43	-	43	54	-	54
Cemetery	20	(5)	15	20	(3)	17
Disused churchyard, memorials	10	-	10	10	-	10
General services	34	-	34	39	-	39
Grants	2	-	2	2	-	2
Leisure services	30	-	30	30	-	30
Other expenses	60	(20)	40	62	(47)	15
Street lighting	53	-	53	116	-	116
Village, memorial hall or other property	5	-	5	5	-	5
Transfer to or from reserves	-	(54)	(54)	-	(97)	(97)
Total	257	(79)	178	338	(147)	191

Mildenhall High Town Council	2024 to 2025			2025 to 2026		
	Expenditure	Income	Net spend	Expenditure	Income	Net spend
	£ thousands			£ thousands		
Administration	281	(20)	261	319	(20)	299
Allotments	1	(3)	(2)	2	(3)	(1)
Cemetery	3	(10)	(7)	4	(12)	(8)
Community events	32	(2)	30	34	(1)	33
Disused churchyard, memorials	1	-	1	1	-	1
General services	21	-	21	23	-	23

Mildenhall High Town Council	2024 to 2025			2025 to 2026		
	Expenditure	Income	Net spend	Expenditure	Income	Net spend
	£ thousands			£ thousands		
Grants	3	-	3	5	-	5
Street lighting	39	-	39	22	-	22
Village, memorial hall or other property	37	(44)	(7)	38	(53)	(15)
Transfer to or from reserves	-	-	-	8	-	8
Total	418	(79)	339	455	(89)	367

Newmarket Town Council	2024 to 2025			2025 to 2026		
	Expenditure	Income	Net spend	Expenditure	Income	Net spend
	£ thousands			£ thousands		
Administration	409	(1)	408	431	-	431
Allotments	2	(1)	1	2	(1)	1
Cemetery	61	(52)	9	75	(52)	23
Civic costs	6	-	6	6	-	6
Community events	39	(1)	38	63	(1)	62
Disused churchyard, memorials	12	-	12	15	-	15
General services	226	(13)	213	244	(13)	231
Grants	16	-	16	21	-	21
Leisure services	49	(8)	41	57	(7)	50
Other expenses	27	-	27	10	-	10
Street lighting	36	-	36	35	-	35
Village, memorial hall or other property	137	(21)	116	143	(20)	123
Total	1,020	(97)	923	1,101	(94)	1,007

Red Lodge Parish Council	2024 to 2025			2025 to 2026		
	Expenditure	Income	Net spend	Expenditure	Income	Net spend
	£ thousands			£ thousands		
Administration	186	-	186	212	-	212
Community Events	1	-	1	2	-	2
Grants	8	-	8	3	-	3
Leisure services	12	-	12	12	-	12
Street lighting	2	-	2	-	-	-
Village, memorial hall or other property	12	-	12	-	-	-
Transfer to/from reserves	17	-	17	26	-	26
Total	226	0	226	255	-	255