Wiltshire 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.

Wiltshire: your area

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+£128 (+5.3%) vs 2025-26
As of 6 April 2026

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Parking surplus, 2025-26
As of 6 April 2025

41.8%
Household waste recycled, 2024-25

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

Where your council tax goes in Wiltshire

£2,571.78
Band D bill, 2026-27
As of 6 April 2026

£1,943.41
Goes to Wiltshire itself (76%)
As of 6 April 2026

£746.21
Largest line: adult social care
As of 28 September 2026

Parking income in Wiltshire UA

£5.37m
Parking surplus
+£0.58m (+12.1%) vs 2024–25
2025–26

£10.26m
Parking income
+£0.76m (+8.0%) vs 2024–25
2025–26

£4.89m
Spending on parking
+£0.18m (+3.8%) vs 2024–25
2025–26

Wiltshire: spending over £500

£828.9m
Paid in payments of £500 or more, latest year

72,124
Payments

2,977
Suppliers

Wiltshire: senior pay and councillor allowances

£271,139
Chief Executive, 2025-26

26
Staff paid £100,000 or more, 2025-26

£2,487,000
Members' allowances, 2025-26

Wiltshire: your area

Your area · Last updated 15 November 2026 · https://whereyourmoneygoes.co.uk/your-area/wiltshire/

Wiltshire sets a Band D council tax of **£2,572** for 2026-27, 52 of 296 councils in England from the highest. Police: Wiltshire. Fire and rescue: Dorset & Wiltshire. Health: NHS Bath and North East Somerset, Swindon and Wiltshire 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.

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Household waste recycled, 2024-25

4%
A roads where maintenance should be considered, 2024-25

26%
Reserves as a share of spending, 2025-26

What is the council tax in Wiltshire?

Band D is **£2,572** a year for 2026-27, and Band A, the lowest, **£1,715**. That is £161 above the England average of £2,411, 52 of 296 in England from the highest.

Of a Band D bill, **£1,981** goes to Wiltshire.

Every band, who gets the money and how Wiltshire compares

Where your council tax goes: from your bill to each service

Every payment over £500 that Wiltshire publishes

Wiltshire: senior pay and councillors' allowances

How does the council compare?

- Council tax rise this year 5.3% Higher than the England figure of 4.9%
- Council tax per head £960 Higher than the England figure of £796
- Ombudsman uphold rate 83% (19 of 23) Lower than the England figure of 86%
- Reserves as a share of net spending 26% Lower than the England figure of 50%
- Borrowing per home £2,335 Lower than the England figure of £3,474
- Accounts, 2025-26 Unsigned 4% of bodies had an opinion delivered by the backstop date
- Ofsted, children's services Outstanding 73% of English councils are good or outstanding
- CQC, adult social care Good 63% of assessed councils are good or outstanding
- A roads needing maintenance considered 4% Lower than the England figure of 5%
- Recycling rate 41.8% Lower than the England figure of 42.0%
- Major planning decisions on time 89.1% 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 Wiltshire

Measure	Figure	Period
A roads where maintenance should be considered	4%	2024-25
B and C roads where maintenance should be considered	5%	2024-25
Unclassified roads where maintenance should be considered	3%	2024-25
Household waste reused, recycled or composted	41.8%	2024-25
Major planning decisions made on time	89.1%	24 months to end of June 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 Wiltshire

Authority	Year	Income	Surplus
Wiltshire UA	2025-26	£10.3m	£5.4m

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, find any MP by name or constituency , or see every constituency and its MP on the MP map.

How much crime is recorded here?

In the 12 months to August 2026, police recorded **48.7 crimes per 1,000 residents** in Wiltshire, excluding anti-social behaviour, against 82.5 across England.

Wiltshire on the crime map, down to streets of a few hundred homes

Your police precept

A Band D home in Wiltshire pays **£298.27** police precept in 2026-27. It funds **Wiltshire**, which has £181m 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 Wiltshire are not what its precept bought.

Wiltshire: funding, precept and results for the whole force

Who runs police, fire, health and ambulances here?

The bodies that serve Wiltshire, and their latest money

Service	Body	Latest	Per resident
Police	Wiltshire	£181m (2026-27)	£234
Fire and rescue	Dorset and Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service	£75m (2025-26)	£47.66
Ambulance	South Western Ambulance Service NHS Foundation Trust	£435m (2024-25)	£73.85
NHS	NHS Bath and North East Somerset, Swindon and Wiltshire Integrated Care Board	£2.8bn (2028-29)	£2,859
Roads	Wiltshire	£23m (2025-26)	£43.50
Schools	Wiltshire	£410m (2026-27)	£779
Council spending	Wiltshire	£883m (2025-26)	£1,677
Social care	Wiltshire	£336m (2024-25)	£641
Housing	Wiltshire	£18m (2025-26)	£33.48
Waste and recycling	Wiltshire	not published	—

Each body serves a wider area than Wiltshire, 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 Wiltshire: 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 Wiltshire look against other councils?

See Wiltshire 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 Wiltshire?** Band D is £2,572 a year for 2026-27. Every band.
- **Which police force covers Wiltshire?** Wiltshire police force area. Fire and rescue: Dorset & Wiltshire.

Council tax in Wiltshire

Your area · Last updated 15 November 2026 · https://whereyourmoneygoes.co.uk/council-tax/england/wiltshire/

Council tax in **Wiltshire** for 2026-27 is **£2,572 a year for a Band D home**, £1,715 for Band A and £5,144 for the top band. That is £161 above the England average of £2,411. It ranks 52 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 Wiltshire, bands A to H

Band	A year	A month
Band A	£1,714.52	£142.88
Band B	£2,000.27	£166.69
Band C	£2,286.03	£190.50
Band D	£2,571.78	£214.32
Band E	£3,143.29	£261.94
Band F	£3,714.79	£309.57
Band G	£4,286.30	£357.19
Band H	£5,143.56	£428.63

Who gets the money?

Band D bill in Wiltshire by receiving body

Who receives it	Band D	Share
Wiltshire	£1,981	77%
Other precepting bodies	£591	23%

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 **£161 above** the England average, 52 of 296 councils from the highest.

Wiltshire among the England councils nearest it, Band D 2026-27



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

How does Wiltshire compare? The report card

Official figures on complaints, finances, audit, pay and services for Wiltshire, each from the body that published it and set against the figure for England. See every council on the council map.

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What do complaints to the ombudsman show?

Local Government and Social Care Ombudsman: Wiltshire, 2025-26

Measure	Wiltshire	For comparison
Complaints and enquiries received	134	—
Complaints and enquiries decided	103	78 in 2024-25
Detailed investigations	23	—
Upheld	19	—
Uphold rate	83%	86% for every body the Ombudsman covers; 85% for similar councils
Upheld cases where the council had already offered a satisfactory remedy	11%	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	86%	—

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.

This council is not in the Housing Ombudsman's landlord tables for 2025-26, which list landlords with five or more findings. Most councils without their own homes are not.

How healthy are its finances?

Reserves, spending and borrowing: Wiltshire

Measure	Wiltshire	For comparison
Net revenue spending, 2025-26	£444.6m	—
Reserves at the end of 2025-26	£114.4m	—
Reserves as a share of net spending	26%	50% for England; 30% in 2024-25
Outstanding borrowing at 30 June 2026	£545.0m	—
Borrowing per home on the valuation list	£2,335	£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: Wiltshire

Accounts year	Status recorded by PSAA	Opinion signed
2025-26	Unsigned	Not yet
2024-25	Delivered by backstop	20 February 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, 2025-26.

What are senior staff and councillors paid?

Pay and allowances: Wiltshire, from the statement of accounts

Measure	2025-26	2024-25
Employees paid £50,000 or more	878	737
Councillors' allowances	£2,487,000	£2,419,000

The count is up 141 on the year before. 'The number of other employees receiving more than £50,000 remuneration for the year, excluding pension contributions … This table also includes the senior officers identified in the notes above.' Totals 878 (2025-26) and 737 (2024-25). The note does not say whether school staff are included. The accounts describe the allowances figure as "Allowances payable to Members 2,453 (2024-25 2,383); Expenses payable to Members 34 (36); Total 2,487 (2,419) £000". These are draft accounts and may change at audit. Thresholds are not adjusted for inflation, so more staff cross them each year as pay rises.

Source: Wiltshire, Statement of accounts 2025-26 subject to audit, PDF page 82 (printed page 70), Note 11. Checked 24 September 2026.

How are its services rated?

Service ratings and performance: Wiltshire

Measure	Wiltshire	For comparison
Children's services, Ofsted overall effectiveness	Outstanding	12 December 2023. 73% of English councils judged good or outstanding
Adult social care, CQC assessment	Good	29 January 2025. 63% of assessed councils rated good or outstanding
A roads where maintenance should be considered, 2024-25	4%	5% in England
B and C roads where maintenance should be considered, 2024-25	5%	7% in England
Unclassified roads where maintenance should be considered, 2024-25	3%	17% in England
Household waste sent for reuse, recycling or composting, 2024-25	41.8%	42.0% for England
Major planning decisions on time, 24 months to end of june 2026	89.1%	91.0% for England
Non-major planning decisions on time, 24 months to end of June 2026	95.5%	90.7% for England

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 June 2026.

What has happened recently?

Decisions and publications by official bodies about Wiltshire, 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 £2,572, up 5.3% on the year before Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government
2. 1 May 2025 Election Local election: 98 seats won Liberal Democrats 43, Conservative and Unionist Party 37, Reform UK 10, Independent 7, Labour Party 1 Democracy Club
3. 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
4. 13 December 2024 Audit backstop Listed by MHCLG as not meeting the audit backstop requirements for 2022-23 Draft accounts published by the deadline: no. Audit opinion delivered by the backstop date: not stated. Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government

Does the council think something here is wrong?

If you represent Wiltshire 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 **31.4%** of the money Wiltshire had to spend in 2025-26. The rest came from government grants (45.2%), business rates (2.3%) and fees, charges and other income (19.7%), with 1.5% taken from reserves. 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 Wiltshire: parking, roads, your MP and local services, and Wiltshire on the council map.

Common questions

- **How much is council tax in Wiltshire?** Band D is £2,572 a year for 2026-27. Band A is £1,715 and the top band £5,144.
- **Is council tax in Wiltshire higher than average?** Yes. Band D here is £161 above the England average of £2,411.

Where your council tax goes in Wiltshire

Your area · Last updated 15 November 2026 · https://whereyourmoneygoes.co.uk/council-tax/england/wiltshire/where-it-goes/

A Band D council tax bill in **Wiltshire** is **£2,571.78** for 2026-27, split between Wiltshire £1,943.41, Wiltshire: adult social care precept, this year's increase £37.74, Wiltshire Police and Crime Commissioner and Chief Constable £298.27, Dorset and Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Authority £96.95, Parish and town councils (average for the area) £195.41. Shared out in proportion to what each body spends, the largest single line is adult social care at Wiltshire: **£746.21** of the bill. Council tax pays for 31% of the council's own spending; the rest is government grant, business rates and fees.

Key figures

£2,571.78
Band D bill, 2026-27
As of 6 April 2026

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Goes to Wiltshire itself (76%)
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Largest line: adult social care
As of 28 September 2026

31.4%
Of the council's money that comes from council tax, 2025-26
As of 28 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 Wiltshire 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.

Wiltshire, 2025-26

Line	Net spending	Per resident	Similar councils, per resident	Per mile of road	Change
Parks and open spaces (including play areas)	£3.9m	£7.32	£18	—	up 2.4% on 2024-25
Street cleaning	£2.1m	£4.01	£11	£750 (similar: £1,957)	down 2.2% on 2024-25
Road and bridge maintenance	£16.8m	£32	£20	£5,966 (similar: £5,042)	down 4.2% on 2024-25
Environmental, safety and routine maintenance	£12.3m	£23	£18	£4,360 (similar: £3,254)	up 0.5% on 2024-25
Structural maintenance (resurfacing, bridges)	£4.5m	£8.59	£6.75	£1,605 (similar: £1,810)	down 15.0% on 2024-25
Winter service (gritting)	£2.3m	£4.34	£3.78	£811 (similar: £834)	up 0.3% on 2024-25
Street lighting (including energy)	£3.8m	£7.16	£6.78	£1,337 (similar: £1,427)	up 11.1% 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

Wiltshire: net spending per resident by service, 2025-26, against the median for unitary councils in England

Service	Per resident	Median
Education	£713	£717
Adult social care	£444	£483
Children's social care	£192	£309
Environment and regulation	£107	£111
Roads and transport	£63	£49
Public health	£45	£65
Parks, leisure, libraries and culture	£43	£38
Housing (not council homes)	£33	£34
Planning and development	£19	£22
Running the council	£18	£52

- Wiltshire spent **31.7%** of its gross service spending on its own staff in 2025-26 (median for unitary councils in England: 31.1%); the rest went on suppliers, contractors, grants, benefits and other running costs.
- Its published payments of £500 or more came to **£828.9m** between 2025-09 and 2026-08. These include capital and council housing spending, so they are not a share of the figures above.
- Payments we classify as consultancy and agency staff came to **11.7%** of its staff costs (median among the 6 other unitary councils in England whose £500 data is read: 5.7%). The two come from different sources and periods, so this is a guide to scale, not an exact share.

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 28 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 Wiltshire and everything else about Wiltshire.

Common questions

- **What does council tax pay for in Wiltshire?** A Band D bill of £2,571.78 is split between Wiltshire, Wiltshire: adult social care precept, this year's increase, Wiltshire Police and Crime Commissioner and Chief Constable, Dorset and Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Authority, Parish and town councils (average for the area). In proportion to spending, the largest line is adult social care, £746.21.
- **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.

Parking income in Wiltshire UA

Your area · Last updated 15 November 2026 · https://whereyourmoneygoes.co.uk/parking/wiltshire-ua/

In 2025–26 Wiltshire UA took **£10.3m** in parking income and spent £4.9m, a **surplus of £5.4m** against £4.8m in 2024–25 (+12%), the 56th largest of 290 councils in England. Penalty charges brought in £2.7m. Figures are from the council's own return to the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government.

Key figures

£5.37m
Parking surplus
+£0.58m (+12.1%) vs 2024–25
2025–26

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+£0.76m (+8.0%) vs 2024–25
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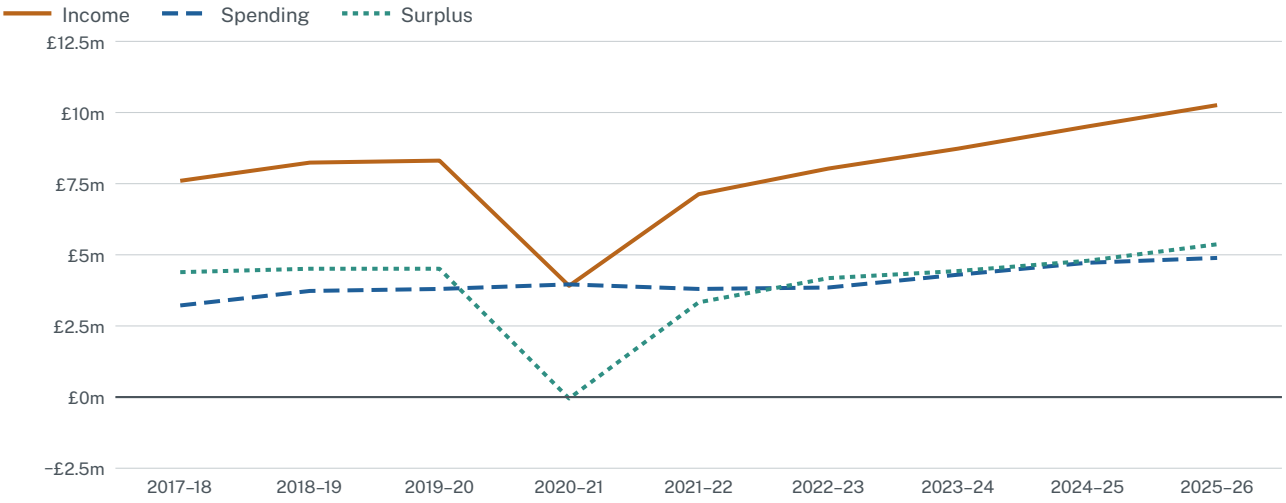
£4.89m
Spending on parking
+£0.18m (+3.8%) vs 2024–25
2025–26

£2.69m
Penalty charge income
+£1.52m (+128.9%) vs 2024–25
2025–26

56 of 290
Rank in England, largest surplus first
2025–26

How much has Wiltshire UA made from parking each year?

Wiltshire UA: parking income, spending and surplus, £ million



Wiltshire UA: parking income, spending and surplus, £ million. Income: £7.6m in 2017–18, £10.26m in 2025–26. Spending: £3.22m in 2017–18, £4.89m in 2025–26. Surplus: £4.39m in 2017–18, £5.37m in 2025–26.

Wiltshire UA: on-street and car park accounts

Year	On-street income	On-street spending	Car park income	Car park spending	Penalty income
2017–18	£1.36m	£1.47m	£6.24m	£1.75m	£0.55m
2018–19	£1.59m	£1.72m	£6.65m	£2.01m	£0.69m
2019–20	£1.57m	£1.69m	£6.73m	£2.12m	£0.59m
2020–21	£1.07m	£1.66m	£2.84m	£2.30m	£0.50m
2021–22	£1.70m	£1.59m	£5.43m	£2.21m	£1.70m
2022–23	£1.64m	£1.40m	£6.38m	£2.45m	£0.00m
2023–24	£1.90m	£1.63m	£6.83m	£2.67m	£0.85m
2024–25	£2.21m	£1.83m	£7.30m	£2.89m	£1.18m
2025–26	£2.69m	£1.99m	£7.57m	£2.90m	£2.69m

All figures are cash, in the council's own return. The most recent year is a first release and may be revised. Wiltshire UA is recorded as: Unitary Authority.

What can Wiltshire UA spend a surplus on?

On-street parking charges and all council parking penalty charges (England and Wales)

Ring-fenced by law a ring-fenced parking account. A surplus may only be spent on parking, public transport, highway and environmental improvements and similar purposes; a deficit is made good from the general fund.

Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, s55, as applied in England by SI 2022/71, regs 25 and 27

Council car park (off-street) tariffs

Kept by the body that collects it the council's general fund. Section 55 covers on-street parking and enforcement income, not car park fees. Not verified

Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, s55(1), and DfT statutory guidance on civil parking enforcement

How does Wiltshire UA compare with other councils?

Wiltshire UA among the England councils nearest it, parking surplus 2025–26



Ranked largest surplus first; a negative figure is a deficit. Every council is in the full tables.

Every council's parking surplus, penalty charge levels and the national trend.

Wiltshire: spending over £500

Your area · Last updated 15 November 2026 · https://whereyourmoneygoes.co.uk/councils/spending-over-500/wiltshire/

Wiltshire published **72,124 payments** of £500 or more between September 2025 and August 2026, worth **£828.9m** in all, to 2,977 suppliers. The largest total went to M Group Highways: £42.8m across 1596 payments. These are the council's own published records; the gaps in them are listed below.

Key figures

£828.9m
Paid in payments of £500 or more, latest year

72,124
Payments

2,977
Suppliers

12 of 12
Months with payments published

What the council published

1. Septpublished
2. Octpublished
3. Novpublished
4. Decpublished
5. Janpublished
6. Febpublished
7. Marpublished
8. Aprpublished
9. Maypublished
10. Junpublished
11. Julpublished
12. Augpublished

Gaps and problems in the data, as published:

- The council publishes payments over £250; those under £500 are left out here so councils compare on the same footing.
- 3.4% of payments (£8,528,496) have the supplier name withheld or redacted by the council, usually because the payee is an individual.
- The index page blocks automated requests, so the file list is kept by hand and goes out of date.
- Could not be refreshed on 2026-11-15 (None of its files could be read: HTTP 403 Forbidden.); these are the figures from the last successful read.

Top 50 suppliers by value

Wiltshire: the 50 suppliers paid most, September 2025 to August 2026

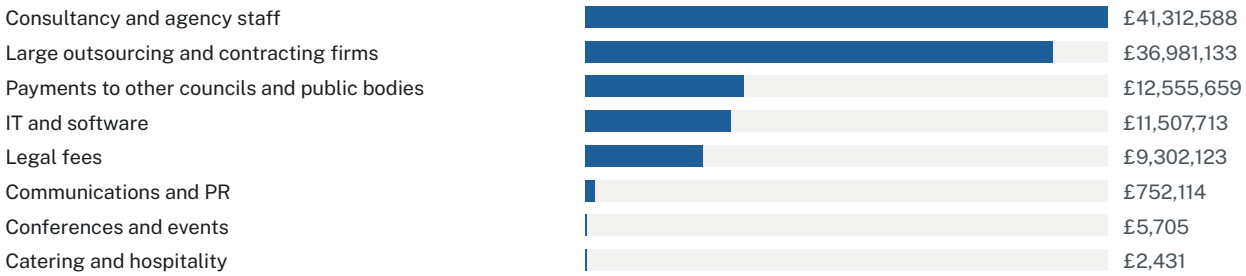
Supplier	Paid	Payments
M Group Highways	£42,843,817	1,596
Hills Waste Solutions Limited	£38,677,890	188
The Orders of St John Care Trust	£27,949,101	156

Supplier	Paid	Payments
Hills Municipal Collections Ltd	£22,958,646	123
Alliance Leisure Ltd	£20,595,660	20
M J Church Plant Ltd	£18,242,380	19
RWK Goodman	£18,066,530	66
Kier Facilities Services Ltd	£15,684,920	603
AtkinsRealis Ltd	£12,739,291	808
Tarmac Trading Ltd	£12,123,225	246
Medequip Assistive Technology Ltd	£11,681,367	24
White Horse Education Partnership	£9,913,149	81
Go South Coast (was Tourist Coaches)	£9,785,869	534
Aspris Children's Services	£9,453,177	217
HCRG Care Services Ltd	£9,259,605	33
Kiely Bros Ltd	£8,554,753	275
Names withheld by the council	£8,528,496	2,461
Voyage DCA Wiltshire	£8,237,882	286
Turning Point_134580	£7,148,321	116
FCC Recycling (UK) Ltd	£7,094,873	26
West Mercia Energy	£6,984,444	1,427
Wessex Care Ltd	£6,859,961	71
Wessex Electricals (Shaftesbury) Ltd	£6,355,621	1,661
Barchester Healthcare	£6,172,575	197
idverde	£6,166,053	59
Redcliffe Homes Ltd	£6,033,688	22
Ubico Limited	£4,969,065	9
Cornerstones UK Ltd_110620	£4,837,605	70
Silbury Housing Ltd (Proceeds Account)	£4,772,929	12
Achieve Together Services Ltd	£4,760,841	180
Brunel Education	£4,749,915	49
Milestones Trust	£4,486,786	176
Ian Williams Ltd	£4,287,314	88
RedJacket Specialist Care	£4,254,443	206
Innovations Wiltshire Ltd	£4,172,487	138
Dimensions UK Ltd	£3,997,111	28
J V Pickford T/A Faresaver Buses	£3,839,277	268
Choice Care Group	£3,760,401	184
E W Beard Holdings Ltd	£3,511,890	31
Ultima Business Solutions Ltd	£3,465,885	35
Goughs Solicitors	£3,398,038	26
Lorne Stewart PLC	£3,345,871	194
Agincare Enable Ltd	£3,270,010	29
Acorn Care and Education Ltd	£3,242,053	127
HC-ONE Limited	£3,230,816	69
Spaghetti Bridge Ltd	£3,111,378	131
Usherline Limited	£3,062,686	17
Spurgeons	£3,007,899	6
24x7 Limited	£2,970,289	908
RSMHC A Mencap	£2,913,997	34

Spending by category (our classification)

Payments this site classifies into each category from the supplier and the council's description; most payments fall into none. The rules are on the methodology page.

Wiltshire: payments by category (our classification)



The supplier is another council, a police, fire or NHS body, a government department or agency, or a pension fund.

1. Devizes Town Council: £2,001,440 (30 payments)
2. Wiltshire Pension Fund - NOT IC: £1,894,581 (20 payments)
3. Salisbury NHS Foundation Trust: £1,583,403 (41 payments)
4. NHS Banes Swindon and Wiltshire ICB: £844,086 (6 payments)
5. Dorset Council: £822,697 (6 payments)
6. Chippenham Town Council: £725,627 (21 payments)
7. Oxford Health NHS Foundation Trust: £536,278 (13 payments)
8. Purton Parish Council: £526,721 (5 payments)
9. Great Western Hospitals NHS Trust: £438,228 (30 payments)
10. Swindon Borough Council_112624: £322,998 (14 payments)

The supplier is one of a named list of large firms that run council services under contract. A payment to one is often a routine instalment on a long contract.

1. Kier Facilities Services Ltd: £15,684,920 (603 payments)
2. Tarmac Trading Ltd: £12,123,225 (246 payments)
3. idverde: £6,166,053 (59 payments)
4. Morgan Sindall Construction & Infrastructure Ltd: £2,863,769 (12 payments)
5. Veolia ES (UK) Ltd: £96,578 (24 payments)
6. Serco Limited: £34,875 (6 payments)
7. G4S Secure Solutions: £11,712 (2 payments)

The supplier is a law firm or chambers, or the council describes the payment as legal fees, counsel or court fees.

1. Goughs Solicitors: £3,398,038 (26 payments)
2. Bevan Brittan LLP: £1,307,248 (6 payments)
3. Devonshires Solicitors LLP: £1,131,245 (3 payments)
4. Bonallack & Bishop Solicitors: £866,842 (6 payments)
5. Names withheld by the council: £591,736 (277 payments)
6. Lyons Bowe Solicitors: £530,025 (2 payments)
7. Ranson Houghton Solicitors: £144,000 (1 payment)
8. Landmark Chambers: £138,247 (20 payments)
9. Capsticks Solicitors LLP: £118,313 (42 payments)
10. Hugh James Solicitors: £92,287 (51 payments)

The supplier is a recruitment agency or consultancy on a named list, or the council describes the payment as consultancy, agency or interim staff, or professional fees.

1. Redcliffe Homes Ltd: £6,006,488 (21 payments)

2. Silbury Housing Ltd (Proceeds Account): £4,772,929 (12 payments)
3. Rollalong Ltd: £2,903,522 (24 payments)
4. Bellway Homes Ltd Wessex: £1,634,420 (9 payments)
5. Comensura Ltd: £1,541,657 (30 payments)
6. Renelec Contracting Ltd: £1,519,327 (13 payments)
7. Stone Circle Development Company: £1,467,200 (3 payments)
8. Matrix SCM Ltd: £1,263,072 (23 payments)
9. Rigg Construction Southern Ltd: £1,195,371 (16 payments)
10. Newland Homes Ltd: £1,167,192 (11 payments)

The supplier is on a named list of IT and telecoms firms, or the council describes the payment as software, licences, IT, hardware, hosting or telephony.

1. Ultima Business Solutions Ltd: £3,465,885 (35 payments)
2. Insight Direct UK Ltd: £1,689,335 (16 payments)
3. British Telecommunications PLC_138227: £812,606 (16 payments)
4. Liquidlogic Ltd: £498,131 (3 payments)
5. Arcus Global Limited: £411,227 (9 payments)
6. Redrock Consulting Ltd: £396,450 (8 payments)
7. Access UK Ltd: £249,699 (4 payments)
8. ESRI UK Ltd: £236,874 (1 payment)
9. NEC Software Solutions UK Ltd: £230,482 (10 payments)
10. Softcat Plc: £229,645 (9 payments)

The council describes the payment as advertising, marketing, publicity or public relations. Recruitment and statutory notices are left out.

1. PeopleScout Limited: £302,106 (153 payments)
2. People Asset Management Ltd: £170,088 (23 payments)
3. The Hundred Hands: £46,280 (7 payments)
4. Newsquest Media Group Ltd: £44,808 (27 payments)
5. Mumsnet Limited: £24,000 (2 payments)
6. Eye Airports Current: £21,600 (1 payment)
7. Longleat Enterprises Ltd: £18,654 (2 payments)
8. Big Wave Media Ltd: £15,509 (17 payments)
9. Reward Gateway UK Ltd: £13,440 (2 payments)
10. Names withheld by the council: £10,788 (1 payment)

The council describes the payment as a conference, seminar, exhibition, event or venue hire.

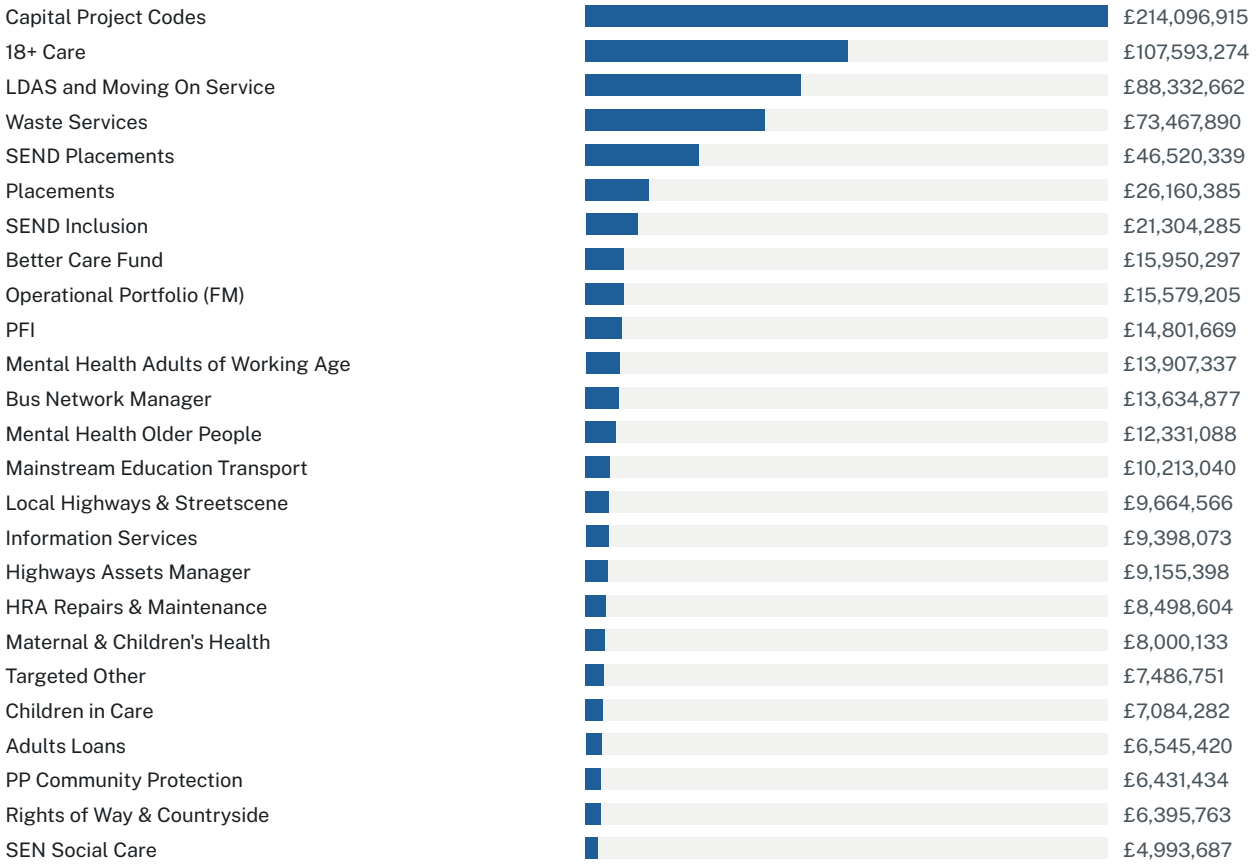
1. Orchard Restaurant: £4,464 (2 payments)
2. Local Government Association_122918: £1,241 (1 payment)

The council describes the payment as catering, hospitality or refreshments. School meals are left out.

1. Terrace View Café: £1,500 (1 payment)
2. Blast Event Hire: £931 (1 payment)

Spending by the council's own service areas

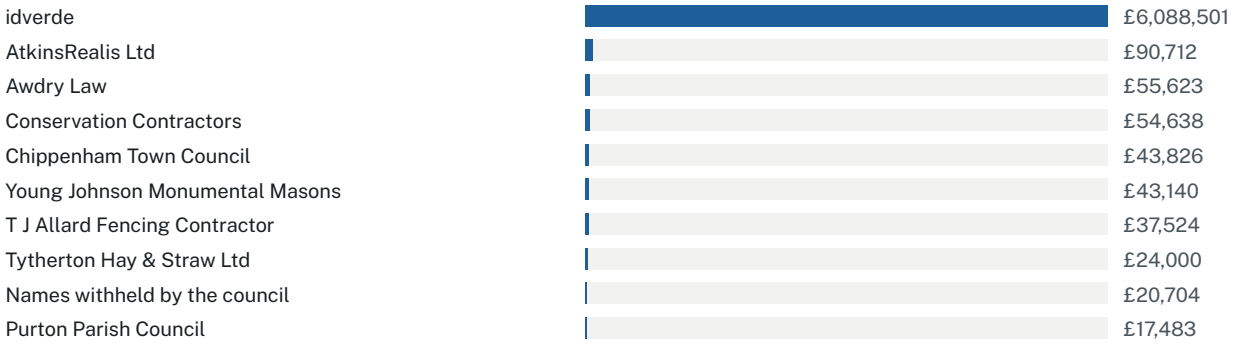
Wiltshire: payments by service area, as the council labels them



Who is paid for grounds, street cleaning, roads and bins?

The suppliers paid most for each kind of work, where the council's own labels say what the payment was for (our matching). A council that does the work with its own staff pays mostly wages, which are not in this data, so a short list here can mean the work is done in-house.

Parks and open spaces (including play areas): largest suppliers



Consultancy and agency against the pay bill

Payments we classify as consultancy and agency staff came to **11.7%** of Wiltshire's own staff costs in its 2025-26 revenue return, against a median of 5.7% for the other unitary councils in England read so far. The payments and the staff costs come from different sources and periods, so this is a guide to scale.

Search every payment

Wiltshire's individual payments are not available on this site in this update, so there is no search or download of them this time. The totals, suppliers and categories above come from the council's published records, which are on the council's site.

What this data does and doesn't show

- It is the council's own record of payments of £500 or more. It leaves out salaries, most staff costs and many internal costs, so it is not the council's whole spending.
- Descriptions are the council's own and vary in quality; some are codes, some are blank, and some supplier names are withheld to protect individuals.
- A large payment to one supplier is often a routine instalment on a long contract that was tendered openly.
- The categories and the matching to services are this site's classification from keywords, not the council's. The rules are on the methodology page.

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- 2026-03 (2026-03), file dated 2026-04-09: 6,581 payments of £500 or more. Read 2026-09-24.
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Wiltshire: senior pay and councillor allowances

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In its draft statement of accounts for 2025-26, Wiltshire reports total remuneration of **£271,139** for its chief executive (including employer pension contributions), a year in which the post changed hands, **26** employees paid £100,000 or more, and **£2,487,000** paid in members' allowances.

Key figures

£271,139
Chief Executive, 2025-26

26
Staff paid £100,000 or more, 2025-26

£2,487,000
Members' allowances, 2025-26

£17,585
Basic allowance per councillor, 2026-27

Chief Executive

Total remuneration of **£271,139** in 2025-26, including employer pension contributions. The post changed hands, or the figure covers part of a year, so it is not compared with the year before. The median among the 5 other unitary councils in England collected so far is £244,575.

Every line the council printed for the post

As printed	Year	Total
Chief Executive - L Townsend	2025-26	£271,139
Chief Executive - T Herbert (left 19 August 2024)	2024-25	£148,842
Chief Executive - L Townsend (appointed wef 19 August 2024)	2024-25	£141,124

From the accounts: Totals include election expenses as printed. L Townsend also appears in 2024-25 as 'Corporate Director - People (DCS)' (salary 64,219) before appointment as Chief Executive. Total excluding pension is not printed.

PDF pages 80-81 (printed pages 68-69), Note 11

Employees paid £50,000 or more

878 employees in 2025-26, up 19.1% on 2024-25 (737). 26 were paid £100,000 or more, 4.9 per 100,000 residents. The median among the 7 other unitary councils in England collected so far is 4.9 per 100,000.

Wiltshire: employees by pay band, as printed

Band	2025-26	2024-25
£50,000 to £54,999	375	300
£55,000 to £59,999	202	140
£60,000 to £64,999	67	81
£65,000 to £69,999	75	64
£70,000 to £74,999	38	49
£75,000 to £79,999	41	36
£80,000 to £84,999	25	20
£85,000 to £89,999	12	13
£90,000 to £94,999	13	5
£95,000 to £99,999	4	4
£100,000 to £104,999	6	8
£105,000 to £109,999	5	2
£110,000 to £114,999	2	3
£115,000 to £119,999	0	2
£120,000 to £124,999	3	2
£125,000 to £129,999	2	1
£130,000 to £134,999	3	5
£135,000 to £139,999	1	0
£140,000 to £144,999	1	0
£145,000 to £149,999	2	1
£180,000 to £184,999	0	1
£225,000 to £229,999	1	0

Includes senior officers. From the accounts: 'The number of other employees receiving more than £50,000 remuneration for the year, excluding pension contributions ... This table also includes the senior officers identified in the notes above.' Totals 878 (2025-26) and 737 (2024-25). The note does not say whether school staff are included.

Source: Wiltshire, Statement of accounts 2025-26 subject to audit (draft), PDF page 82 (printed page 70), Note 11. Read by hand; checked 2026-09-24.

Councillors' allowances

£2,487,000 in 2025-26, up 2.8% on 2024-25 (£2,419,000), or £4.72 per resident. The median among the 7 other unitary councils in England collected so far is £3.64 per resident.

The basic allowance for each councillor is £17,585 a year (2026-27).

From the accounts: "Allowances payable to Members 2,453 (2024-25 2,383); Expenses payable to Members 34 (36); Total 2,487 (2,419) £000" (PDF page 83 (printed page 71), Note 13)

Published allowances: .

What this data does and doesn't show

- Every figure is as Wiltshire printed it, in accounts that have not yet been audited. Counts in the £100,000 figure are our sum of the council's bands.
- Comparisons are with the other unitary councils in England read so far; no national figure is published for England.
- The council's Members' Allowances page states 'The basic allowance for 2026/27 is set at £17,585 per annum.' No annual allowances-paid publication with totals was located in the time available.

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