

Council Tax 2026/27

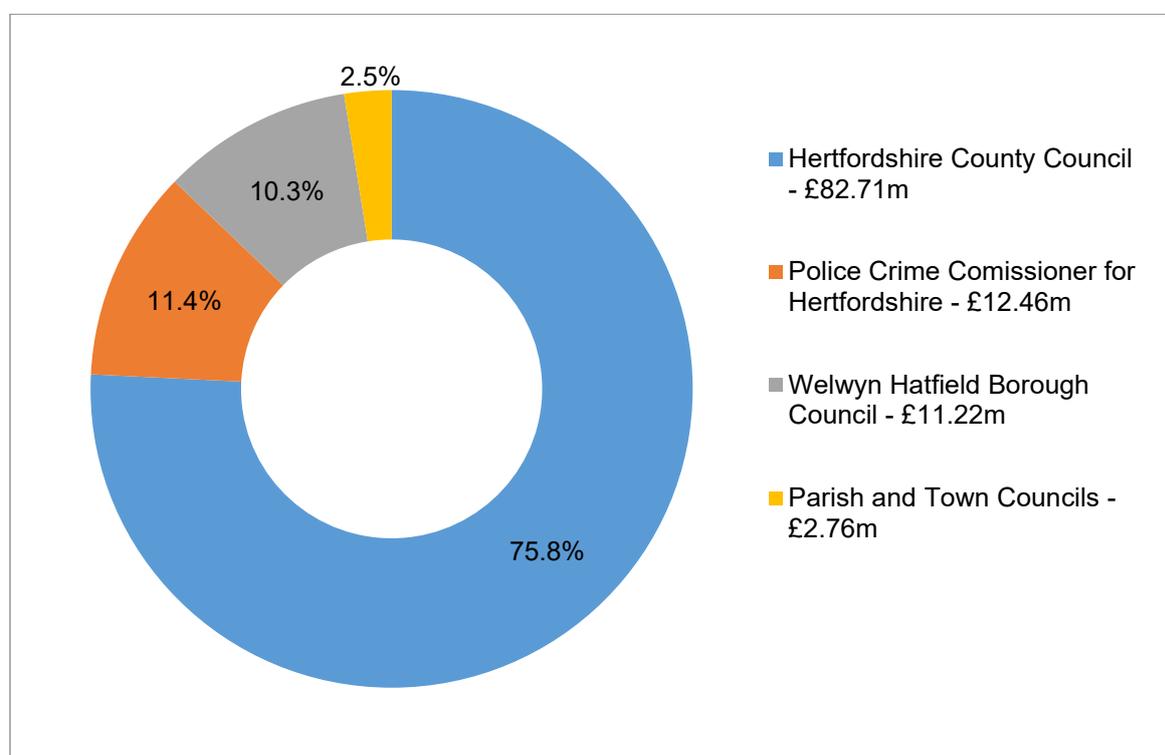
What is Council Tax and how is it used?

Council Tax is a tax on domestic property collected by the borough council on behalf of all preceptors in the area.

Your Council Tax bill shows the amount of money you will pay towards local services in 2026/27.

Although the borough council collects your Council Tax, it is divided between public bodies that deliver services to you, as shown in the chart below.

The 2026/27 Welwyn Hatfield Borough Council budget was approved at a Council meeting on 6 February 2026. [View details of council meeting on Friday 6th February 2026, 7.30 pm](#)



How we calculate what you pay

Council Tax bands

Council Tax payment bands are calculated based on the value of your property in 1991. There are eight valuation bands:

Band	Property value (£)	Band	Property value (£)
A	Up to 40,000	E	88,001-120,000

B	40,001-52,000	F	120,001-160,000
C	52,001-68,000	G	160,001-320,000
D	68,001-88,000	H	Exceeding 320,000

The table below shows the Council Tax payable for each band for 2026/27.

If you are a band D payer, for example, £234.64 will be paid to Welwyn Hatfield Borough Council, £1,858.19 will be paid towards services supplied by Hertfordshire County Council and £280.00 will be paid to the Police and Crime Commissioner for Hertfordshire.

Band	Welwyn Hatfield Borough Council	Hertfordshire County Council	Police and Crime Commissioner for Herts
	£ per year	£ per year	£ per year
A	156.43	1,238.79	186.67
B	182.50	1,445.26	217.78
C	208.57	1,651.73	248.89
D	234.64	1,858.19	280.00
E	286.78	2,271.12	342.22
F	338.92	2,684.05	404.44
G	391.07	3,096.98	466.67
H	469.28	3,716.38	560.00

If you disagree with the banding of your property, you can appeal against your banding by contacting the Valuation Office Agency (VOA) at gov.uk/contact-voa. If you are unable to use the online service, you can also contact the VOA on 03000 501 501.

Council Tax by area

The table below shows Council Tax by area and Band.

Part of the Council's Area	Valuation Bands (£)							
	Band A	Band B	Band C	Band D	Band E	Band F	Band G	Band H
Ayot St Lawrence	1,589.98	1,854.98	2,119.98	2,384.97	2,914.96	3,444.95	3,974.95	4,769.94
Ayot St Peter	1,607.14	1,875.00	2,142.86	2,410.71	2,946.42	3,482.13	4,017.85	4,821.42
Essendon	1,705.27	1,989.48	2,273.70	2,557.90	3,126.32	3,694.74	4,263.17	5,115.80
Hatfield	1,670.16	1,948.52	2,226.89	2,505.24	3,061.96	3,618.67	4,175.40	5,010.48
North Mymms	1,623.80	1,894.44	2,165.07	2,435.70	2,976.96	3,518.23	4,059.50	4,871.40
Northaw & Cuffley	1,645.93	1,920.25	2,194.58	2,468.89	3,017.53	3,566.17	4,114.82	4,937.78
Welwyn	1,657.02	1,933.19	2,209.37	2,485.53	3,037.87	3,590.20	4,142.55	4,971.06
Welwyn Garden City	1,603.52	1,870.78	2,138.03	2,405.28	2,939.78	3,474.29	4,008.80	4,810.56
Woolmer Green	1,618.55	1,888.32	2,158.08	2,427.83	2,967.34	3,506.86	4,046.38	4,855.66

Parish and Town Councils

If you have a parish or town council in your area, your Council Tax bill will include a contribution for them.

For example, Council Tax bills for Band D properties will vary from £2,384.97 to £2,557.90 depending on where you live, because of the variation in parish and town council precept and special expenses.

Please see below for a more detailed budget breakdown of the parish and town councils in the borough.

Ayot St Lawrence		2025/26	2026/27
		£	£
A	Total expenditure (positive figure)	800	800
B	Total income and use of reserves (negative figure)	0	0
C	Precept (A+B)	800	800
D	Taxbase	67.90	65.90
E	Band D (C÷D)	11.78	12.14

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Ayot St Peter		2025/26	2026/27
		£	£
A	Total expenditure (positive figure)	4,250	4,250
B	Total income and use of reserves (negative figure)	0	0
C	Precept (A+B)	4,250	4,250
D	Taxbase	113.50	112.20
E	Band D (C÷D)	37.44	37.88

Ayot St Peter contact: Jennifer Fowler, Parish Clerk

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Essendon		2025/26	2026/27
		£	£

A	Total expenditure (positive figure)	61,649	79,597
B	Total income and use of reserves (negative figure)	(468)	(390)
C	Precept (A+B)	61,181	79,207
D	Taxbase	434.30	435.90
E	Band D (C÷D)	140.87	181.71

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Hatfield Town Council		2025/26	2026/27
		£	£
A	Total expenditure (positive figure)	1,828,350	2,121,843
B	Total income and use of reserves (negative figure)	(544,750)	(525,920)
C	Precept (A+B)	1,283,600	1,595,923
D	Taxbase	12,650.30	12,870.60
E	Band D (C÷D)	101.47	124.00

Hatfield contact: Town Clerk

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North Mymms Parish Council		2025/26	2026/27
		£	£
A	Total expenditure (positive figure)	308,947	341,395
B	Total income and use of reserves (negative figure)	(56,257)	(60,910)
C	Precept (A+B)	252,690	280,485
D	Taxbase	4,469.30	4,461.10
E	Band D (C÷D)	56.54	62.87

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Northaw and Cuffley Parish Council		2025/26	2026/27
		£	£

A	Total expenditure (positive figure)	382,285	385,500
B	Total income and use of reserves (negative figure)	(101,627)	(95,185)
C	Precept (A+B)	280,658	290,315
D	Taxbase	3,120.50	3,195.90
E	Band D (C÷D)	89.94	90.84

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Welwyn Parish Council		2025/26	2026/27
		£	£
A	Total expenditure (positive figure)	724,506	692,686
B	Total income and use of reserves (negative figure)	(255,859)	(214,667)
C	Precept (A+B)	468,647	478,019
D	Taxbase	4,794.50	4,809.50
E	Band D (C÷D)	97.75	99.39

Welwyn contact: Caroline Williams, Parish Clerk

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Woolmer Green Parish Council		2025/26	2026/27
		£	£
A	Total expenditure (positive figure)	106,345	113,275
B	Total income and use of reserves (negative figure)	(73,948)	(79,647)
C	Precept (A+B)	32,397	33,628
D	Taxbase	618.80	611.40
(E)	Band D (C÷D)	52.35	55.00

Woolmer Green contact: Janet Pearce, Parish Clerk

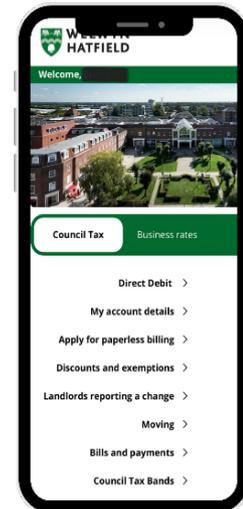
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Receive your Council Tax bill online

You can view your Council Tax account online – please register at welhat.gov.uk/myaccount.

Once your account is set up you will be able to view your account, track your payments, make arrangements and opt to pay by direct debit. You can also sign up for paperless billing via your online account.

Paperless billing provides a faster, more efficient and convenient way to receive and check your bills. To receive your bill direct to your account instead of receiving a paper bill, sign up via your online account using the link above and opt for paperless billing.



Direct Debit is the easy way to pay your Council Tax

Payment of Council Tax by Direct Debit in monthly instalments is the most convenient and safest way to pay. Paying by Direct Debit eliminates the risk of missed or late payments.

If you would like to pay by Direct Debit you can set this up via your online account welhat.gov.uk/myaccount or email Welhat.CouncilTax@liberata.com with your bank details, account reference number and telephone number and we will call you to set this up.

Benefits

You can use welhat.gov.uk/benefit-calculator to find out if you may be eligible for support. Further information on Council Tax support and housing benefit is available online at welhat.gov.uk/benefits. For more information about entitlement to Housing Benefit visit gov.uk/housing-benefit/how-to-claim.

Council Tax Support

You could get money off your Council Tax bill if you qualify for Council Tax support. You can apply for Council Tax support whether you own your home, rent it, are unemployed or working.

Please note that you MUST make an application for Council Tax Support with the Council as the Department for Work and Pensions may not inform us should you claim benefit from them such as Universal Credit. You can apply online at welhat.gov.uk/getbenefit.

If you are on a low income or claiming benefits the amount of reduction you may get depends on your circumstances (e.g. number of children, number of non-dependants) your household income (e.g. savings, pension, your partner's income) if your children live with you or if other adults live with you.

You cannot claim Council Tax support if you, or you and your partner, have savings and investments of more than £16,000. However, if you are a pensioner with more than £16,000 in savings and you receive Guarantee Credit, you can still claim.

Further information on claiming can be found at welhat.gov.uk/getbenefit or by contacting the Benefits Team by email at Welhat.Benefits@liberata.com or on 0333 034 3014.

How and when to claim

If you claim for Income Support or Jobseekers Allowance (Income Based), or Universal Credit you will need to claim Council Tax Support separately. You can apply online at welhat.gov.uk/getbenefit.

If you have a partner, you should only make one claim for both of you. If you know your circumstances are going to change, you can claim up to eight weeks before the change is due to happen.

Entitlement can be to both, or either component separately, depending on the age and income of the claimant and their partner.

Other Discounts and Exemptions

Your Council Tax bill can also be reduced if you qualify for a discount or exemption. These are given for the status of the dwelling and the adult residents.

There are several reasons you might qualify for a discount or an exemption on your Council Tax bill.

You do not need to be on a low income to qualify, and savings are not taken into consideration.

If you are the only adult living in your home you can apply for a discount, you can find out more and apply at welhat.gov.uk/council-tax.

You may also qualify for a discount or exemption if either all or all but one of the residents are disregarded. Details of all discounts and exemptions available and details of how to apply are available at welhat.gov.uk/council-tax-discounts.

Vacant property discounts and premiums

Find out if your property is eligible for a Council Tax discount while empty and how much you should pay on a second home. Find out more and apply at welhat.gov.uk/empty-homes.

Students

If you live in Halls of Residence, you do not pay any Council Tax. Any property which is occupied only by students is exempt. Find out more and apply at welhat.gov.uk/council-tax/student-discount.

If anyone who is not a student is present in the property, then the exemption does not apply, and you are liable to pay Council Tax.

Students who are: lone parents; pensioners; disabled; on Income Support or Jobseekers Allowance (Income Based); have a non-student partner or are a student couple with dependent children, can also claim benefits or Council Tax Support.

Single Person Discount

If you are the only adult living in the property, you are eligible to claim a 25% discount.

Please confirm in writing, or via our online portal welhat.gov.uk/council-tax, that you are the sole occupier (over the age of 18) and from what date you became a sole occupier.

Other help available

You can get more information about help available at: welhat.gov.uk/discountsexemptions. You can apply for help on our online portal at welhat.gov.uk/myaccount or contact welhat.counciltax@liberata.com.

Help and advice

If you are having financial difficulties, you can contact Citizens Advice, Queensway House, Hatfield, Herts AL10 0LW, 0800 144 8848. Or visit the Citizens Advice website: <https://cawelhat.org.uk>.

Citizens Advice is an independent charity where the public can obtain free, confidential information and advice.

You can also call the National Debtline on 0808 808 4000 or visit nationaldebtline.org. Their work involves providing advice on debt management and welfare benefits.

We are here to do what we can to help you. Information on Council Tax support and housing benefit is available from welhat.gov.uk/benefit/help.

If you need any help with your Council Tax support claim, need an application form or some advice about your entitlement, please contact the Benefits Team on welhat.benefits@liberata.com or call 0333 034 3014 from 9am to 5pm each day.

You can also visit the Council Offices, The Campus, Welwyn Garden City (8.45am-5.15pm Monday to Thursday and 8.45am-4.45pm Fridays).

The Council Tax Service

Welwyn Hatfield Borough Council works in partnership with Liberata UK Ltd to provide Council Tax, Reduction/Support and National Non-Domestic Rates Services, in accordance with agreed service delivery standards and targets.

Through this partnership, we aim to improve service delivery and performance, whilst retaining and improving customer satisfaction.