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# UCKFIELD TOWN COUNCIL

## PRECEPT LEAFLET 2026/27



**Did you know?**  
Town Council staff marked 124.2 miles of football pitch lines in 2025-26 - the same as walking to the Peak District!

### What is a Town Council?

Uckfield Town Council operates at the grassroots level of local government, working alongside Wealden District Council and East Sussex County Council to look after your town.

With a large asset portfolio, Uckfield Town Council owns a number of buildings and open spaces.

Whether issues fall within our responsibility or that of our partners, we listen to residents and take action by resolving matters ourselves or raising them with the relevant body.

### What do we do?

Uckfield Town Council own and manage:

- 10 buildings
- 17 open spaces
- 1 cemetery
- 8 play areas
- 7 recreation grounds (including football and cricket pitches)
- 6 allotment sites (with 245 plots)
- 4 woodlands (including 3 ancient)
- 2 local nature reserves
- 192 street lights
- 72 litter bins on Town Council land and some street furniture

### Your Council Tax:

Of the total Council Tax you pay to Wealden District Council each year, the funds are spread across three local authorities and your local emergency services.

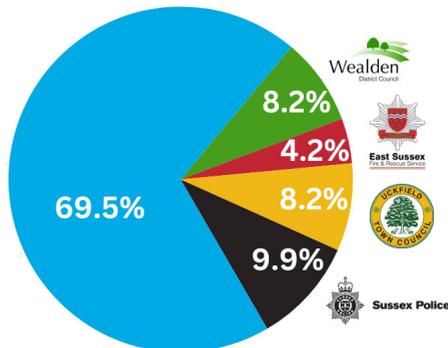
The amount you pay to each authority is shown as a percentage here:



\*Based on  
2025-26  
financial year

### Where your Council Tax goes

Your Council Tax payment helps support us and four other vital local authorities\*:



# Your financial contribution in 2026/27:

In 2026/27, Uckfield Town Council forecasts expenditure of over £2.1 million to maintain and improve existing facilities, meet rising costs, deliver a strong level of public services, and set aside funds for upgrading our grounds, sports facilities and buildings.

We do not expect the precept to cover the full amount of funding required. Year on year, Uckfield Town Council continues to generate **one-third** of the funds we need, through our own income streams.

This year, the precept will form £1,432,188 of the £2,121,082 adopted budget. The total precept required is spread across Council Tax-paying households. The proportion varies depending on your property's Council Tax band (Band A the lowest, and H the highest).

The adopted budget will see an increase of 32 pence per week for residents of Council Tax Band D. This decision has been taken to address shortfalls in existing service provision and reduce reliance on the Council's capital funds (reserves).

## How the precept will be spent in 2026/27:



### Highlights from our 2024 Residents' Survey show these are important issues:

- 96.5% - Providing and emptying litter bins
- 91.3% - Providing space for community use
- 85.0% - Managing Town Council woodlands
- 82.1% - Providing community grant funding
- 72.8% - Improving sports pitches

### Amongst a number of key priorities, in 2026/27, we will:

- Frequently collect from 72 litter bins on Uckfield Town Council land
- Explore options and locations for a new community facility
- Undertake wildlife appraisals and areas protected in our ancient woodlands
- Award £56,000 through grant funding and agreements with local organisations
- Submit a funding application to the Football Foundation to assist with a new 3G Pitch

**Did you know?**  
The Town Council collected 7,000 bags of litter in 2025-26.



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