

## Setting the Precept (2022/2023)

The precept is the amount the Parish Council requests from tax payers (via Council tax).

The tax base (set by ABC) this year is 1078. It varies slightly between years, last year it was 1046 and in 2020 was 1061.

The amount paid by a Band D household is calculated by precept request (e.g. 26 280) divided by the tax base. This year the Band D cost if the total precept remains the same would be £24.38 (Bands below pay less & bands above pay more).

The size of the tax base means that for each additional £1000 the Parish Council needs to raise, approximately one extra pound will be charged to a Band D property (over the whole year) in Council Tax.

If the budget is larger than the precept, the Parish Council can

- use reserves
- increase the precept
- reduce costs (noting that if costs are already under control) this may mean reducing activity

For information:

The comparative 'value' of the Parish Council to residents is very good locally.

The Band D equivalent charge to residents was the 4<sup>th</sup> **lowest** in the Ashford Borough Council area out of 41 Parish Councils (figures from ABC for 2019/2020, more up to date figures not yet available)

Average Parish Council Precept for the whole of England in 2019/2020 was £67.18 (MHCLG paper)

The Parish Council has to agree both the budget and the precept at a full meeting.

