

Precept Summary 2025/26

Why is the Precept Going Up in 2025/26?

The Parish Council has agreed on a budget of **£67,695** for 2025/26 – that's an increase of **£8,101** compared to last year. To help cover this, the **precept (the part of your Council Tax that goes to the Parish Council)** will increase by **6.47%**, which is **just £4.68 more per year for an average Band D household**.

Here's where the extra money is going:

- **IT upgrades** – including Microsoft services and email improvements
- **Staff salaries** – to cover national pay rises and employer NI increases
- **New defibrillator** – a replacement for the one at the Memorial Hall
- **Speeding measures** – setting funds aside to help tackle speeding issues
- **Public art** – saving towards a new feature on the roundabout
- **Grants** – supporting community groups with rising costs
- **DAPTC membership** – our annual fee is going up by 30%
- **Grass and hedge cutting** – matching increased contractor costs
- **Play area repairs** – particularly the safety grass matting

We're also using some **general reserves** (savings) to help keep the increase as low as possible. The **precept has been set at £65,000**, following full council agreement.