



THREE RIVERS DISTRICT COUNCIL  
**COUNCIL TAX**  
2026-2027

## How your 2026/2027 council tax charge has been calculated

Your council tax bill is made up of four elements. Your council tax which is collected by Three Rivers District Council pays for the services you receive from

**Your Parish/Community Council**  
**Three Rivers District Council**  
**Police and Crime Commissioner**  
**Hertfordshire County Council**

These are known as the precepting authorities. The charge for Hertfordshire County Council also includes a levy for:

Environmental Agency  
Lee Valley Regional Park Authority

Listed below are the parish/community councils within the Three Rivers District Council area:

**Abbots Langley**  
**Batchworth**  
**Chorleywood**  
**Croxley Green**  
**Sarratt**  
**Watford Rural**  
**Unparished**

(if you do not live in one of the above areas)

## Three Rivers District Council How your council tax is made up

Your council tax band is based on how much your property was worth when council tax was introduced in 1993. Your council tax band is shown on your bill. Alternatively, you can check what your council tax band is by clicking on this link [self service](#). Your council tax band is decided by the Valuation Office Agency **[www.voa.gov.uk](http://www.voa.gov.uk)**

# Three Rivers District Council

As the billing authority Three Rivers District Council has to calculate a council tax requirement and basic amount of council tax that includes the precepts it receives from the parish councils within its area.

A precept is the amount each parish asks the district council to collect on its behalf.

This calculation is shown in the table below.

	2025/26 £	2026/27 £	Change £
Gross Expenditure excluding parish precepts	51,712,781	52,584,796	872,016
Add: Parish Precepts	2,612,285	2,872,364	260,078
Gross expenditure before contribution to Reserves	54,325,066	55,457,160	1,132,094
Add: Contribution to Reserves	0	0	0
Gross expenditure after contribution to Reserves	54,325,066	55,457,160	1,132,094
Income	(43,450,354)	(44,057,072)	(606,719)
Council Tax Requirements	10,874,712	11,400,088	525,375
Council Tax Base Number	40,038.90	40,124.80	85.90
Average Band D Council Tax Charge	£271.60	£284.11	£12.51

The following table excludes parish precepts and therefore reflects solely the council tax requirement and

average Band D council tax charge for Three Rivers District Council.

	2025/26 £	2026/27 £	Change £
Gross Expenditure before Contribution to Reserves	51,712,781	52,584,796	872,016
Contribution to Reserves	0	0	0
Gross Expenditure after Contribution to Reserves	51,712,781	52,584,796	872,016
Income	(43,450,354)	(44,057,072)	(606,717)
Council Tax Requirement	8,262,427	8,527,724	265,297
Council Tax Base Number	40,038.90	40,124.80	85.90
Average Band D Council Tax Charge	£206.36	£212.53	£6.17

The tables on the following pages show how the parish council precepts are calculated and the resultant Band D council tax charges.

## Further information can be obtained from:

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# Abbots Langley

## How your council tax is made up

	Herts County Council	Police	Parish Council Precept	Special Expenses	Three Rivers District Council	Total
Band A	1,238.79	186.67	84.87	0.07	119.99	1,630.39
Band B	1,445.26	217.78	99.02	0.08	139.99	1,902.13
Band C	1,651.73	248.89	113.16	0.09	159.99	2,173.86
Band D	1,858.19	280.00	127.31	0.10	179.99	2,445.59
Band E	2,271.12	342.22	155.60	0.12	219.99	2,989.05
Band F	2,684.05	404.44	183.89	0.14	259.99	3,532.51
Band G	3,096.98	466.67	212.18	0.17	299.98	4,075.98
Band H	3,716.38	560.00	254.62	0.20	359.98	4,891.18

The Parish Council precept has increased by a greater percentage than last year due primarily to the costs of maintaining council properties. To keep this increase to a minimum, the council has deferred, reduced, or held flat expenditure in other areas and used its CIL and reserve funds

to cover larger maintenance projects. The Parish also continues to commit significant expenditure to maintaining the council's open spaces, play areas, and sports pitches.

	2025/26 £	2026/27 £	Change £
Gross Expenditure	1,258,647	1,340,947	83,300
Contribution to/(from) Balances	(11,398)	(21,622)	(10,224)
Total Gross Expenditure	1,247,249	1,319,325	72,076
Income	(172,090)	(177,505)	(5,415)
Precept	1,075,159	1,141,819	66,660
Council Tax Base Number	8,865.3	8,968.70	103.401
Band D Council Tax Charge	£121.28	£127.31	£6.03

### Further information can be obtained from:

Isabel Montesdeoca, Chief Officer & Clerk to the Council, Abbots Langley Parish Council, Council Offices, Langley Road, Abbots Langley, Herts. WD5 0EJ. Telephone: 01923 265139. E-mail: [isabel.montesdeoca@abbotslangley-pc.gov.uk](mailto:isabel.montesdeoca@abbotslangley-pc.gov.uk). Website: [abbotslangley-pc.gov.uk](http://abbotslangley-pc.gov.uk)

# Batchworth

## How your council tax is made up

	Herts County Council	Police	Parish Council Precept	Special Expenses	Three Rivers District Council	Total
Band A	1,238.79	186.67	19.95	46.27	119.99	1,611.67
Band B	1,445.26	217.78	23.28	53.98	139.99	1,880.29
Band C	1,651.73	248.89	26.60	61.69	159.99	2,148.90
Band D	1,858.19	280.00	29.93	69.40	179.99	2,417.51
Band E	2,271.12	342.22	36.58	84.82	219.99	2,954.73
Band F	2,684.05	404.44	43.23	100.24	259.99	3,491.95
Band G	3,096.98	466.67	49.88	115.67	299.98	4,029.18
Band H	3,716.38	560.00	59.86	138.80	359.98	4,835.02

The council has increased the budget in part to cover additional staffing hours and increased National insurance contributions. The council has helped to minimise the

increase to the precept for 2026-27 by again contributing funds from reserves.

	2025/26 £	2026/27 £	Change £
Gross Expenditure	225,569	243,010	17,441
Contribution to/(from) Balances	(12,000)	(12,000)	0
Total Gross Expenditure	213,569	231,010	17,441
Income	(29,400)	(32,500)	(3,100)
Precept	184,169	198,510	14,341
Council Tax Base Number	6,603.80	6,632.50	28.70
Band D Council Tax Charge	£27.89	£29.93	£2.04

### Further information can be obtained from:

Clerk to the Council, Batchworth Community Council, Basing House, 46 High Street, Rickmansworth, Herts. WD3 1HP. Tel: 01923 590201

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# Chorleywood

## How your council tax is made up

	Herts County Council	Police	Parish Council Precept	Special Expenses	Three Rivers District Council	Total
Band A	1,238.79	186.67	64.40	9.91	119.99	1,619.76
Band B	1,445.26	217.78	75.13	11.57	139.99	1,889.73
Band C	1,651.73	248.89	85.87	13.22	159.99	2,159.70
Band D	1,858.19	280.00	96.60	14.87	179.99	2,429.65
Band E	2,271.12	342.22	118.07	18.17	219.99	2,969.57
Band F	2,684.05	404.44	139.53	21.48	259.99	3,509.49
Band G	3,096.98	466.67	161.00	24.78	299.98	4,049.41
Band H	3,716.38	560.00	193.20	29.74	359.98	4,859.30

Councillors have set Chorleywood Parish Council's Precept for 2026/27 at £613,873.68. Last year the Council agreed to proceed with a budget deficit, to limit the increase in Precept charged to residents. To ensure that the Council's finances remain on a solid base, in this

year's Precept it is necessary to eliminate the budget deficit and cover the predicted increase in operating costs. This means the current annual council tax charge of £92.00 for each Band D household will increase by £4.60 from 1 April 2026 to £96.60, a rise of 5%.

	2025/26 £	2026/27 £	Change £
Gross Expenditure	914,960	964,973	49,535
Contribution to/(from) Balances	(42,437)	(12,891)	(55,741)
EMR Drawdown	(53,521)	(98,323)	(44,802)
Total Gross Expenditure	819,002	879,541	60,474
Income	(235,805)	(265,667)	(29,798)
Precept	593,197	613,873.70	30,676.50
Council Tax Base Number	6,339.10	6,354.80	15.70
Band D Council Tax Charge	£92.00	£96.60	£4.60

### Further information can be obtained from:

Clerk to the Council, South Lodge, Rickmansworth Road, Chorleywood, Rickmansworth, Herts. WD3 5SL. Telephone: 01923 285594.

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# Croxley Green

## How your council tax is made up

	Herts County Council	Police	Parish Council Precept	Special Expenses	Three Rivers District Council	Total
Band A	1,238.79	186.67	57.96	18.33	119.99	1,621.74
Band B	1,445.26	217.78	67.62	21.39	139.99	1,892.04
Band C	1,651.73	248.89	77.28	24.44	159.99	2,162.33
Band D	1,858.19	280.00	86.94	27.50	179.99	2,432.62
Band E	2,271.12	342.22	105.26	33.61	219.99	2,973.20
Band F	2,684.05	404.44	125.58	39.72	259.99	3,513.78
Band G	3,096.98	466.67	144.90	45.83	299.98	4,054.36
Band H	3,716.38	560.00	173.88	55.00	359.98	4,865.24

The 2026-2027 precept is pivotal for sustaining and expanding the benefits we all enjoy and rely upon in Croxley Green. It is a strategic investment in our community's ongoing development and well-being.

	2025/26 £	2026/27 £	Change £
Gross Expenditure	455,330	499,770	44,440
Income	(3,300)	(3,410)	(110,000)
Precept	361,440	499,770	138,330
Council Tax Base Number	5,818.20	5,748.50	69.70
Band D Council Tax Charge	£62.12	£86.94	£24.82

### Further information can be obtained from:

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# Sarratt

## How your council tax is made up

	Herts County Council	Police	Parish Council Precept	Special Expenses	Three Rivers District Council	Total
Band A	1,238.79	186.67	68.43	0.00	119.99	1,613.88
Band B	1,445.26	217.78	79.83	0.00	139.99	1,882.86
Band C	1,651.73	248.89	91.24	0.00	159.99	2,151.85
Band D	1,858.19	280.00	102.64	0.00	179.99	2,420.82
Band E	2,271.12	342.22	125.45	0.00	219.99	2,958.78
Band F	2,684.05	404.44	148.26	0.00	259.99	3,496.74
Band G	3,096.98	466.67	171.07	0.00	299.98	4,034.70
Band H	3,716.38	560.00	205.28	0.00	359.98	4,841.64

The council has agreed to increase its precept for the next financial year 25/26 by 2.5% owing to the expected increase in its services for the next year. This is in recognition of increased costs from its own suppliers, keeping aligned to expected inflationary pressures and keeping the council in a sound financial position. This will result in an

increase in Band D Council Charge of £3.13, using the revised total Band D equivalent properties for 26/27.

The increase in this year's precept is to ensure alignment with the Parish Council's five year strategic plans and woodland management expenditure.

	2025/26 £	2026/27 £	Change £
Gross Expenditure	120,305	125,237	4,932
Contribution to/(from) Balances	0	0	0
Total Gross Expenditure	120,305	125,237	4,932
Income	(9,260)	(11,416)	(2,156)
Precept	111,045	113,821	2,776
Council Tax Base Number	1,098.60	1,108.90	(10.30)
Band D Council Tax Charge	£101.08	£102.64	£1.56

### Further information can be obtained from:

Clerk to the Council, Sarratt Parish Council, Parish Office, Village Hall, The Green, Sarratt, Rickmansworth, Herts. WD3 6AT. Tel: 01923 262025.

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# Watford Rural

## How your council tax is made up

	Herts County Council	Police	Parish Council Precept	Special Expenses	Three Rivers District Council	Total
Band A	1,238.79	186.67	26.63	23.83	119.99	1,595.91
Band B	1,445.26	217.78	31.06	27.81	139.99	1,861.90
Band C	1,651.73	248.89	35.50	31.78	159.99	2,127.89
Band D	1,858.19	280.00	39.94	35.75	179.99	2,393.87
Band E	2,271.12	342.22	48.82	43.69	219.99	2,925.84
Band F	2,684.05	404.44	57.69	51.64	259.99	3,457.81
Band G	3,096.98	466.67	66.57	59.58	299.98	3,989.78
Band H	3,716.38	560.00	79.88	71.50	359.98	4,787.74

The Parish Council has maintained the same council tax rate since 2021. However, due to rising costs across all areas of service, we regretfully need to implement a slight increase this year to ensure the

continued provision of current and future benefits to the community.

	2025/26 £	2026/27 £	Change £
Gross Expenditure	325,875	358,070	32,195
Contribution to/(from) Balances	0	0	0
Total Gross Expenditure	325,875	358,070	32,195
Income	(28,600)	(53,500)	(24,900)
Precept	297,275	304,570	7,295
Council Tax Base Number	7,617.30	7,625.20	(7.90)
Band D Council Tax Charge	£39.03	£39.94	£0.91

### Further information can be obtained from:

Gareth Williams, Clerk to the Council, Watford Rural Parish Council, Oxhey Drive, South Oxhey, Watford, Herts. WD19 7SB. Tel: 0208 428 0449.

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## Three Rivers (unparished)

### How your council tax is made up

	Herts County Council	Police	Parish Council Precept	Special Expenses	Three Rivers District Council	Total
Band A	1,238.79	186.67	0.00	57.70	119.99	1,603.15
Band B	1,445.26	217.78	0.00	67.32	139.99	1,870.35
Band C	1,651.73	248.89	0.00	76.93	159.99	2,137.54
Band D	1,858.19	280.00	0.00	86.55	179.99	2,404.73
Band E	2,271.12	342.22	0.00	105.78	219.99	2,939.11
Band F	2,684.05	404.44	0.00	125.02	259.99	3,473.50
Band G	3,096.98	466.67	0.00	144.25	299.98	4,007.88
Band H	3,716.38	560.00	0.00	173.10	359.98	4,809.48

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## Levying bodies

Charges from levying bodies are included in the charge from Hertfordshire County Council. Details of each are shown below.

### **Environment Agency – Thames Regional Flood and Coastal Committee**

The Environment Agency is a levying body for its flood and coastal erosion risk management functions under the Flood and Water Management Act 2010 and the Environment Agency (levies) (England & Wales) Regulations 2011.

The Environment Agency has powers in respect of flood and coastal erosion risk management for 5,200 kilometres of main river and along tidal and sea defences in the area of the Thames Regional Flood and Coastal Committee. Money is spent on the construction of new flood schemes, the maintenance of the river system and existing flood defences together with the operation of a flood warning system and management of the risk of coastal erosion.

The majority of funding for flood defence comes directly from the Department for the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (Defra). However, under the new Partnership Funding rule not all schemes will attract full central funding.

### **Lee Valley Regional Park Authority**

Lee Valley Regional Park is a unique leisure, sports and environmental destination for all residents of London, Essex and Hertfordshire. The 26 miles long and 10,000 acre park, much of it formerly derelict land is partly funded by a levy on the council tax. This year there has been a 2.7% increase in this levy. Find out more about hundreds of great days out, world class sports venues and award winning parklands at [visitleevalley.org.uk](http://visitleevalley.org.uk) Further details on how the budget is spent and the amount each council contributes can be found at [www.leevalleypark.org.uk](http://www.leevalleypark.org.uk)