



Tunbridge Wells Borough Council

Your Council Tax 2020-21

Find out what your Council Tax pays for



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How to pay your Council Tax

Direct Debit is the easiest and safest way to pay your Council Tax and the majority of residents already use this method. It is quick and easy to set up and will ensure that your bill is paid on time. **If you already pay by Direct Debit you do not need to do anything** – your Direct Debit will continue until you notify us otherwise.

To set up or change a Direct Debit visit our [setting a direct debit online](#) page.

Alternatively If you have a debit card or credit card, you can [pay on our website](#).

You will need to enter your account reference which is shown on the front of your bill. We cannot accept payments by Electron card over the internet.

By phone (24 hours a day/7 days a week) If you have a debit or credit card, you can make a payment at any time over the phone. Call 0845 8350148 and follow the instructions. You will need to have your account reference with you, which is shown on the front of your bill. We cannot accept payments by Electron card over the phone.

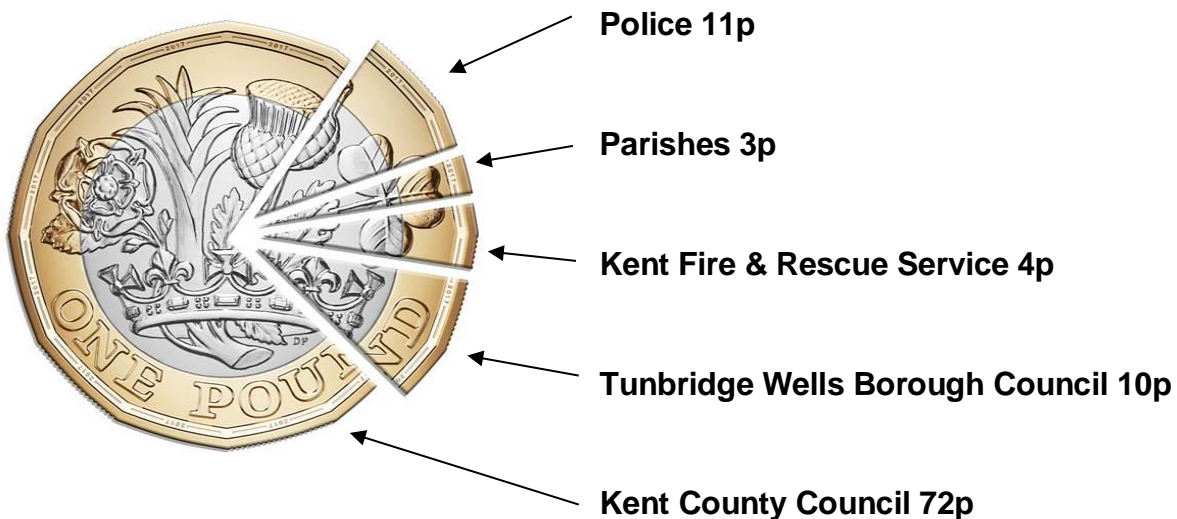
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Your Council Tax

Council Tax

Most of the Council Tax we collect from you is used for services that are provided by Kent County Council, Kent Police and Crime Commissioner and Kent Fire & Rescue & Service plus some is used by the parish and town councils. **Only 10% of what you pay is used to fund borough council services, which on average is 50p per day.**

In every pound of Council Tax you pay:



Budget Information for Major Preceptors

[Kent County Council:](#)

Telephone 0845 8247247

[Kent Police and Crime Commissioner:](#)

Telephone 01622 604484

[Kent Fire and Rescue Service:](#)

Telephone 01622 692121

Joint Council Tax breakdown

Valuation Band A:

Kent County Council (excluding Social Care Precept): £821.76

Kent County Council (including Social Care Precept): £900.84

Tunbridge Wells Borough Council: £87.01

Kent Police and Crime Commissioner: £135.43

Kent Fire and Rescue Service: £52.86

Total Council Tax (excluding Special Expenses and parish precepts) £1,176.14

Valuation Band B:

Kent County Council (excluding Social Care Precept): £958.72

Kent County Council (including Social Care Precept): £1,050.98

Tunbridge Wells Borough Council: £101.52

Kent Police and Crime Commissioner: £158.01

Kent Fire and Rescue Service: £61.67

Total Council Tax (excluding Special Expenses and parish precepts) £1,372.18

Valuation Band C:

Kent County Council (excluding Social Care Precept): £1,095.68

Kent County Council (including Social Care Precept): £1,201.12

Tunbridge Wells Borough Council: £116.02

Kent Police and Crime Commissioner: £180.58

Kent Fire and Rescue Service: £70.48

Total Council Tax (excluding Special Expenses and parish precepts) £1,568.20

Valuation Band D:

Kent County Council (excluding Social Care Precept): £1,232.64

Kent County Council (including Social Care Precept): £1,351.26

Tunbridge Wells Borough Council: £130.52

Kent Police and Crime Commissioner: £203.15

Kent Fire and Rescue Service: £79.29

Total Council Tax (excluding Special Expenses and parish precepts) £1,764.22

Valuation Band E:

Kent County Council (excluding Social Care Precept): £1,506.56

Kent County Council (including Social Care Precept): £1,651.54

Tunbridge Wells Borough Council: £159.52

Kent Police and Crime Commissioner: £248.29

Kent Fire and Rescue Service: £96.91

Total Council Tax (excluding Special Expenses and parish precepts) £2,156.26

Valuation Band F:

Kent County Council (excluding Social Care Precept): £1,780.48

Kent County Council (including Social Care Precept): £1,951.82

Tunbridge Wells Borough Council: £188.53

Kent Police and Crime Commissioner: £293.44

Kent Fire and Rescue Service: £114.53

Total Council Tax (excluding Special Expenses and parish precepts) £2,548.32

Valuation Band G:

Kent County Council (excluding Social Care Precept): £2,054.40

Kent County Council (including Social Care Precept): £2,252.10

Tunbridge Wells Borough Council: £217.53

Kent Police and Crime Commissioner: £338.58

Kent Fire and Rescue Service: £132.15

Total Council Tax (excluding Special Expenses and parish precepts) £2,940.36

Valuation Band H:

Kent County Council (excluding Social Care Precept): £2,465.28

Kent County Council (including Social Care Precept): £2,702.52

Tunbridge Wells Borough Council: £261.04

Kent Police and Crime Commissioner: £406.30

Kent Fire and Rescue Service: £158.58

Total Council Tax (excluding Special Expenses and parish precepts)

£3,528.44

Referendum Limits

Although Council Tax is set locally by democratically elected local members at a public meeting of Full Council, the Secretary of State has the power to set a limit above which a referendum must be held. For 2020/21 the limits allowed Kent County Council to increase their Council Tax by up to 4 per cent, comprising a core 2 per cent, plus an extra 2 per cent provided this is attributable to funding adult social care.

The Secretary of State 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 was the option of an adult social care authority being able to charge an additional precept on its Council Tax without holding a referendum, to assist the authority in meeting its expenditure on adult social care from the financial year 2016-17. It was originally made in respect of the financial years up to and including 2019-20. If the Secretary of State chooses to renew this offer in respect of a particular financial year, this is subject to the approval of the House of Commons.

Kent Police and Crime Commissioner has a limit of £10 which is 5.2 per cent increase over the previous year.

Tunbridge Wells Borough Council has a limit of £5 which is 2.8 per cent increase over the previous year.

Kent Fire and Rescue Service has a limit of 2 per cent increase over the previous year.

There are no set limits of increasing Council Tax for parish and town councils.

TWBC's Budget

This section gives you a breakdown of our income and expenditure.

Tunbridge Wells Borough Council's financial position remains sound but further significant pressures are ahead. The level of Council Tax reflects the need to deliver the Council's priorities and statutory services, and to strike the right balance with fees and charges and Council Tax payers.

Local Government shouldered the largest reduction in funding during the period of austerity, as the government tried to reduce the deficit caused by the banking and economic crisis. For 2020/21 TWBC will again receive zero revenue support grant meaning that the ability to fund local services is now dependent on growing the local economy and sharing in the proceeds of business rates growth.

The Government has developed a universal benchmark indicator called Spending Power to measure the revenue available to provide local services. TWBC has one of the lowest levels of Spending Power in Kent at just £245 per household and therefore must continue to seek further value for money in the services that are delivered. Despite operating in one of the most expensive parts of the country combined with inflationary pressures and a rising population.

Borough general Council Tax for a Band D property

The average general Council Tax for a Band D property will be £130.52 for 2020/21 across the borough.

Special Expenses

The borough council also provides certain services in Capel, Southborough, Royal Tunbridge Wells and Rusthall for the benefit of those residents for which the Council levies a special expenses charge only on Council Tax payers in those respective areas. This expenditure is included in the Council's revenue budget.

2019/20

Capel:

Parks etc: £0

Footway lighting: £2,000

Total: £2,000
Tax Rate Band D: £2.15

Royal Tunbridge Wells:

Parks etc: £2,047,000
Footway lighting: £188,000
Total: £2,235,000
Tax Rate Band D: £114.34

Rusthall:

Parks etc: £87,000
Footway lighting: £19,000
Total: £106,000
Tax Rate Band D: £65.74

Southborough:

Parks etc: £0
Footway lighting: £24,000
Total: £24,000
Tax Rate Band D: £5.48

2020/21

Capel:

Parks etc: £0
Footway lighting: £2,000
Total: £2,000
Tax Rate Band D: £2.21

Royal Tunbridge Wells:

Parks etc: £2,142,000
Footway lighting: £186,000
Total: £2,328,000
Tax Rate Band D: £116.82

Rusthall:

Parks etc: £90,000
Footway lighting: £19,000
Total: £109,000
Tax Rate Band D: £67.60

Southborough:

Parks etc: £0
Footway lighting: £24,000
Total: £24,000
Tax Rate Band D: £5.63

Parish & Town Precepts

The amount of Council Tax you pay will vary where Parish and Town Councils have issued a precept to the borough council.

2019/20

Benenden:

Precept: £40,000
Tax Rate Band D
dwelling: £43.69

Bidborough:

Precept: £59,445

Tax Rate Band D
dwelling: £110.38

Brenchley & Matfield:

Precept: £88,947

Tax Rate Band D
dwelling: £62.08

Capel:

Precept: £58,000

Tax Rate Band D
dwelling: £62.39

Cranbrook & Sissinghurst:

Precept: £336,800

Tax Rate Band D
dwelling: £128.43

Frittenden:

Precept: £16,500

Tax Rate Band D
dwelling: £41.91

Goudhurst:

Precept: £181,629

Tax Rate Band D
dwelling: £134.69

Hawkhurst:

Precept: £149,265

Tax Rate Band D
dwelling: £75.02

Horsmonden:

Precept: £89,469

Tax Rate Band D
dwelling: £87.76

Lamberhurst:

Precept: £45,000

Tax Rate Band D
dwelling: £60.65

Paddock Wood:

Precept: £451,366

Tax Rate Band D
dwelling: £152.69

Pembury:

Precept: £216,122

Tax Rate Band D
dwelling: £93.86

Rusthall:

Precept: £78,000

Tax Rate Band D
dwelling: £48.47

Sandhurst:

Precept: £67,500

Tax Rate Band D
dwelling: £111.08

Southborough:

Precept: £507,380

Tax Rate Band D
dwelling: £117.71

Speldhurst:

Precept: £148,000

Tax Rate Band D
dwelling: £61.13

2020/21

Benenden:

Precept: £40,350

Tax Rate Band D
dwelling: £43.67

Bidborough:

Precept: £60,588

Tax Rate Band D
dwelling: £110.44

Brenchley & Matfield:

Precept: £106,107

Tax Rate Band D
dwelling: £74.06

Capel:

Precept: £68,918

Tax Rate Band D
dwelling: £73.72

Cranbrook & Sissinghurst:

Precept: £356,300

Tax Rate Band D
dwelling: £134.62

Frittenden:

Precept: £17,000

Tax Rate Band D
dwelling: £42.54

Goudhurst:

Precept: £194,610

Tax Rate Band D
dwelling: £143.02

Hawkhurst:

Precept: £189,966

Tax Rate Band D
dwelling: £91.25

Horsmonden:

Precept: £93,510

Tax Rate Band D
dwelling: £91.72

Lamberhurst:

Precept: £49,000

Tax Rate Band D
dwelling: £65.24

Paddock Wood:

Precept: £461,642

Tax Rate Band D
dwelling: £156.16

Pembury:

Precept: £224,616

Tax Rate Band D
dwelling: £96.94

Rusthall:

Precept: £79,000

Tax Rate Band D
dwelling: £48.82

Sandhurst:

Precept: £73,900

Tax Rate Band D
dwelling: £121.61

Southborough:

Precept: £524,265

Tax Rate Band D
dwelling: £121.09

Speldhurst:

Precept: £155,250

Tax Rate Band D
dwelling: £64.12

Contact Details for Parish & Town Budget Information

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Brenchley & Matfield:

Email: clerk@brenchleypc.org.uk

Telephone Number: 01892 723586

Capel:

Email: clerk@capelpc.co.uk

Telephone Number: 01892 837524

Cranbrook & Sissinghurst:

Email: clerk@cranbrookandsissinghurstpc.co.uk

Telephone Number: 01580 713112

Frittenden:

Email: frittenden.pc@gmail.com

Telephone Number: 01622 831018

Goudhurst:

Email: clerk@goudhurst.co.uk

Telephone Number: 01580 212552

Hawkhurst:

Email: hawkhurstpc@btconnect.com

Telephone Number: 01580 752058

Horsmonden:

Email: clerk@horsmonden-pc.gov.uk

Telephone Number: 01892 724989

Lamberhurst:

Email: parishclerk@lamberhurstvillage.co.uk

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Email: clerk@paddockwoodtc.co.uk

Telephone Number: 01892 837373

Pembury:

Email: clerk@pemburypc.kentparishes.gov.uk

Telephone Number: 01892 823193

Rusthall:

Email: clerk@rusthallparishcouncil.org.uk

Telephone Number: 07805 475397

Sandhurst:

Email: clerk@sandhurstparish.co.uk

Telephone Number: 01580 850295

Southborough:

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Telephone Number: 01892 529176

Speldhurst:

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Parish & Town Precepts (exceeding £140,000)

2019/20

Cranbrook & Sissinghurst (Gross Spending):

Street Lighting: £18,000

Recreation: £88,000

Other Services: £260,000

Transfer to/(from)
reserves: £0

Total: £366,000

Cranbrook and Sissinghurst (Net Spending):

Street Lighting: £18,000

Recreation: £80,000

Other Services: £224,000

Transfer to/(from)
reserves: £15,000

Total: £337,000

Goudhurst (Gross Spending):

Street Lighting:	£0
Recreation:	£56,000
Other Services:	£126,000
Transfer to/(from) reserves:	£0
Total:	£182,000

Goudhurst (Net Spending):

Street Lighting:	£0
Recreation:	£55,000
Other Services:	£115,000
Transfer to/(from) reserves:	£12,000
Total:	£182,000

Hawkhurst (Gross Spending):

Street Lighting:	£0
Recreation:	£43,000
Other Services:	£141,000
Transfer to/(from) reserves:	£0
Total:	£184,000

Hawkhurst (Net Spending):

Street Lighting:	£0
Recreation:	£37,000
Other Services:	£112,000
Transfer to/(from) reserves:	£0
Total:	£149,000

Paddock Wood (Gross Spending):

Street Lighting:	£1,000
Recreation:	£236,000
Other Services:	£266,000
Transfer to/(from) reserves:	£0
Total:	£503,000

Paddock Wood (Net Spending):

Street Lighting:	£1,000
Recreation:	£209,000
Other Services:	£241,000
Transfer to/(from) reserves:	£0
Total:	£451,000

Pembury (Gross Spending):

Street Lighting:	£3,000
Recreation:	£21,000
Other Services:	£245,000
Transfer to/(from) reserves:	£0
Total:	£269,000

Pembury (Net Spending):

Street Lighting:	£3,000
Recreation:	£16,000
Other Services:	£219,000
Transfer to/(from) reserves:	(£22,000)
Total:	£216,000

Southborough (Gross Spending):

Recreation:	£347,000
Other Services:	£243,000
Transfer to/(from) reserves:	£0
Total:	£590,000

Southborough (Net Spending):

Recreation:	£282,000
Other Services:	£225,000
Transfer to/(from) reserves:	£0
Total:	£507,000

Speldhurst (Gross Spending):

Recreation:	£28,000
Other Services:	£133,000
Transfer to/(from) reserves:	£0
Total:	£161,000

Speldhurst (Net Spending):

Recreation:	£27,000
Other Services:	£121,000
Transfer to/(from) reserves:	£0
Total:	£148,000

2020/21

Cranbrook & Sissinghurst (Gross Spending):

Street Lighting:	£18,000
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Recreation:	£90,000
Other Services:	£300,000
Transfer to/(from) reserves:	£0
Total:	£408,000

Cranbrook and Sissinghurst (Net Spending):

Street Lighting:	£18,000
Recreation:	£82,000
Other Services:	£256,000
Transfer to/(from) reserves:	£0
Total:	£356,000

Goudhurst (Gross Spending):

Street Lighting:	£0
Recreation:	£64,000
Other Services:	£138,000
Transfer to/(from) reserves:	£0
Total:	£202,000

Goudhurst (Net Spending):

Street Lighting:	£0
Recreation:	£63,000
Other Services:	£127,000
Transfer to/(from) reserves:	£5,000
Total:	£195,000

Hawkhurst (Gross Spending):

Street Lighting:	£0
Recreation:	£55,000
Other Services:	£167,000
Transfer to/(from) reserves:	£0
Total:	£222,000

Hawkhurst (Net Spending):

Street Lighting:	£0
Recreation:	£24,000
Other Services:	£166,000
Transfer to/(from) reserves:	£0
Total:	£190,000

Paddock Wood (Gross Spending):

Street Lighting:	£2,000
Recreation:	£241,000
Other Services:	£284,000
Transfer to/(from) reserves:	£0
Total:	£527,000

Paddock Wood (Net Spending):

Street Lighting:	£2,000
Recreation:	£215,000
Other Services:	£245,000
Transfer to/(from) reserves:	£0
Total:	£462,000

Pembury (Gross Spending):

Street Lighting:	£3,000
Recreation:	£19,000
Other Services:	£252,000
Transfer to/(from) reserves:	£0
Total:	£274,000

Pembury (Net Spending):

Street Lighting:	£3,000
Recreation:	£15,000
Other Services:	£200,000
Transfer to/(from) reserves:	£7,000
Total:	£225,000

Southborough (Gross Spending):

Recreation:	£359,000
Other Services:	£251,000
Transfer to/(from) reserves:	£0
Total:	£610,000

Southborough (Net Spending):

Recreation:	£291,000
Other Services:	£233,000
Transfer to/(from) reserves:	£0
Total:	£524,000

Speldhurst (Gross Spending):

Recreation: £26,000
Other Services: £148,000
Transfer to/(from)
reserves: £0
Total: £174,000

Speldhurst (Net Spending):

Recreation: £25,000
Other Services: £134,000
Transfer to/(from)
reserves: (£4,000)
Total: £155,000

Budget Requirement

2019/20

Spending:

Tunbridge Wells BC Budget (Net):	£12,598,000
Town and Parish Precepts:	£2,533,000
Total:	£15,131,000

Financed by:

Government Grants:	£4,430,000
Collection Fund Surplus/(deficit):	£0
Council Tax:	£10,701,000
Total:	£15,131,000

Per Head:

Tunbridge Wells BC Budget (Net):	£106.67
Town and Parish Precepts:	£21.45
Total:	£128.12

Financed by:

Government Grants:	£37.51
Collection Fund Surplus/(deficit):	£0
Council Tax:	£90.61
Total:	£128.12

2020/21

Spending:

Tunbridge Wells BC Budget (Net):	£12,889,000
Town and Parish Precepts:	£2,695,000
Total:	£15,584,000

Financed by:

Government Grants:	£4,353,000
Collection Fund Surplus/(deficit):	£32,000
Council Tax:	£11,119,000
Total:	£15,584,000

Per Head:

Tunbridge Wells BC Budget (Net):	£109.14
Town and Parish Precepts:	£22.82
Total:	£131.96

Financed by:

Government Grants:	£36.86
Collection Fund Surplus/(deficit):	£0.27
Council Tax:	£94.83
Spending Total:	£131.96

Summary of Revenue Budget

These figures exclude the re-allocation of overhead costs, including support service costs, departmental administrative costs and fixed asset depreciation charges to front line services. The 'Other Services' heading includes corporate management and a contingency provision.

2019/20

Financial Services:

Gross Spending:	£5,847,000
Income:	-£6,975,000
Net Spending:	-£1,128,000

Shared Services:

Gross Spending:	£34,969,000
Income:	-£33,299,000
Net Spending:	£1,670,000

Housing, Health & Environment:

Gross Spending:	£11,342,000
Income:	-£5,702,000
Net Spending:	£5,640,000

Economic Development:

Gross Spending:	£1,660,000
Income:	-£1,411,000
Net Spending:	£249,000

Planning & Building Control:

Gross Spending:	£2,395,000
Income:	-£1,510,000
Net Spending:	£885,000

Other Services:

Gross Spending: £8,888,000
Income: -£3,703,000
Net Spending: £5,185,000

Budget sub-total:

Gross Spending: £65,101,000
Income: -£52,600,000
Net Spending: £12,501,000

Capital Adjustments:

Gross Spending: £200,000
Income: £0
Net Spending: £200,000

Interest:

Gross Spending: £50,000
Income: -£845,000
Net Spending: -£795,000

Transfer to/(from) Reserves:

Gross Spending: £0
Income: £692,000
Net Spending: £692,000

Net Budget Requirement:

Gross Spending: £65,351,000
Income: -£52,753,000
Net Spending: £12,598,000

2020/21

Financial Services:

Gross Spending: £5,762,000
Income: -£7,301,000
Net Spending: -£1,539,000

Shared Services:

Gross Spending: £35,042,000
Income: -£33,282,000
Net Spending: £1,760,000

Housing, Health & Environment:

Gross Spending: £11,142,000
Income: -£6,471,000
Net Spending: £4,671,000

Economic Development:

Gross Spending: £1,730,000
Income: -£1,395,000
Net Spending: £335,000

Planning & Building Control:

Gross Spending: £2,561,000
Income: -£1,576,000
Net Spending: £985,000

Other Services:

Gross Spending: £9,117,000
Income: -£3,676,000

Net Spending: £5,441,000

Budget sub-total:

Gross Spending: £65,354,000

Income: -£53,701,000

Net Spending: £11,653,000

Capital Adjustments:

Gross Spending: £292,000

Income: £0

Net Spending: £292,000

Interest:

Gross Spending: £7,000

Income: -£791,000

Net Spending: -£784,000

Transfer to/(from) Reserves:

Gross Spending: £0

Income: £1,728,000

Net Spending: £1,728,000

Net Budget Requirement:

Gross Spending: £65,653,000

Income: -£52,764,000

Net Spending: £12,889,000

Your Council Tax 2020/21

Benenden:

Band A 6/9:	£1,205.25
Band B 7/9:	£1,406.15
Band C 8/9:	£1,607.02
Band D 9/9:	£1,807.89
Band E 11/9:	£2,209.63
Band F 13/9:	£2,611.40
Band G 15/9:	£3,013.14
Band H 18/9:	£3,615.78

Bidborough:

Band A 6/9:	£1,249.77
Band B 7/9:	£1,458.08
Band C 8/9:	£1,666.37
Band D 9/9:	£1,874.66
Band E 11/9:	£2,291.24
Band F 13/9:	£2,707.84
Band G 15/9:	£3,124.43
Band H 18/9:	£3,749.32

Brenchley & Matfield:

Band A 6/9:	£1,225.51
Band B 7/9:	£1,429.78
Band C 8/9:	£1,634.03
Band D 9/9:	£1,838.28
Band E 11/9:	£2,246.78

Band F 13/9: £2,655.30
Band G 15/9: £3,063.79
Band H 18/9: £3,676.56

Capel:

Band A 6/9: £1,226.76
Band B 7/9: £1,431.24
Band C 8/9: £1,635.69
Band D 9/9: £1,840.15
Band E 11/9: £2,249.06
Band F 13/9: £2,657.99
Band G 15/9: £3,066.91
Band H 18/9: £3,680.30

Cranbrook & Sissinghurst:

Band A 6/9: £1,265.89
Band B 7/9: £1,476.88
Band C 8/9: £1,687.86
Band D 9/9: £1,898.84
Band E 11/9: £2,320.80
Band F 13/9: £2,742.77
Band G 15/9: £3,164.73
Band H 18/9: £3,797.68

Frittenden:

Band A 6/9: £1,204.50
Band B 7/9: £1,405.27
Band C 8/9: £1,606.01
Band D 9/9: £1,806.76

Band E 11/9: £2,208.25
Band F 13/9: £2,609.77
Band G 15/9: £3,011.26
Band H 18/9: £3,613.52

Goudhurst:

Band A 6/9: £1,271.49
Band B 7/9: £1,483.42
Band C 8/9: £1,695.33
Band D 9/9: £1,907.24
Band E 11/9: £2,331.06
Band F 13/9: £2,754.90
Band G 15/9: £3,178.73
Band H 18/9: £3,814.48

Hawkhurst:

Band A 6/9: £1,236.97
Band B 7/9: £1,443.15
Band C 8/9: £1,649.31
Band D 9/9: £1,855.47
Band E 11/9: £2,267.79
Band F 13/9: £2,680.13
Band G 15/9: £3,092.44
Band H 18/9: £3,710.94

Horsmonden:

Band A 6/9: £1,237.29
Band B 7/9: £1,443.52
Band C 8/9: £1,649.73

Band D 9/9: £1,855.94
Band E 11/9: £2,268.36
Band F 13/9: £2,680.80
Band G 15/9: £3,093.23
Band H 18/9: £3,711.88

Lamberhurst:

Band A 6/9: £1,219.63
Band B 7/9: £1,422.92
Band C 8/9: £1,626.19
Band D 9/9: £1,829.46
Band E 11/9: £2,236.00
Band F 13/9: £2,642.56
Band G 15/9: £3,049.09
Band H 18/9: £3,658.92

Paddock Wood:

Band A 6/9: £1,280.25
Band B 7/9: £1,493.64
Band C 8/9: £1,707.01
Band D 9/9: £1,920.38
Band E 11/9: £2,347.12
Band F 13/9: £2,773.88
Band G 15/9: £3,200.63
Band H 18/9: £3,840.76

Pembury:

Band A 6/9: £1,240.77
Band B 7/9: £1,447.58

Band C 8/9: £1,654.37
Band D 9/9: £1,861.16
Band E 11/9: £2,274.74
Band F 13/9: £2,688.34
Band G 15/9: £3,101.93
Band H 18/9: £3,722.32

Royal Tunbridge Wells:

Band A 6/9: £1,254.02
Band B 7/9: £1,463.04
Band C 8/9: £1,672.04
Band D 9/9: £1,881.04
Band E 11/9: £2,299.04
Band F 13/9: £2,717.06
Band G 15/9: £3,135.06
Band H 18/9: £3,762.08

Rusthall:

Band A 6/9: £1,253.76
Band B 7/9: £1,462.73
Band C 8/9: £1,671.69
Band D 9/9: £1,880.64
Band E 11/9: £2,298.55
Band F 13/9: £2,716.48
Band G 15/9: £3,134.40
Band H 18/9: £3,761.28

Sandhurst:

Band A 6/9: £1,257.21

Band B 7/9:	£1,466.77
Band C 8/9:	£1,676.30
Band D 9/9:	£1,885.83
Band E 11/9:	£2,304.89
Band F 13/9:	£2,723.98
Band G 15/9:	£3,143.04
Band H 18/9:	£3,771.66

Southborough:

Band A 6/9:	£1,260.62
Band B 7/9:	£1,470.74
Band C 8/9:	£1,680.84
Band D 9/9:	£1,890.94
Band E 11/9:	£2,311.14
Band F 13/9:	£2,731.36
Band G 15/9:	£3,151.56
Band H 18/9:	£3,781.88

Speldhurst:

Band A 6/9:	£1,218.89
Band B 7/9:	£1,422.05
Band C 8/9:	£1,625.20
Band D 9/9:	£1,828.34
Band E 11/9:	£2,234.63
Band F 13/9:	£2,640.94
Band G 15/9:	£3,047.23
Band H 18/9:	£3,656.68

Continued priorities 2020/21

The Amelia at the Amelia Scott

Work has begun on the £16.2m project to create a new cultural and learning hub for Tunbridge Wells.

This is a joint project with Kent County Council with funding coming from both councils and the generous support of the National Lottery Heritage Fund and Arts Council England.

Willmott Dixon Interiors has been appointed to the project and work is due to complete in 2022.

For progress updates go to TheAmelia.co.uk.

New Local Plan

An extensive consultation took place in autumn 2019 on a new [Draft Local Plan](#) that set out how the need for more infrastructure, homes and jobs could be balanced with protecting the borough's highly valued environmental qualities.

Comments received are being carefully considered and appropriate amendments to the plan are being made. A further consultation will take place in due course.

New sports facilities

The Five Year Plan agreed that options will be investigated to provide new sports facilities so that access is improved and increased, including the possibility of a new site that can act as a focus for a variety of sporting activities.

New community centres

We are enabling and supporting town councils and parish councils to provide amenities within their local areas.

In Southborough work on site is progressing well and completion is expected to be in spring 2021. We are working with the town council to support them as they develop an effective business plan.

Paddock Wood Town Council has agreed the design elements of their scheme and the project is progressing towards the submission of a planning application.

In Cranbrook legal agreements have been reached which will enable the plan for a community hub to go ahead.

Paddock Wood and Cranbrook are being offered a grant by TWBC to assist with their projects.

Tackling congestion

We are working with Kent County Council to deliver the projects set out in our borough Transport Strategy to secure further funding to alleviate congestion and to promote active travel and reduce pollution

Cross-party working group

The Council has a cross-party working group looking at the future of the Civic Complex, in particular, the Town Hall and the Assembly Hall Theatre.

These Grade 2 listed buildings were constructed around 80 years ago, and the cross-party group agree they need major repair to refurbish or redevelop into effective assets for the 21st century.

An interim report was taken to Full Council on 18 December 2019 and the group was given the mandate to discuss and consider the options for the site. A further report, outlining the group's plans for identifying and evaluating practical options alongside substantial public engagement, will be taken through the Council's decision-making process in due course.

Achievements 2019/20

In addition to the core services that the Council provides we support events and activities in the borough as well as launching initiatives that may benefit residents, businesses and visitors.

Some highlights

Secured funding for accessibility improvements at High Brooms Station.

Completed public realm improvements works in Royal Tunbridge Wells town centre.

Another amazing season of ice skating at the rink in Calverley Grounds.

Implemented a new recycling and waste contract to include kerbside glass collections, and introduced new garden waste service.

Secured funding to continue rough sleeper initiative that addresses homelessness.