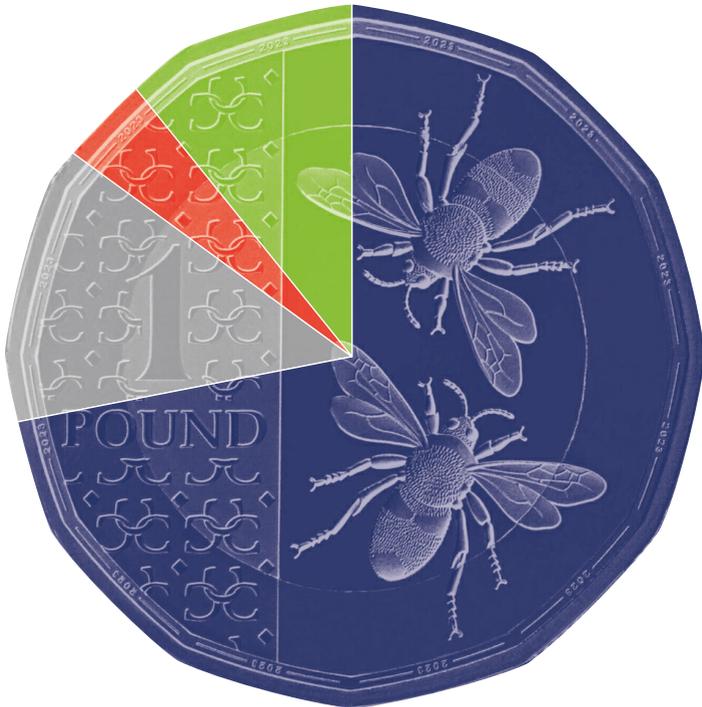




# Council Tax 2026-2027



The average household\* will pay only 15p per week more to the District Council in tax for 2026/27 - and this small increase protects services to you.

**£258.81**

Cannock  
Chase District  
Council

**£1,686.42**

Staffordshire  
County  
Council

**£302.57**

Staffordshire  
Commissioner  
(Police and Crime)

**£96.77**

Staffordshire  
Commissioner  
(Fire and Rescue)



For more information about the services provided by these organisations visit [www.cannockchasedc.gov.uk/yourcounciltax](http://www.cannockchasedc.gov.uk/yourcounciltax)

\* Figure based on the average Band D charge.

# So what services do we provide?

There are so many important services that we deliver for less than the £5 the average band D household pays to the district council every week.

To help us continue providing those services we will be increasing council tax by just 15p a week.

But as well as the services we deliver we will also be driving

ahead in 2026 with ambitious plans to regenerate our town centre to ensure it is fit for our residents, businesses and visitors for now and into the future. And to recognise the amount of regeneration work taking place we have frozen car parking charges for the 2026/27 financial year.

Councillor Steve Thornley, Leader, Cannock Chase District Council



**Recycling and waste household collection**



**Preventing people from becoming homeless**



**Looking after parks and open spaces**



**Keeping streets clean**



**Elections**



**Community safety**



**Food safety inspections**



**Housing benefit and council tax support**



**Planning and building control**

# About your council tax bill

## Reductions for low income groups

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If you are working age you may be able to get a reduction of between 20% and 100% under our Banded Discount Scheme. For people of pensionable age, we operate a national rebate scheme.

The amount of help that you can receive will depend on your income and family. For more information, a benefit checker and our application form please visit

[www.cannockchasedc.gov.uk/benefits](http://www.cannockchasedc.gov.uk/benefits)

## Other reductions

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### Single person discount

The Council Tax bill will be reduced by 25% when only one adult lives in a property.

### Disregarded residents

People in certain groups do not count towards the number of adults resident in a dwelling. These include students, people with certain mental impairments and carers.

### Exceptional Circumstances

The Council has discretion to reduce bills in the event of severe hardship or exceptional circumstances.

## People with disabilities

If you, or someone who lives with you, needs a room, an extra bathroom or kitchen, or extra space in your property to meet special needs arising from a disability, your bill may be reduced.

## Empty property / second homes

Council Tax is payable for properties that are not occupied.

Properties that are furnished (referred to as second homes) and properties that have been empty for more than one year pay additional premiums. These additional charges can be reduced in certain circumstances, including properties that cannot be occupied due to major or structural defects, properties being actively marketed for sale or let or those subject to ongoing or recent probate applications.

## Exempt property

Some properties are exempt from Council Tax such as those occupied only by students or unoccupied properties which were previously occupied by persons who are now in residential care.

## Annexes

Annexes occupied either as part of the main home or by a relative, may be subject to a discount.

## Valuation bands

The Valuation Office Agency, part of HM Revenue and Customs (not your local Council) has put every property into one of eight valuation bands, A - H based on 1991 prices.

Band	Range of values based on 1991 prices	*
A	Up to £40,000	6/9
B	£40,001 to £52,000	7/9
C	£52,001 to £68,000	8/9
D	£68,001 to £88,000	1
E	£88,001 to £120,000	11/9
F	£120,001 to £160,000	13/9
G	£160,001 to £320,000	15/9
H	Over £320,000	18/9

\* Proportion of Band D Council Tax

## Banding appeals

You may be able to appeal against the banding if you have just moved to a property, if the property has been structurally altered, or if the area in which your property is situated has changed.

Any queries about appeals and bandings should be made direct to the Valuation Office Agency at [www.gov.uk/voa/contact](http://www.gov.uk/voa/contact)

## Liability appeals

If we are charging the wrong person or you are not receiving the correct reduction, you can appeal to a Valuation Tribunal. Before you do this you must appeal in writing or by email to the Council.

If you believe your bill to be incorrect, or if you are having difficulty paying it, please contact the Council Tax team.

## Useful Contacts

24 hour telephone payment line	01616 214 113 or 01543 215 020
Pay online	<a href="http://www.cannockchasedc.gov.uk/online-payments">www.cannockchasedc.gov.uk/online-payments</a>
Business rates helpline	01543 464 282
Business rates information	<a href="http://www.cannockchasedc.gov.uk/businessrates">www.cannockchasedc.gov.uk/businessrates</a>
Council tax helpline	01543 464 285
Council tax information	<a href="http://www.cannockchasedc.gov.uk/counciltax">www.cannockchasedc.gov.uk/counciltax</a>
Benefit helpline	01543 464 292
Benefit information	<a href="http://www.cannockchasedc.gov.uk/benefits">www.cannockchasedc.gov.uk/benefits</a>
Other Cannock Chase District Council enquiries	01543 462 621
Online enquiry portal	<a href="http://www.cannockchasedc.gov.uk/enquiries">www.cannockchasedc.gov.uk/enquiries</a>