

A Guide to Council Tax in North Warwickshire Borough Council 2025-2026



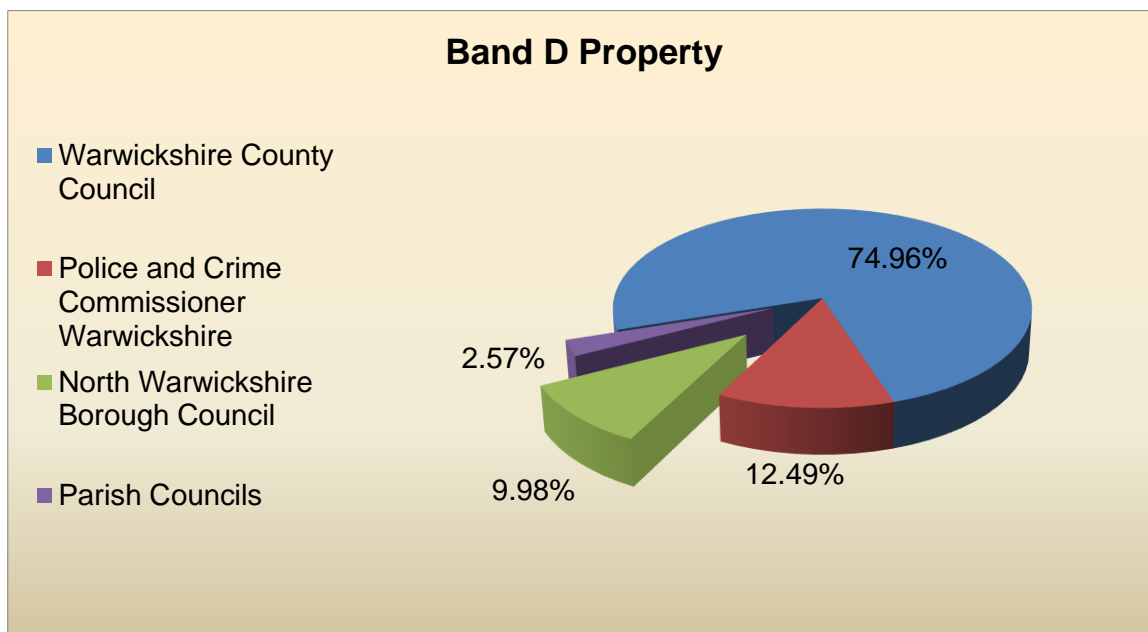
**North Warwickshire
Borough Council**

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You pay your council tax to NWBC but we only keep 9.98%. The rest is shared between Warwickshire County Council (74.96%), the Warwickshire Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner (12.49%) and various Parish Councils (2.57%).

The 9.98% proportion of the council tax received by NWBC in 2025-26 has increased by £7.05 which works out at 14p a week for a band D property.



Where we spend your money	2024/25 £'000s	2025/26 £'000s
Planning and Economic Development	1,537	1,970
Recreation and Tourism	4,669	4,911
Environmental Health	2,893	2,885
Refuse Collection and Recycling	3,917	4,444
Housing General Fund	9,126	9,655
Housing Revenue Account (HRA)	13,754	14,986
Other Services	5,146	5,223
Contributions to Capital Reserve	-	5,000
Contributions to General Fund Reserves and Balances	2,332	1,306
Total that we spend on services	43,374	50,380
Less Income and Grants	(15,764)	(17,276)
Less Housing Revenue Account	(14,153)	(14,998)
Contribution to/(from) HRA Reserves and Balances	399	12
Contributions from General Fund Reserves and Balances	-	-
Net Budget Requirement	13,856	18,118
New Homes Bonus	(192)	(10)
Net Retained Business Rates	(7,600)	(11,900)
Services Grant	(13)	-
Funding Guarantee grant	(824)	(642)
Recovery Grant	-	(128)
Revenue Support Grant	(86)	(117)
Collection Fund (Surplus)/Deficit	14	(2)
Council Tax Requirement (NWBC)	5,155	5,319
Parish Precepts	1,264	1,366
Total Council Tax Requirement (NWBC & Parishes)	6,419	6,685

2025-2026 Council tax Bands

Band	Number of Properties	NWBC £	WCC £	WPCC £	Parishes £	Total £
A/AR	6,649	161.83	1,215.30	202.47	41.58	1,621.18
B	7,344	188.81	1,417.85	236.22	48.51	1,891.39
C	6,396	215.78	1,620.40	269.96	55.44	2,161.58
D	3,979	242.75	1,822.95	303.71	62.37	2,431.78
E	2,549	296.69	2,228.05	371.20	76.23	2,972.17
F	1,387	350.64	2,633.15	438.69	90.09	3,512.57
G	766	404.58	3,038.25	506.18	103.95	4,052.96
H	75	485.50	3,645.90	607.42	124.74	4,863.56
Total	29,145					
Percentage change		2.99 %	5.00 %	4.83 %	7.88 %	4.84 %

NWBC: North Warwickshire Borough Council

WCC: Warwickshire County Council

WPCC: Warwickshire Police and Crime Commissioner

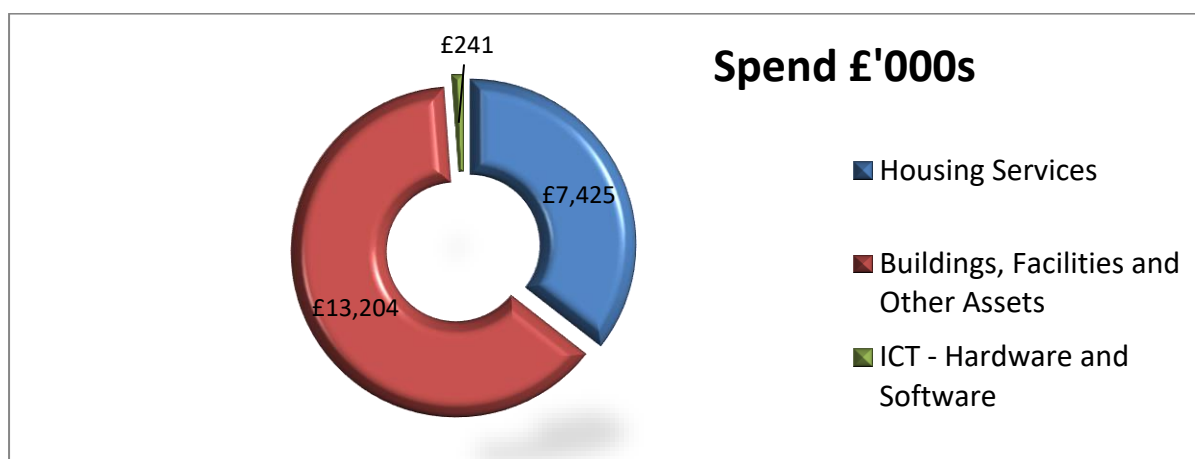
Why the Council Tax changed this year	Amount £'000s
Amount raised from Council Tax 2024/25	5,155
Service changes and Inflation	2,564
Increase in Contingencies	82
Increase in Grants Received	(231)
Increase in income	(572)
Increase in investment in our capital assets	11
Contribution to Capital Reserve	5,000
Decrease in Use of reserves and balances	(1,026)
Removal of one off contribution to invest to save fund	(1,000)
Increase in interest on investments	(566)
Changes in funding:	
Increase in income from Business rates	(4,300)
Decrease in New Homes Bonus	182
Decrease in Services Grant	13
Decrease in Funding Guarantee Grant	182
Increase in Recovery Grant	(128)
Increase in Revenue Support Grant	(31)
Increased income from the Collection Fund	(16)
Amount to be collected from Council Tax 2025/26	5,319

North Warwickshire Borough Council use the 9.98 % of the council tax you pay to provide services including:-

- 2 Leisure Centres, 1 Gym Hub and 1 Leisure Complex comprising a 25 metre pool, a learner pool and fitness suite
- Atherstone Memorial Hall - main entertainment and function venue which is available for sports and communal use
- Refuse and Recycling collected from 29,600 domestic properties and 351 trade properties
- Recycling 47% of your household waste
- Street cleaning and road sweeping throughout the Borough including site clearance of tipped rubbish
- Maintaining 27 play areas and 10 football pitches
- A partnership with the Queen Elizabeth School to manage 1 Artificial Grass Pitch and community use of the School Sports Hall
- Issuing 820 licences relating to premises and individuals to allow the sale of alcohol and gambling and companies and individuals relating to Hackney and Private Hire vehicles
- Dealing with 760 planning applications
- Providing 39 industrial units available to rent for small businesses
- Operating public pay and display car parks throughout the Borough
- Support for the homeless and investment in homelessness prevention
- Providing advice on benefits
- Dealing with noise and other statutory nuisances, air pollution monitoring and statutory duties with regard to contaminated land
- Visiting food premises to ensure cleanliness and safety
- Producing the local tier of the Development Plan and other documents required as a statutory duty
- The cost of collecting Council Tax and Non Domestic Rates

In addition to spending on day to day services the council also spends money on the provision of new assets and the replacement and improvement of existing assets.

The spending plans for the council in 2025-26 are set out below:-



Accounts online

You can use the portal to view:-

- Your council tax bill
- Your balance
- Payments made and future payments

Access the portal via the NWBC website <https://www.northwarks.gov.uk/accountsonline> and clicking on “view your council tax account”.



Council Tax information can be found on the NWBC website

<https://northwarks.gov.uk/counciltax>

The front page then has a council tax icon giving you access to information different options.

Council Tax – Frequently Asked Questions?

When do I have to pay my council tax?

You can pay by 10 or 12 monthly instalments. Instalments are due on the 1st of each month (unless you are paying by Direct debit). If you wish to pay by 12 monthly instalments, please contact the Billing Team on 01827 719357.

Can I pay by Direct debit?

Yes – this is the recommended and preferred payment method – phone 01827 719357 to arrange. We can set up your direct debit over the phone.

When are Direct Debits taken from my account?

You can select your preferred payment date from 1st of each month, 5th of each month, 15th of each month, 25th of each month or weekly on a Friday.

Can I pay by debit card?

Yes – if you have a debit card you can pay your council tax 24 hours a day 7 days per week via a dedicated payment line phone 01827 719421 or go to the website and click on Payments and select paying Council Tax. <https://northwarks.gov.uk/payments>

What if I live alone – do I get a discount?

Yes – if you are the only adult living in your home, you may be entitled to a 25% single person discount. For further detail or to apply for a discount phone 01827 719357 or use NWBC website and click on council tax. <https://northwarks.gov.uk/counciltax>

What if I am on a low income or unemployed?

All working age households will now be expected to pay 8.5% of the amount due before any council tax support is calculated. However, pensioners may be eligible for a full discount.

Other exemptions and discounts do apply and further information is available from the Revenues Section on 01827 719357 or on the web and clicking on council tax.

<https://northwarks.gov.uk/benefits>

What if my circumstances change?

You should always notify the Revenues Section immediately if your circumstances change in any way as it may affect the council tax payments that you need to make.

Can I get my bill electronically?

Yes – Sign up to the NWBC portal via the NWBC website and click on view your council tax account.

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