

North West Leicestershire in full

The council tax bill and who receives it, spending by service, payments over £500, senior pay, the report card and how the council compares.

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Executive summary

The key figures from each part of this report, with the change on a year earlier where the source gives one.

North West Leicestershire: your area

£2,418

Band D council tax, 2026-27
+£80 (+3.4%) vs 2025-26
As of 6 April 2026

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Household waste recycled,
2024-25

3%

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(county)

Council tax in North West Leicestershire

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Band A, the lowest
As of 6 April 2026

+£7

Band D against the England
average of £2,411
Above average
As of 6 April 2026

Where your council tax goes in North West Leicestershire

£2,418.20

Band D bill, 2026-27
As of 6 April 2026

£189.01

Goes to North West Leicestershire
itself (8%)
As of 6 April 2026

£686.18

Largest line: adult social care
As of 17 September 2026

North West Leicestershire: your area

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North West Leicestershire sets a Band D council tax of **£2,418** for 2026-27, 167 of 296 councils in England from the highest. Police: Leicestershire. Fire and rescue: Leicestershire. Health: NHS Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland Integrated Care Board. This page links to everything the site holds on the area; the full bill, the report card and parking each have a page of their own.

Key figures

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131%

Reserves as a share of spending,
2024-25

What is the council tax in North West Leicestershire?

Band D is **£2,418** a year for 2026-27, and Band A, the lowest, **£1,612**. That is £7 above the England average of £2,411, 167 of 296 in England from the highest.

Of a Band D bill, **£189** goes to North West Leicestershire.

[Every band, who gets the money and how North West Leicestershire compares](#)

[Where your council tax goes: from your bill to each service](#)

How does the council compare?

- Council tax rise this year 3.4% Lower than the England figure of 4.9%
- Council tax per head £810 Higher than the England figure of £796
- Ombudsman uphold rate 67% (2 of 3) Lower than the England figure of 86%
- Reserves as a share of net spending 131% Higher than the England figure of 50%
- Borrowing per home £1,089 Lower than the England figure of £3,474
- Accounts, 2024-25 Post backstop opinion delivered 92% of bodies had an opinion delivered by the backstop date
- Ofsted, children's services (county) Outstanding 73% of English councils are good or outstanding
- CQC, adult social care (county) Requires improvement 62% of assessed councils are good or outstanding
- A roads needing maintenance considered (county) 3% Lower than the England figure of 5%
- Recycling rate 43.5% Higher than the England figure of 42.0%
- Major planning decisions on time 89.0% Lower than the England figure of 91.0%

Each figure is set against the figure for England as a whole. They are plain comparisons, one measure at a time: there is no overall score and no ranking of councils. Higher is not always better or worse; what each measure does and does not show is on the [methodology page](#).

[The full report card: complaints, finances, audit, pay and services](#)

Roads, bins and planning

Roads, recycling and planning in North West Leicestershire

Measure	Figure	Period
A roads where maintenance should be considered (Leicestershire County Council)	3%	2024-25
B and C roads where maintenance should be considered	4%	2024-25
Unclassified roads where maintenance should be considered	12%	2024-25
Household waste reused, recycled or composted	43.5%	2024-25
Major planning decisions made on time	89.0%	24 months to end of March 2026

Road condition is from the Department for Transport; each figure is compared with England as a whole in the [report card](#).

What does the council make from parking?

Parking income and surplus for North West Leicestershire

Authority	Year	Income	Surplus
Leicestershire CC (county)	2025-26	£1.4m	-£312,000

What the law lets a council spend a parking surplus on is on [parking fines and council parking income](#).

Who is your MP?

A council area can span several constituencies, so your MP depends on your address. Enter your postcode in the box at the top of this page to see your MP and what their office cost, or [find any MP by name or constituency](#).

How much crime is recorded here?

In the 12 months to June 2026, police recorded **58.8 crimes per 1,000 residents** in North West Leicestershire, excluding anti-social behaviour, against 82.4 across England.

[North West Leicestershire on the crime map, down to streets of a few hundred homes](#)

Your police precept

A Band D home in North West Leicestershire pays **£315.23** police precept in 2026-27. It funds **Leicestershire**, which has £289m in all for 2026-27. The precept is set once for the whole force area and spent across the whole force area, so the crime figures above for North West Leicestershire are not what its precept bought.

[Leicestershire: funding, precept and results for the whole force](#)

Who runs police, fire, health and ambulances here?

The bodies that serve North West Leicestershire, and their latest money

Service	Body	Latest	Per resident
Police	Leicestershire	£289m (2026-27)	£245
Fire and rescue	Leicestershire Fire and Rescue Service	£27m (2024-25)	£23.29
Ambulance	East Midlands Ambulance Service NHS Trust	£331m (2024-25)	£65.35
NHS	NHS Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland Integrated Care Board	£3.2bn (2028-29)	£2,757
Roads	Leicestershire County Council	£25m (2025-26)	£32.83
Schools	Leicestershire	£587m (2026-27)	£780
Council spending	North West Leicestershire	£23m (2024-25)	£207
Social care	Leicestershire	£462m (2024-25)	£620
Housing	North West Leicestershire	£3m (2024-25)	£25.34
Waste and recycling	North West Leicestershire	not published	—

Each body serves a wider area than North West Leicestershire, and its money is for the whole of that area. Its page has its funding over time and what is recorded alongside it; [public services near you](#) looks them up for any postcode. Water is not covered yet: see [Discover Water](#).

Which bodies cover North West Leicestershire: ONS lookups of local authorities to police force areas, fire and rescue authorities, integrated care boards and local health boards (Open Government Licence v3.0); where an area is split between integrated care boards, the one covering most residents is named.

How does North West Leicestershire look against other councils?

See North West Leicestershire on [the council map](#), alongside every other council on council tax, complaints, reserves, audit and inspections, or [browse every council](#).

Common questions

- How much is council tax in North West Leicestershire? Band D is £2,418 a year for 2026-27. [Every band](#).
- Which police force covers North West Leicestershire? Leicestershire police force area. Fire and rescue: Leicestershire.

Council tax in North West Leicestershire

[Your area](#) · Last updated 23 September 2026 · <https://whereyourmoneygoes.co.uk/council-tax/england/north-west-leicestershire/>

Council tax in North West Leicestershire for 2026-27 is **£2,418** a year for a Band D home, £1,612 for Band A and £4,836 for the top band. That is £7 above the England average of £2,411. It ranks 167 of 296 billing areas in England. Figures are the council's own set rates.

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Rank in England, highest first
As of 6 April 2026

What is the bill for each band?

Council tax by band in North West Leicestershire, bands A to H

Band	A year	A month
Band A	£1,612.13	£134.34
Band B	£1,880.82	£156.73
Band C	£2,149.51	£179.13
Band D	£2,418.20	£201.52
Band E	£2,955.58	£246.30
Band F	£3,492.96	£291.08
Band G	£4,030.33	£335.86
Band H	£4,836.40	£403.03

Who gets the money?

Band D bill in North West Leicestershire by receiving body

Who receives it	Band D	Share
North West Leicestershire	£189	8%
Other precepting bodies	£2,229	92%

Each body sets its own precept and the council simply collects them together. The council that sends the bill keeps only its own share.

[Where your council tax goes: from your bill to each service](#)

How does it compare?

Band D here is **£7** above the England average, 167 of 296 councils from the highest.

North West Leicestershire among the England councils nearest it, Band D 2026-27

New Forest	£2,420
Canterbury	£2,419
St Albans	£2,419
Crawley	£2,418
North West Leicestershire (North West Leicestershire)	£2,418
Slough	£2,414
Great Yarmouth	£2,414
Ashford	£2,410
Dacorum	£2,409

Ranked highest first. Every council is in the full table.

How does North West Leicestershire compare? The report card

Official figures on complaints, finances, audit, pay and services for North West Leicestershire, each from the body that published it and set against the figure for England. See every council on the [council map](#).

- Council tax rise this year 3.4% Lower than the England figure of 4.9%
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What do complaints to the ombudsman show?

Local Government and Social Care Ombudsman: North West Leicestershire, 2025-26

Measure	North West Leicestershire	For comparison
Complaints and enquiries received	16	—
Complaints and enquiries decided	16	11 in 2024-25
Detailed investigations	3	—
Upheld	2	—
Uphold rate	67%	86% for every body the Ombudsman covers; 74% for similar councils
Upheld cases where the council had already offered a satisfactory remedy	0%	13% for every body the Ombudsman covers
Ombudsman's recommendations the council complied with	100%	99.9% for every body the Ombudsman covers
Uphold rate in 2024-25	0%	—

An uphold rate depends on how many complaints reach a detailed investigation. With few investigations, one decision moves it a long way.

Source: [Local Government and Social Care Ombudsman, Annual review of local government complaints, 2025-26](#).

The Housing Ombudsman, which handles complaints from council tenants, made 0 findings of severe maladministration against North West Leicestershire District Council in 2025-26, out of 14 findings in 6 determinations. Its maladministration rate for this landlord was 64%.

Source: [Housing Ombudsman Service, Annual complaints review: landlord tables](#), 2025-26.

How healthy are its finances?

Reserves, spending and borrowing: North West Leicestershire

Measure	North West Leicestershire	For comparison
Net revenue spending, 2024-25	£22.0m	—
Reserves at the end of 2024-25	£28.9m	—
Reserves as a share of net spending	131%	50% for England; 64% in 2023-24
Outstanding borrowing at 30 June 2026	£53.8m	—
Borrowing per home on the valuation list	£1,089	£3,474 across English billing authorities

Earmarked and unallocated revenue reserves at the end of the year, excluding schools and public health, as a share of net revenue expenditure. Much of any council's reserves is set aside for particular purposes. Borrowing is total outstanding loans of every kind; councils borrow mainly to pay for buildings, roads and housing, and the figure does not show what the borrowing was for.

Source: [Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government, Local authority revenue expenditure and financing: revenue outturn time series](#), 2025-26; [Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government, Local authority borrowing and investment live table](#), 30 June 2026; [Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government, Council Taxbase statistics](#), 2025.

What have the auditors said?

Audit of the accounts: North West Leicestershire

Accounts year	Status recorded by PSAA	Opinion signed
2024-25	Post backstop opinion delivered	12 March 2026
2023-24	Post backstop opinion delivered	12 March 2026

“Delivered by backstop” means the auditor gave an opinion by the statutory backstop date. Many opinions given that way were disclaimed or qualified because the deadline cut the audit short; PSAA publishes which type of opinion each council received only as national totals, so it is not shown here. Auditors’ value-for-money findings are in each auditor’s annual report on the council’s website.

Source: [Public Sector Audit Appointments, Monthly audit opinion data](#), 2024-25.

What are senior staff and councillors paid?

Senior pay and councillor allowances for North West Leicestershire have not yet been read from its statement of accounts. There is no central dataset of either; they are being added council by council, each with a link to the page of the accounts it comes from.

How are its services rated?

Service ratings and performance: North West Leicestershire

Measure	North West Leicestershire	For comparison
Children's services, Ofsted overall effectiveness	Outstanding (Leicestershire County Council)	12 July 2024. 73% of English councils judged good or outstanding
Adult social care, CQC assessment	Requires improvement (Leicestershire County Council)	17 September 2025. 62% of assessed councils rated good or outstanding
A roads where maintenance should be considered, 2024-25	3% (Leicestershire County Council)	5% in England
B and C roads where maintenance should be considered, 2024-25	4% (Leicestershire County Council)	7% in England
Unclassified roads where maintenance should be considered, 2024-25	12% (Leicestershire County Council)	17% in England
Household waste sent for reuse, recycling or composting, 2024-25	43.5%	42.0% for England
Major planning decisions on time, 24 months to end of march 2026	89.0%	91.0% for England
Non-major planning decisions on time, 24 months to end of March 2026	87.5%	90.8% for England

Leicestershire County Council runs children's services, adult social care and most roads here, so those rows are the county council's. Inspections happen at different times, so a rating can be several years old; the date is shown with each. Planning figures are measured differently in each nation: share of decisions made within the statutory time (13 weeks for major, 8 for non-major) or an agreed extension, over 24 months. Recycling rates are measured differently in England, Scotland and Wales, so compare within a nation.

Source: [Ofsted, Children's social care: local authority inspection outcomes](#), as at 31 March 2026; [Care Quality Commission, Local authority assessments](#), latest assessment; [Department for Transport, Road condition statistics: data tables \(RDC\)](#), 2024-25; [Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, Local authority collected waste management: annual results](#), 2024-25; [Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government, Live tables on planning application statistics \(P151, P153\)](#), 24 months to end of March 2026.

What about the county council, Leicestershire County Council?

Leicestershire County Council sets its own share of the council tax bill here and runs social care, children's services, most roads and waste disposal. Its own figures:

Leicestershire County Council: its own figures

Measure	Leicestershire County Council	Detail
Ombudsman uphold rate	93%	118 complaints decided, 2025-26
Reserves as a share of net spending	67%	2025-26
Outstanding borrowing	£110.5m	at 30 June 2026
Accounts, 2024-25	Delivered by backstop	Signed 29 January 2026

Official events for Leicestershire County Council:

- 29 January 2026 Audit [Auditor's opinion on the 2024-25 accounts signed](#) PSAA records the status as "Delivered by backstop"; auditor Grant Thornton UK LLP. Public Sector Audit Appointments
- 6 March 2023 Ombudsman [Ombudsman report: upheld, school transport](#) Local Government and Social Care Ombudsman public interest report, case 21-018-756. Local Government and Social Care Ombudsman
- 12 September 2022 Ombudsman [Ombudsman report: upheld, assessment and care plan](#) Local Government and Social Care Ombudsman public interest report, case 21-010-888. Local Government and Social Care Ombudsman
- 16 February 2021 Ombudsman [Ombudsman report: upheld, alternative provision](#) Local Government and Social Care Ombudsman public interest report, case 19-017-034. Local Government and Social Care Ombudsman

Source: [Local Government and Social Care Ombudsman, Annual review of local government complaints](#), 2025-26; [Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government, Local authority revenue expenditure and financing: revenue outturn time series](#), 2025-26; [Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government, Local authority borrowing and investment live table](#), 30 June 2026; [Public Sector Audit Appointments, Monthly audit opinion data](#), 2024-25.

What has happened recently?

Decisions and publications by official bodies about North West Leicestershire, newest first. Each links to the body that made or published it. News reports are not included.

1. 1 April 2026 Council tax [Council tax for 2026-27: Band D £2,418, up 3.4% on the year before](#) Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government
2. 12 March 2026 Audit [Auditor's opinion on the 2024-25 accounts signed](#) PSAA records the status as “Post backstop opinion delivered”; auditor Azets Audit Services Limited. Public Sector Audit Appointments
3. 27 February 2026 Audit backstop [Listed by MHCLG as not meeting the audit backstop requirements for 2024-25](#) Draft accounts published by the deadline: yes. Audit opinion delivered by the backstop date: no. Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government
4. 28 February 2025 Audit backstop [Listed by MHCLG as not meeting the audit backstop requirements for 2023-24](#) Draft accounts published by the deadline: no. Audit opinion delivered by the backstop date: no. Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government
5. 4 May 2023 Election [Local election: 38 seats won](#) Conservative and Unionist Party 12, Labour Party 12, Labour and Co-operative Party 5, Liberal Democrats 5, Independent 4 Democracy Club

Does the council think something here is wrong?

If you represent North West Leicestershire and think a figure here is wrong, out of date or unfairly presented, email hello@whereyourmoneygoes.co.uk with this page's address and the source you would point to. Every correction is logged, with its date, on the [corrections page](#).

How much of the council's spending does this cover?

Council tax paid for 9.6% of the money North West Leicestershire had to spend in 2024-25. The rest came from government grants (23.7%), business rates (34.7%) and fees, charges and other income (32.1%). That is why a grant cut can raise your bill even when the council has not changed what it does. [See where it goes](#).

Where can I find out more?

[What council tax is and why it works this way](#), including why the bands are still based on 1991 property values in England and Scotland, and [how every area compares](#), everything else on [North West Leicestershire: parking, roads, your MP and local services](#), and [North West Leicestershire on the council map](#).

Common questions

- How much is council tax in North West Leicestershire? Band D is £2,418 a year for 2026-27. Band A is £1,612 and the top band £4,836.
- Is council tax in North West Leicestershire higher than average? Yes. Band D here is £7 above the England average of £2,411.

Where your council tax goes in North West Leicestershire

Your area · Last updated 23 September 2026 · <https://whereyourmoneygoes.co.uk/council-tax/england/north-west-leicestershire/where-it-goes/>

A Band D council tax bill in North West Leicestershire is **£2,418.20** for 2026-27, split between North West Leicestershire £189.01, Leicestershire County Council £1,714.98, Leicestershire County Council: adult social care precept, this year's increase £16.81, Leicestershire Police and Crime Commissioner and Chief Constable £315.23, Leicestershire Combined Fire and Rescue Authority £91.65, Parish and town councils (average for the area) £90.52. Shared out in proportion to what each body spends, the largest single line is adult social care at Leicestershire County Council: **£686.18** of the bill. Council tax pays for 10% of the council's own spending; the rest is government grant, business rates and fees.

Key figures

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Band D bill, 2026-27
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Of the council's money that comes
from council tax, 2024-25
As of 17 September 2026

Who gets your bill

Figures are for a Band D home. Bands A to H pay a fixed fraction of this, set in law.

Parish precepts differ from parish to parish; this is the average across the area, and a home outside any parish pays none.

And where does that bit go?

Choose any part of the bill to see how it divides, then keep going as far as the published returns allow. Every level has its own link you can share.

An interactive map or explorer appears here on the live page.

Parks, street cleaning and roads here

What North West Leicestershire and Leicestershire County Council spent, net of income, on the lines readers ask about most. Roads and street cleaning are also shown per mile of road the council looks after, where it is the highway authority. Gully cleaning and verge cutting are inside routine maintenance; no return splits them out.

North West Leicestershire, 2024-25

Line	Net spending	Per resident	Similar councils, per resident	Per mile of road	Change
Parks and open spaces (including play areas)	£686k	£6.06	£14	—	down 3.5% on 2023-24
Street cleaning	£879k	£7.76	£9.44	—	down 6.9% on 2023-24

Leicestershire County Council, 2025-26

Line	Net spending	Per resident	Similar councils, per resident	Per mile of road	Change
Parks and open spaces (including play areas)	£245k	£0.33	£2.33	—	down 14.3% on 2024-25
Road and bridge maintenance	£15.4m	£21	£28	£5,407 (similar: £5,597)	down 14.7% on 2024-25
Environmental, safety and routine maintenance	£11.9m	£16	£18	£4,179 (similar: £3,955)	down 2.5% on 2024-25
Structural maintenance (resurfacing, bridges)	£3.5m	£4.66	£3.75	£1,228 (similar: £865)	down 40.0% on 2024-25
Winter service (gritting)	£3.2m	£4.24	£4.67	£1,117 (similar: £966)	up 2.2% on 2024-25
Street lighting (including energy)	£6.1m	£8.13	£5.90	£2,143 (similar: £1,408)	up 13.1% on 2024-25

Miles of road: Department for Transport road lengths, 2025; locally managed major roads and all minor roads. More on [what council tax does and doesn't pay for](#).

What it adds up to

North West Leicestershire: net spending per resident by service, 2024-25, against the median for district councils in England

Service	Per resident	Median
Environment and regulation	£70	£56
Planning and development	£64	£22
Running the council	£32	£41
Housing (not council homes)	£25	£24
Parks, leisure, libraries and culture	£14	£23
Roads and transport	£4.09	£-4.53
Other services	£-3.91	£2.66

- North West Leicestershire spent **35.3%** of its gross service spending on its own staff in 2024-25 (median for district councils in England: 39.3%); the rest went on suppliers, contractors, grants, benefits and other running costs.

Leicestershire County Council: net spending per resident by service, 2025-26, against the median for county councils

Service	Per resident	Median
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- Leicestershire County Council spent **28.4%** of its gross service spending on its own staff in 2025-26 (median for county councils: 28.5%); the rest went on suppliers, contractors, grants, benefits and other running costs.

What this data does and doesn't show

- These are each body's own figures, as reported to government in its revenue outturn return. Net spending is after the fees, charges and grants a service brings in.
- Your bill is for 2026-27; it is shared out using the latest published return, which covers an earlier year. The mix of spending changes little from one year to the next, but it does change.
- Council tax is not ring-fenced: this shows your bill in proportion to spending, not what your money bought. Where a precept is set aside for adult social care, it is shown against adult social care.
- No council publishes spending at street or property level, so nothing here says what was spent near you.
- Sub-service lines are the ones the national returns itemise. Councils describe their own budgets differently; their budget books and statements of accounts have more detail.

Sources

- Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government, [Council Tax levels set by local authorities in England: Table 10, local authority level data](#), published 25 March 2026. Open Government Licence v3.0.
- Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government, [Local authority revenue expenditure and financing: Revenue Outturn multi-year data set](#), published 17 September 2026. Open Government Licence v3.0.

How the split is worked out, and how the three nations' returns are matched to one list of services, is on the [methodology page](#). The dataset is on the [data page](#). See also [council tax in North West Leicestershire](#) and [everything else about North West Leicestershire](#).

Common questions

- **What does council tax pay for in North West Leicestershire?** A Band D bill of £2,418.20 is split between North West Leicestershire, Leicestershire County Council, Leicestershire County Council: adult social care precept, this year's increase, Leicestershire Police and Crime Commissioner and Chief Constable, Leicestershire Combined Fire and Rescue Authority, Parish and town councils (average for the area). In proportion to spending, the largest line is adult social care, £686.18.
- **Is council tax ring-fenced for particular services?** No. Council tax is pooled with grants, business rates and fees. The adult social care precept is the exception: councils raise it for adult social care.

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Source	Publisher	Figures as of	Licence	Used in
Council Tax levels set by local authorities in England	Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government	the 2026–27 financial year	Open Government Licence v3.0	North West Leicestershire: your area; Council tax in North West Leicestershire; Where your council tax goes in North West Leicestershire
https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/council-tax-statistics				
Local authority revenue expenditure and financing: Revenue Outturn multi-year data set	Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government	17 September 2026	Open Government Licence v3.0	Where your council tax goes in North West Leicestershire
https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/media/6ab26ffffe72ed1e2b02ee74/Revenue_Outturn_time_series_data_v4.csv				

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