



# Community News

## Town Council Precept 2026/27

As we plan for the future of our community, the Town Council wants to be open about an important decision regarding the 2026/27 parish precept.

Budleigh Salterton Town Council has requested a precept of £258,000 from East Devon District Council for the 2026/27 financial year. The precept is the part of your Council Tax that funds the work of the Town Council and the local services it provides for the community. For 2026/27, this means the Town Council will receive approximately £86.06 from each Band D equivalent property in Budleigh Salterton. Properties in other Council Tax bands contribute in proportion to their banding. This represents an increase of £20.07 per year for a Band D property, compared with £66.13 per year in 2025/26.

The precept helps fund the running and maintenance of key local facilities and services provided by the Town Council for the benefit of residents and visitors.

This includes running and maintaining local facilities such as the Council Offices, Public Hall, Station Road Toilets, and Station Road Car Park. While the Public Hall generates some income, the cost of running and maintaining these facilities is significantly higher.

The Council works hard to manage its budget carefully while continuing to protect and improve the services and spaces that make Budleigh Salterton a great place to live.

For example, in 2025 the Town Council stepped in to purchase the Station Road Public Toilets to prevent them from closing and to keep this important facility available for residents and visitors. Maintaining the toilets now costs over £30,000 each year, funded through the precept.

As a result of Local Government Reorganisation, Town Councils across East Devon are also being asked to consider whether they may wish to take on other important community assets currently owned by East Devon District Council. If Budleigh Salterton decides to safeguard any additional assets for the community in the future, this could involve significant ongoing costs. Part of the proposed precept increase will therefore allow the Council to plan and prepare responsibly for any potential Community Asset Transfers, ensuring that valued local facilities can be protected if needed.

Most importantly, we want this to be a shared conversation with the community. Your views and ideas are important in helping shape the future of our town.

Residents are warmly invited to attend the Annual Parish Meeting on 12 March 2026 at 7.00pm in the Public Hall, where you can hear more and take part in the discussion.

Thank you for your continued support and for helping make Budleigh Salterton such a positive and vibrant community.

Warm regards,

Alice Gater-Wildgust - Town Clerk  
On behalf of  
Budleigh Salterton Town Council

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