

Dear Sir/Madam

Parish Precepts and Concurrent Grants 2020-2021

At the Cabinet meeting on the 28 November 2019 the Preliminary Draft Budget for the coming financial year was approved for Scrutiny and public consultation and the tax base for 2020-21 was agreed. I am writing to inform you of:

- the tax base
- the council tax support grant
- the level of concurrent grant

that has been allocated for your Parish.

Parish Precepts

I would be grateful if you could inform me of the amount that your parish requires to meet its expenditure in 2020-2021 by **10 January 2020**.

Where your precept is less than £3,000, the full amount will be paid on the 30 April 2020, otherwise 50% of the precept will be paid at that time with the remainder being paid on the 30 September 2020. If your bank details have changed since the last precept payment has made to you, could you please inform me in writing of your new bank details.

The number of Band D equivalent properties in your Parish is detailed in the attached table in **Appendix A**. I have attached at Annex 1 a copy of precept information for the current financial year.

Council Tax Support

The Council will continue to partially protect Parish Councils from the impact of Council Tax Support, and has agreed to pay a grant to Parish Councils to cover a proportion of the lost revenue from the discount. This grant is specifically intended to reduce the impact of Council Tax Support discounts on the Parish taxpayer by reducing the impact on your precept of the reduction of tax base.

Appendix B illustrates the levels of grant to be allocated for 2020/21. The amount of grant available for 2020/21 remains unchanged at £40,900, however the allocation to each parish may change, if the number of discounts awarded to residents in your Parish changes.

The grant will be paid through the same arrangements that precepts are paid to Parish Councils.

Concurrent Grant

The level of concurrent grant paid to Parishes remains at the same level for 2020/21. **Appendix C** shows the amount available to each Parish and the level of grant proposed for both this and next year.

The Concurrent Functions Grant is not linked directly to expenditure on specific items of concurrent functions expenditure, but is intended as a grant to be used by the parish council for the general benefit of the local community. It should not be used to reduce the amount of the precept.

The only financial return to the Borough from each parish would be a copy of its annual accounts showing the overall budget for the parish.

You should be aware that the Borough Council may seek to reduce grant payments to the extent of any investigations costs which have to be met by the borough council into code of conduct complaints in relation to your Parish Councillors. Such costs are usually at least £2,000-£3,000 per investigation and can be considerably more in large cases.

Ashford Borough Council Budget Consultation

The Borough Council will shortly be consulting on its budget for 2020-21 and will be circulating a consultation document in due course.

Next Steps

Please use the enclosed form to indicate how much of the grants you wish to claim and the amount you wish to levy on the properties within your parish.

Will you please complete the attached form and return it to me at the Civic Centre, by **10 January 2020**.

Should you require any help or assistance on any matters concerning the precepts/concurrent grant processes, please do not hesitate to contact me on (01233) 330545.

Yours sincerely

Maria Hadfield
Financial Services

Appendix A Tax base 2020/2021

WHOLE AREA	LOCAL TAX BASE 2020/21
PARISH	
Aldington & Bonnington	635
Appledore	350
Bethersden	723
Biddenden	1,136
Bilsington	149
Boughton Aluph and Eastwell	1,061
Brabourne	601
Brook	156
Challock	501
Charing	1,364
Chilham	751
Crundale (PM)	91
Egerton	515
Godmersham	175
Great Chart with Singleton	2,427
Hastingleigh	115
High Halden	763
Hothfield	273
Kenardington	113
Kennington	3,930
Kingsnorth	4,438
Little Chart	134
Mersham and Sevington	1,175
Molash	109
Newenden	103
Orlestone	621
Pluckley	474
Rolvenden	698
Ruckinge	349
Shadoxhurst	545
Smarden	659
Smeeth	363
Sth Willesborough & Newtown	1,463
Stanhope	796
Stone	205
Tenterden (TC)	3,647
Warehorne	152
Westwell	508
Wittersham	540
Woodchurch	844
Wye with Hinxhill	1,048
Unparished Area	12,600
	47,300

Appendix B Proposed Council Tax Support Grant Allocation at Parish Level for 2020/21

Parish	Proposed Council Tax Support Grant 2020/21 £
Aldington & Bonnington	952
Appledore	842
Bethersden	1,082
Biddenden	1,298
Bilsington	106
Boughton Aluph and Eastwell	946
Brabourne	352
Brook	22
Challock	204
Charing	2,526
Chilham	1,288
Crundale (PM)	18
Egerton	491
Godmersham	86
Great Chart with Singleton	3,614
Hastingleigh	49
High Halden	978
Hothfield	1,178
Kenardington	125
Kingsnorth	3,449
Little Chart	31
Mersham and Sevington	1,052
Molash	171
Newenden	98
Orlestone	1,001
Pluckley	630
Rolvenden	1,011
Ruckinge	303
Shadoxhurst	700
Smarden	694
Smeeth	599
Stanhope	4,669
Stone	272
Tenterden (TC)	5,787
Warehorne	118
Westwell	230
Wittersham	918
Woodchurch	1,209
Wye with Hinxhill	1,801
	40,900

Appendix C Proposed Concurrent Grant Allocation at Parish Level for 2019-20 and 2020-21

	2019-20 Allocation	2020-21 Allocation
Aldington & Bonnington	860	860
Appledore	1050	1050
Bethersden	620	620
Biddenden	430	430
Bilsington	280	280
Boughton Aluph & Eastwell	790	790
Brabourne	530	530
Brook	280	280
Challock	690	690
Charing	2650	2650
Chilham	1040	1040
Crundale	280	280
Egerton	660	660
Godmersham	280	280
Great Chart & Singleton	2770	2770
Hastingleigh	280	280
High Halden	750	750
Hothfield	280	280
Kenardington	280	280
Kingsnorth	590	590
Little Chart	320	320
Mersham & Sevington	370	370
Molash	280	280
Newenden	280	280
Orlestone	280	280
Pluckley	780	780
Rolvenden	1910	1910
Ruckinge	280	280
Shadoxhurst	410	410
Swarden	600	600
Smeeth	370	370
Stanhope	280	280
Stone	280	280
Tenterden	3360	3360
Warehorne	280	280
Westwell	1730	1730
Wittersham	1580	1580
Woodchurch	1150	1150
Wye & Hinxhill	300	300
TOTAL	30,230	30,230

Parish Precept and Grant Claim Form 2020-21

To : Maria Hadfield,
Financial Services

From Rachel Girt,
Clerk to Boughton Aluph & Eastwell Parish Council

	£
Council tax support grant claimed for 2020/21	946.00
Total amount to be charged to local taxpayers (precepted) by Boughton Aluph & Eastwell payable by Ashford Borough Council.	26280.00
Sub Total (The Cash precept for the Council)	27226.00
Concurrent functions grant claimed for 2020/2021	790.00
Total payment expected from Ashford Borough Council*	28016.00

SignedClerk / Chairman

Rachel Girt, Clerk & RFO
Boughton Aluph & Eastwell

Annex 1 – A Copy of Precept information for 2019/20 for reference

Local tax base 2019/20	Parish	Precept 2018/2019 Charged to taxpayers	2018/2019 Local Tax at Band D	Precept 2019/20		Total	Percentage Change in Precept	Local tax (at Band D)	Percentage change	Concurrent grant allocated	Amount claimed 2019/2020	Total paid to Parish 2019/2020
				Charged to taxpayers	Council tax support grant							
A				B	C	B + C		B/A			D	B+C+D
		£		£	£			£		£	£	
621.23	Aldington & Bonnington	29,118.00	48.02	30,764.00	962	31,726.00	6%	49.52	3%	860.00	860	32,586
351.84	Appledore	26,000.00	76.95	26,000.00	853	26,853.00	0%	73.90	-4%	1,050.00	1,050	27,903.00
721.90	Bethersden	23,000.00	32.58	29,300.00	985	30,285.00	27%	40.59	25%	620.00	620	30,905
1,119.36	Biddenden	52,308.66	47.16	53,877.92	1,361	55,238.92	3%	48.13	2%	430.00	430	55,669
150.09	Bilsington	4,375.00	30.47	4,405.00	115	4,520.00	1%	29.35	-4%	280.00	280	4,800
1,049.95	Boughton Aluph and Eastwell	26,280.00	25.22	26,280.00	1,126	27,406.00	0%	25.03	-1%	790.00	790	28,196
602.00	Brabourne	35,000.00	59.27	40,000.00	355	40,355.00	14%	66.44	12%	530.00	530	40,885
166.28	Brook	7,170.00	44.42	7,800.00	25	7,825.00	9%	46.91	6%	280.00	280	8,105
472.88	Challock	15,800.00	32.53	17,745.00	255	18,000.00	12%	37.53	15%	690.00	690	18,690
1,351.14	Charing	90,582.00	70.60	113,825.00	2,548	116,373.00	26%	84.24	19%	2,650.00	2,650	119,023
751.17	Chilham	36,883.00	48.93	29,088.00	1,264	30,352.00	-21%	38.72	-21%	1,040.00	1,040	31,392
94.46	Crundale (PM)	200.00	2.17	800.00	16	816.00	300%	8.47	290%	280.00	280	1,096
508.40	Egerton	18,329.00	36.30	18,418.00	462	18,880.00	0%	36.23	0%	660.00	660	19,540
171.93	Godmersham	5,420.00	32.02	5,420.00	91	5,511.00	0%	31.52	-2%	280.00	280	5,791
2,541.34	Great Chart with Singleton	177,271.00	73.11	206,399.00	3,624	210,023.00	16%	81.22	11%	2,770.00	2,770	212,793
116.81	Hastingleigh	2,980.00	26.44	3,500.00	57	3,557.00	17%	29.96	13%	280.00	280	3,837
779.47	High Halden	33,054.00	45.03	33,054.00	1,026	34,080.00	0%	42.41	-6%	750.00	750	34,830
289.95	Hothfield	9,500.00	35.15	9,500.00	1,137	10,637.00	0%	32.76	-7%	280.00	280	10,917
109.53	Kenardington	4,830.00	44.54	5,180.00	172	5,352.00	7%	47.29	6%	280.00	280	5,632
3,886.64	Kennington	-	0.00	97,175.00	0	97,175.00	n/a	25.00	n/a	0.00	0	97,175
4,358.78	Kingsnorth	210,570.00	48.51	247,500.00	4,079	251,579.00	18%	56.78	17%	590.00	590	252,169
131.31	Little Chart	6,000.00	46.38	6,100.00	45	6,145.00	2%	46.46	0%	320.00	320	6,465
1,255.50	Mersham and Sevington	15,130.00	18.25	19,500.00	781	20,281.00	29%	15.53	-15%	370.00	370	20,651.00
108.19	Molash	4,000.00	36.87	4,000.00	200	4,200.00	0%	36.97	0%	280.00	280	4,480
97.45	Newenden	4,975.00	49.62	4,975.00	100	5,075.00	0%	51.05	3%	280.00	280	5,355
658.79	Orlestone	20,300.00	34.69	20,272.00	978	21,250.00	0%	30.77	-11%	280.00	280	21,530
489.24	Pluckley	47,124.00	97.03	47,124.00	619	47,743.00	0%	96.32	-1%	780.00	780	48,523
677.09	Rolvenden	31,433.28	45.78	37,194.00	1,158	38,352.00	18%	54.93	20%	1,910.00	1,910	40,262
350.53	Ruckinge	10,000.00	29.88	10,000.00	331	10,331.00	0%	28.53	-5%	280.00	280	10,611
526.44	Shadoxhurst	17,000.00	31.56	18,000.00	676	18,676.00	6%	34.19	8%	410.00	410	19,086
641.31	Smarden	29,640.00	45.38	29,640.00	639	30,279.00	0%	46.22	2%	600.00	600	30,879
371.91	Smeeth	23,047.00	63.63	23,738.00	564	24,302.00	3%	63.83	0%	370.00	370	24,672
1,465.93	South Willesborough & Newton	-	0.00	52,812.00	0	52,812.00	n/a	36.03	n/a	0.00	0	52,812
793.23	Stanhope	16,158.00	21.51	16,158.00	4,310	20,468.00	0%	20.37	-5%	280.00	280	20,748
204.67	Stone	5,500.00	27.24	5,500.00	300	5,800.00	0%	26.87	-1%	280.00	280	6,080
3,638.89	Tenterden (TC)	415,914.00	115.76	573,757.00	5,377	579,134.00	38%	157.67	36%	3,360.00	3,360	582,494
153.90	Warehorne	4,500.00	26.17	4,650.00	115	4,765.00	3%	30.22	15%	280.00	280	5,045
508.13	Westwell	15,985.00	49.14	24,367.00	206	24,573.00	52%	47.95	-2%	1,730.00	1,730	26,303
548.36	Wittersham	24,515.00	46.61	25,005.00	817	25,822.00	2%	45.60	-2%	1,580.00	1,580	27,402
837.82	Woodchurch	24,800.00	29.30	24,800.00	1,124	25,924.00	0%	29.60	1%	1,150.00	1,150	27,074
1,038.09	Wye with Hinxhill	89,708.00	87.25	99,176.00	2,077	101,253.00	11%	95.54	10%	300.00	300	101,553
34,711.97		1,614,399.94	1,761.47	2,052,798.92	40,930.00	2,093,728.92				30,230.00	30,230	2,123,959