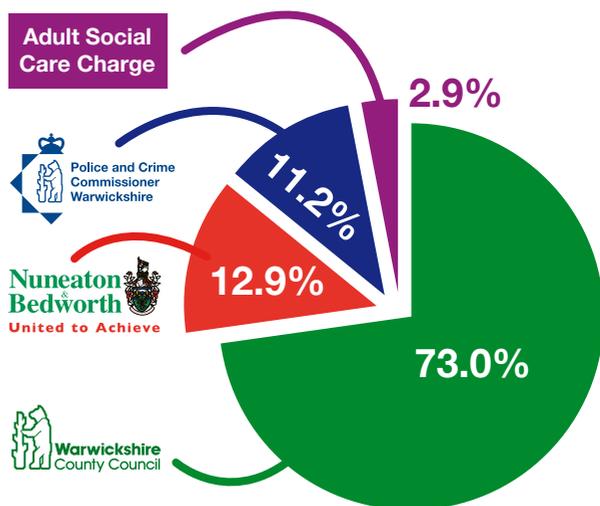


# A Guide to Council Tax in Nuneaton and Bedworth 2017-18



**You pay your council tax to NBBC but we only keep 12.9% of it.** The rest is shared between Warwickshire County Council (73.0%), and the Warwickshire Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner (11.2%). An additional 2.9% is paid to Warwickshire County Council to support adult social care (**see adult social care precept note**).

The 12.9% proportion of the council tax received by NBBC in 2017-18 has increased by 2.3% which works out at less than 10p a week for a band D property.



Where we spend your money	2016/17 £'000s	2017/18 £'000s
Leisure and Culture	3,881	3,733
Parks and Cemeteries	2,671	2,704
Refuse, Recycling and Cleansing	4,402	4,544
Other Environmental Services	1,504	1,553
Planning Services (incl Car Parks)	4,165	4,215
Town Centre Management (incl Markets)	1,126	1,134
Housing and Council Tax Benefits	42,810	40,940
Democratic Affairs and Community Development	3,421	3,186
Housing Services - Private Sector	1,376	1,435
Housing Revenue Account	23,536	25,821
Central Provisions	1,304	1,305
Less Capital Charge Adjustment	(2,965)	(3,243)
Financing of Capital Expenditure	3,483	3,793
Contributions to Reserves	3,273	2,864
<b>Total that we spend on services</b>	<b>93,987</b>	<b>93,984</b>
Less Income and Grants	(51,380)	(49,001)
Less Housing Revenue Account	(23,536)	(25,821)
Contributions from reserves	(4,745)	(3,982)
<b>Net Budget Requirement</b>	<b>14,326</b>	<b>15,180</b>
Revenue Support Grant	(1,577)	(768)
New Homes Bonus	(2,033)	(1,858)
Net Retained Business Rates	(2,929)	(4,487)
Collection Fund Surplus	(100)	(60)
<b>Total Council Tax Requirement</b>	<b>7,687</b>	<b>8,007</b>

## 2017-2018 Council tax bands

Band	Number of Properties	NBBC £	WCC £	Adult Social Care Charge	WPCC £	TOTAL £
AR	40	122.38	694.45	27.15	106.66	950.64
A	20,134	146.86	833.34	32.58	127.99	1,140.77
B	12,857	171.33	972.23	38.01	149.32	1,330.89
C	12,692	195.81	1111.12	43.44	170.65	1,521.02
D	<b>6,847</b>	<b>220.29</b>	<b>1,250.01</b>	<b>48.87</b>	<b>191.98</b>	<b>1,711.15</b>
E	2,409	269.25	1,527.79	59.73	234.64	2,091.41
F	669	318.20	1,805.57	70.59	277.30	2,471.66
G	158	367.15	2,083.35	81.45	319.97	2,851.92
H	7	440.58	2,500.02	97.74	383.96	3,422.30
<b>Total</b>	<b>55,813</b>					
<b>Percentage Change</b>		<b>2.32%</b>	<b>1.99%</b>	<b>2.00%</b>	<b>0.00%</b>	<b>3.31%</b>

**NBBC:** Nuneaton and Bedworth Borough Council

**WCC:** Warwickshire County Council

**WPCC:** Warwickshire Police and Crime Commissioner

### Nuneaton and Bedworth Borough Council use the 12.9% of the council tax you pay to provide services including:-

- 4 leisure centres offering top class facilities.
- Over 40 football pitches and 6 cricket grounds.
- 50 play areas maintained including outdoor gyms, BMX tracks and skate parks.
- 4 million bins emptied each year.
- 44% of household waste recycled.
- 1,400 streets cleaned each month.
- 115 CCTV cameras for the benefit of community safety.
- Over 400 inspection visits to food premises to ensure cleanliness and safety.
- 500,000 square metres of parks and nature reserves managed and maintained.
- 5 Cemeteries and 5 church graveyards cared for.
- Over 120 shows and events at the Civic Hall each year.
- Support for the civic bonfires.
- Christmas lights in the town centres.
- Award winning markets.
- Support for the homeless and investment in homelessness prevention.

#### In addition NBBC:

- Provides advice on benefits.
- Invests in the future economic development of our Borough.
- Uses small to medium sized businesses for over 79% of our suppliers.
- Provides local sports clubs and organisations with support in acquiring external funding.

## The adult social care precept note

The Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government has made an offer to adult social care authorities. ("Adult social care authorities" are local authorities which have functions under Part 1 of the Care Act 2014, namely county councils in England, district councils for an area in England for which there is no county council, London borough councils, the Common Council of the City of London and the Council of the Isles of Scilly.)

The offer is the option of an adult social care authority being able to charge an additional "precept" on its council tax for financial years from the financial year beginning in 2016 without holding a referendum, to assist the authority in meeting expenditure on adult social care. Subject to the annual approval of the House of Commons, the Secretary of State intends to offer the option of charging this "precept" at an appropriate level in each financial year up to and including the financial year 2019-20.

## Council tax - Frequently Asked Questions?

### When do I have to pay my council tax?

You can pay by 10 or 12 monthly instalments. Instalments are due on the 1st of each month (unless you are paying by Direct Debit). If you wish to pay by 12 monthly instalments please contact the Billing Team on **024 7637 6534**.

### Can I pay by Direct Debit?

**Yes** – this is the recommended and preferred payment method – phone **024 7637 6530** or **024 7637 6534** to arrange. We can set up your direct debit over the phone.

### When are Direct debits taken from my account?

You can select your preferred payment date from 1st of each month, 16th of each month, 28th of each month, weekly, fortnightly or every 4 weeks.

### Can I pay by debit card?

**Yes** – if you have a debit card you can pay your council tax 24 hours a day 7 days a week via a dedicated payment line – phone **024 7637 6172**. (Payment can also be made by Credit Card but this will incur additional costs).

### What if I live alone – do I get a discount?

**Yes** – if you are the only adult living in your home, you may be entitled to a 25% single persons discount. Phone **024 7637 6534** or go to the **website** for further details.

### What if I am on a low income or unemployed?

All working age households will now be expected to pay 20% of the amount due before any council tax support is calculated. However pensioners may be eligible for a full discount. Other exemptions and discounts do apply and further information is available from the billing section on **024 7637 6534** or on the **website**. - forms are available online.

### What if I am finding it difficult to pay my bill?

If you are receiving Council Tax Support and you are finding it difficult to pay the difference between the amount of Council Tax Support you receive and the amount of council tax you have to pay you can apply for a hardship payment. More information is available on the website or by contacting the Benefits Team on **024 7637 6514**.

### What if my circumstances change?

You should always notify the billing section immediately if your circumstances change in any way as it may affect the council tax payments that you need to make.

### Can I get my bill electronically?

**Yes** - Email **billingsection@nuneatonandbedworth.gov.uk** with your name address, account number and email address and we will send future bills direct to your email address.