

Lincolnshire County Council, Police and Crime Commissioner for Lincolnshire & South Holland District Council

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We can provide the information in Braille, hard copy, large type or other languages if required. Please contact South Holland District Council at the address below.

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Payment line, available 24 hours a day,
seven days a week (charged at local rate):
0345 340 9310

Email: info@sholland.gov.uk

General enquiries: 01775 761161

Web: www.sholland.gov.uk

For enquiries about any services provided by South Holland - including Benefits, Business Rates and Council Tax - please contact our Customer Contact Team.

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Contacting Your Authorities

Lincolnshire County Council

County Offices, Newland, Lincoln LN1 1YL

General enquiries: 01522 552222

Fax: 01522 516137

Email: customer_services@lincolnshire.gov.uk

Minicom service: 01522 552055

Web: www.lincolnshire.gov.uk

If you want any more information on the County Council's budget for 2025/2026, visit www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/finances-budgets/council-budget

Police and Crime Commissioner for Lincolnshire

Deepdale Lane, Nettleham, Lincoln LN2 2LT

Tel: 18001101

Email: lincolnshire-pcc@lincs.police.uk

Web: www.lincolnshire-pcc.gov.uk

Lincolnshire Police General Enquiries

Tel: 01522 532222 (your call may be recorded)

Minicom/textphone: 01522 558140

Web: www.lincs.police.uk

Paying your bill

Are you paying too much Council Tax? The information in these factsheets about discounts, exemptions, people with disabilities and Council Tax Support is intended as a guide only. In most cases there are additional qualifying conditions to be met. Please check our website or contact us for further information.

Contacting us about changes and corrections

Please tell us if:

- we've sent the bill to the wrong person
- you've moved house
- we've calculated your bill wrongly
- we've calculated your Council Tax Support wrongly
- you should receive a discount, an exemption, a disabled band reduction or Council Tax Support
- you should no longer receive a discount, an exemption, a disabled band reduction or as much Council Tax Support.

You must notify us of a change in circumstances within 21 days. Failure to do so could result in a penalty of £70 being imposed.

Who gets the Council Tax?

South Holland District Council collects the Council Tax. However, we keep less than 10% (1/10th) of it. The remainder is collected for Lincolnshire County Council, the Police and Crime Commissioner for Lincolnshire, internal drainage boards, town and parish councils.

What is Council Tax and who has to pay?

Council Tax is based on the value of your home. Council and police services are paid for by income from Government grants, Council Tax, fees and other charges. Owner occupiers usually have to pay the Council Tax bill. Where homes are rented, tenants will have to pay. In the case of empty homes, it's normally the owner who has to pay. The owners of these properties have to pay too:

- residential care homes, nursing homes and hostels
- those occupied by:
 - a minister of religion or a religious community
 - more than one household
 - resident staff or asylum seekers.

Please contact us if you have been made the liable person and you believe this to be incorrect.

Finding out more about your Council Tax band

The Valuation Office Agency maintains the Council Tax Valuation List. This includes placing new properties within a Council Tax band and changing bands for properties when necessary. Council Tax bands range from A to H. To understand why your property is in a certain band, please go to GOV.UK and search: 'How domestic properties are assessed for Council Tax bands'.

Band	Market Value (at April 1991)
A	Up to £40,000
B	£40,001 - £52,000
C	£52,001 - £68,000
D	£68,001 - £88,000
E	£88,001 - £120,000
F	£120,001 - £160,000
G	£160,001 - £320,000
H	More than £320,000

You can appeal against the valuation band if:

- it's within six months of your becoming the taxpayer
- the value changes because of demolition work, a conversion, a change of use or any other physical change to the property's location.

You must carry on paying your Council Tax while your appeal is being considered.

For more information about valuation bands or appeals, contact: Valuation Office Agency, Durham Customer Service Centre, Wycliffe House, Green Lane, Durham, DH1 3UW
Telephone: 03000 501501
Web: www.voa.gov.uk

If your initial appeal fails, you have further avenues of appeal, which will be explained to you by the Valuation Office Agency.

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We are under a duty to protect the public funds we administer. We may use the information you provide for the prevention and detection of fraud. We may also share this information with other bodies responsible for auditing or administering public funds for these purposes. Full details of how your information is used can be found on our website.

Council Tax Discounts

You may be able to get a discount or, in some cases, a full exemption if no-one lives in the property.

Empty Properties

- If your property is unfurnished and needs major repairs or is undergoing structural alterations to make it habitable, you might be entitled to a 25% discount for an Uninhabitable Property (up to 12 months).
- If your property is empty and unfurnished, you might be entitled to a 100% discount for up to 1 month.
- The time periods run from when the conditions for getting the discount are first met. These discounts can apply to an owner or tenant and do not start again when a property changes hands.
Properties empty longer than 2 years will be subject to a Long Term Empty Premium charge.

Furnished Properties

- For furnished properties that are not used as anyone's home (we call these second homes), there is no discount and a full Council Tax is payable. From 01/04/2025 second homes will be subject to an additional charge of 100% (exceptions can apply).

Annexes

From April 2014, the Government introduced a 50% discount for family annexes.

This applies to an annexe (or similar self contained part of a home) which is occupied as part of the main home or is the main home of a relative of the Council Tax payer of the main home. To apply for this discount simply complete the application form.

The annexe may be exempt, meaning no Council Tax will be due, if:

- the relative occupying is aged 65 or over; or
- has a severe mental impairment; or
- is substantially and permanently disabled
- the annexe is unoccupied and subject to a planning condition, restricting who can occupy.

Occupied Properties

- You can get a 25% discount on your bill if there is only one person aged 18 or over living in your home. People under 18 are not included.
- For Council Tax purposes, people in one of the groups listed below are NOT included when counting the number of people living in your home. An application form and/or evidence will be required:
 - most full-time students, student nurses and some apprentices
 - the partner of a student or the dependant of a student who is not a British citizen and is not allowed to work in this country, or claim benefits
 - people who are long-term patients in hospital or who live in care homes
 - people who are severely mentally impaired
 - 18 and 19 year olds still eligible for child benefit
 - school and college leavers (from April to October if they are under 20 years old)
 - low-paid care workers (usually employed by charities)
 - residents of hostels for the homeless or night shelters
 - carers looking after someone who is not their partner and not a child of their own who is under 18 years old
 - members of religious communities
 - members of visiting armed forces and international institutions
 - diplomats
 - people in prison (except for those in prison for non-payment of fines or Council Tax)
 - people staying under the 'Homes for Ukraine' scheme

Please contact us if:

- you think you should be getting a discount
- you are getting a discount and your circumstances have changed so that you should no longer get it.

Local Council Tax Discounts

The Council does have the discretion to give local Council Tax discounts but it is likely that this would only be done in very unusual, exceptional or particularly deserving circumstances. The Section 13A 1(c) Policy, covering discretionary discounts, can be found on our website. Please see www.sholland.gov.uk/CouncilTaxReductions for our Discretionary Reduction policy. Contact us in writing, if you think this might be appropriate to you.

Council Tax Exemptions

Generally, you don't have to pay Council Tax on the classes of property in this list because they are exempt. Some classes do have time limits though and you may have to pay a charge after the exemption runs out. Please note that time limits run from when the circumstances of the exempt class first started to apply, and they don't re-start if the property changes hands.

These are the classes of exempt EMPTY property:

- Class B - owned by a charity (exempt for up to six months only)
- Class D - the tax payer is in prison (except for those in prison for non-payment of fines or Council Tax)
- Class E - the tax payer has left it to go and live in a care home
- Class F - the tax payer has died (exempt for up to six months after probate granted)
- Class G - can't be lived in by law
- Class H - held for a minister of religion
- Class I - the tax payer has gone to live elsewhere to receive personal care
- Class J - the tax payer has gone to live elsewhere to provide personal care

- Class K - left empty by a student
- Class L - the mortgagee has possession
- Class Q - the tax payer is trustee to a bankrupt
- Class R - unused caravan pitch or boat mooring
- Class T - unoccupied annexe to an occupied property.

These are the classes of exempt OCCUPIED property:

- Class M - student halls of residence
- Class N - all occupiers are students, school or college leavers or non-British dependants or partners of students
- Class O - UK armed forces accommodation
- Class P - visiting forces accommodation
- Class S - all occupiers are under 18
- Class U - all occupiers are severely mentally impaired
- Class V - main residence of a person with diplomatic privilege or immunity
- Class W - the annexe to a property occupied by a dependant relative.

Please contact us if:

- you think your property should be exempt from Council Tax
- your circumstances have changed so that it should no longer be exempt.

Long Term Empty Dwellings Premium

A premium charge of 100% will be added to Council Tax bills where the dwelling has been unoccupied and unfurnished between two and five years - taking the amount payable to 200% of the usual Council Tax.

Dwellings that have been empty between five and ten years, will be charged a premium of 200% - taking the amount payable to 300% of the usual bill.

From 1 April 2021 dwellings empty over ten years will be charged a premium of 300% - taking the amount payable to 400% of the usual bill.

Furnished Dwellings Premium

The Council has decided that from 1 April 2025 it will be applying a 100% Premium charge to all furnished properties not occupied as anyone's main home. This will include second/holiday homes. There are set exceptions to the premium as detailed on the website.

Penalties

You must notify us of a change in circumstances within 21 days. Failure to do so could result in a penalty of £70 being imposed.

People with Disabilities

You can get your bill reduced by one valuation band if you have a second bathroom, a second kitchen, a special room or enough floor space to use a wheelchair indoors as long as the facility is necessary to meet the needs of anyone in the home who is disabled. We will ask you to renew your application each year if you qualify for this reduction.

Please contact us if:

- you think you should be getting a disabled band reduction
- your circumstances have changed so that you no longer need to receive the reduction.

Council Tax Support

South Holland District Council's scheme for 2025/26 will continue to support working age customers with up to 75% of their Council Tax bill. This means that those customers will have to pay at least 25% of their Council Tax. If you are working age and a care leaver, you will be entitled to 100% off your Council Tax Bill. If you are working age with children we will support those customers with up to 85% of their Council Tax bill. This means that those customers will have to pay at least 15% of their Council Tax.

Are you finding it hard to pay?

This factsheet contains information about many discounts, exemptions, banding reductions and benefits that can help to reduce your bill. We can advise further on any of these schemes. If you don't qualify or are already receiving some help, and are still finding it hard to pay, contact us on 01775 761161 as soon as possible to discuss your payments.

Details of what support is available, and how to access it, can be found on our webpage www.sholland.gov.uk/costofliving

People of pension age, war pensioners and war widowers will continue to get the same level of support as previously granted.

Generally speaking, you can get Council Tax Support if any one of these applies:

- Universal Credit
- you are getting the Guarantee Credit element of Pension Credit
- you are getting either Income Based Job Seeker's Allowance or Income Support
- if you are on a low income and have limited savings.

Even if you own your own home and are working, you may still be able to get Council Tax Support. To see if you might be entitled to assistance, please use our Council Tax Support Calculator on our website: <https://sholland.entitledto.co.uk> - If you are likely to qualify please make a claim at www.sholland.gov.uk/CTS. If you are unable to make an online claim please contact us.

Council Tax Explained

Your Council Tax this year 2025/26

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
COUNTY	1,083.90	1,264.55	1,445.20	1,625.85	1,987.15	2,348.45	2,709.75	3,251.70
POLICE	212.10	247.45	282.80	318.15	388.85	459.55	530.25	636.30
SHDC	139.02	162.19	185.36	208.53	254.87	301.21	347.55	417.06
TOTAL	£1,435.02	£1,674.19	£1,913.36	£2,152.53	£2,630.87	£3,109.21	£3,587.55	£4,305.06
Households per band in South Holland	16758	9801	10695	4787	2151	447	122	17

Please see the front of your bill, or Factsheet 4.1, for the parish amounts which are charged in addition to the figures above. The council tax attributable to Lincolnshire County Council includes an additional precept to fund adult social care.

The District Council is in financially challenging times with major reductions in central government funding having to be offset by further efficiency savings. However the Council has operation reviews underway to enhance cost recovery and spend management for its services and commercial growth opportunities. Delivery of these reviews will be through continued innovation and working with partners to meet the needs of our community including those most vulnerable, while delivering continued savings over the next four years.

The Council will continue to provide essential services including:

- Weekly refuse and recycling collection throughout the District
- Environmental monitoring and Public Health
- Leisure Services, Community Wellbeing and voluntary sector projects
- Community Safety and tackling Anti-Social behaviour
- Provision of local democracy for all residents.

The District's share of the Council Tax for 2025/26 is £208.53, or around £4.01 per week, for a household paying band D council tax. This represents a 3.53% increase.

What services the money is spent on

		%
Corporate	1,346,500	2.6%
Finance	20,959,600	40.7%
General Fund Assets	1,969,100	3.8%
Governance & Monitoring Officer	1,293,600	2.5%
Housing	677,900	1.3%
Leisure and Culture	12,889,800	25.0%
Neighbourhoods	5,713,100	11.1%
Planning & Strategic Infrastructure	1,368,800	2.7%
Regulatory	1,554,400	3.0%
Strategic Growth & Development	590,600	1.1%
Wellbeing & Community Leadership	3,179,600	6.2%
TOTAL	51,543,000	100%

Income coming into services

		%
Corporate	-961,900	2.8%
Finance	-14,845,100	42.9%
General Fund Assets	-2,065,800	6.0%
Governance & Monitoring Officer	-320,200	0.9%
Housing	-810,100	2.3%
Leisure and Culture	-11,066,700	32.0%
Neighbourhoods	-1,238,700	3.6%
Planning & Strategic Infrastructure	-780,300	2.3%
Regulatory	-577,100	1.7%
Strategic Growth & Development	-186,100	0.5%
Wellbeing & Community Leadership	-1,714,300	5.0%
TOTAL	-34,566,300	100%

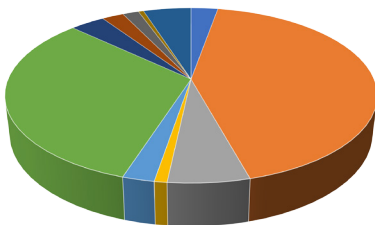
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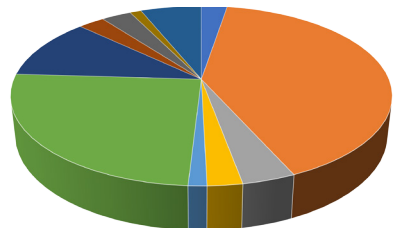
Your District Council Tax goes towards paying for the following

Service	Spend	Income	Net	% income	% spend
Corporate	1,346,500	-961,900	384,600	2.6%	2.8%
Finance	20,959,600	-14,845,100	6,114,500	40.7%	42.9%
General Fund Assets	1,969,100	-2,065,800	-96,700	3.8%	6.0%
Governance & Monitoring Officer	1,293,600	-320,200	973,400	2.5%	0.9%
Housing	677,900	-810,100	-132,200	1.3%	2.3%
Leisure and Culture	12,889,800	-11,066,700	1,823,100	25.0%	32.0%
Neighbourhoods	5,713,100	-1,238,700	4,474,400	11.1%	3.6%
Planning & Strategic Infrastructure	1,368,800	-780,300	588,500	2.7%	2.3%
Regulatory	1,554,400	-577,100	977,300	3.0%	1.7%
Strategic Growth & Development	590,600	-186,100	404,500	1.1%	0.5%
Wellbeing & Community Leadership	3,179,600	-1,714,300	1,465,300	6.2%	5.0%
TOTAL	51,543,000	-34,566,300	16,976,700	100%	100%
Government Grants			(1,714,000)		
Retained Business Rates			(7,152,000)		
Surplus on Council Tax Collection Fund			(39,000)		
Met by District and Parish Council Tax			(8,072,000)		

What services the money is spent on



Income coming into services



KEY

- Corporate
- Finance
- General Fund Assets
- Governance & Monitoring Officer
- Housing
- Leisure & Culture

- Neighbourhoods
- Planning & Strategic Infrastructure
- Regulatory
- Strategic Growth & Development
- Wellbeing & Community Leadership

	2025/26	%
District Council Tax Requirement	6,664,949.93	10%
Parish Council Tax Requirement	1,630,475.00	2%
Lincolnshire County Council Tax Requirement	50,465,478.00	74%
Police and Crime Commissioner for Lincolnshire	9,874,486.00	14%
Total cost met by Council Taxpayers	68,635,388.93	100%
Total cost per head, population	707.71	
Population	96983	

Internal Drainage Boards

Internal Drainage Boards (IDBs) manage water levels and are an integral part of managing flood risk and land drainage in South Holland. They undertake vital work which includes moving, storing and pumping water to reduce flood risk to people and property/land within areas of special drainage need.

In South Holland there are five IDBs:

- South Holland,
- Welland and Deepings,
- Black Sluice,
- North Level District, and
- King's Lynn.

IDBs use a levy to raise income from agricultural occupiers and councils within their districts. Councils contribute to an IDB on behalf of all the homes, non-agricultural businesses, and infrastructure within the drainage district.

In recent years, the money that IDBs require to undertake their work has significantly increased due to rising material, construction, pay, and energy related costs. Councils must pay the sums levied by IDBs in accordance with legislation. For further information about IDBs, their important work, and how they are funded please visit: www.ada.org.uk

The amount that the five IDBs require from South Holland District Council, in total for 2025/26 is **£3.6m**. This is funded as part of the Council's budget, including from council tax.

The Council fully supports the important work of IDBs. The Council is campaigning for a new funding approach to IDBs by Government, as the current method is contributing to significant financial pressure for the Council and resulting in less money being available to the Council to deliver the essential services it provides to the community.

Parish Precepts

You can see from your Council Tax bill how much you have to pay. The information shows this year's Council Tax amounts for homes in each of the valuation bands, A to H. Those figures do not include the parish charges which are shown in this table.

We have only shown here the Band D amounts of extra Council Tax needed to cover the spending of parish councils and parish meetings, or the special expenses for Spalding. Charging each area separately in this way means that parish precepts and special expenses are paid for by those living in the area where the money is spent.

Levels of overall Council Tax 2025/26

Parish/Area	Band A £	Band B £	Band C £	Band D £	Band E £	Band F £	Band G £	Band H £
Cowbit	1,459.00	1,702.17	1,945.33	2,188.50	2,674.83	3,161.17	3,647.50	4,377.00
Crowland	1,489.31	1,737.53	1,985.75	2,233.97	2,730.41	3,226.85	3,723.28	4,467.94
Deeping St Nicholas	1,467.23	1,711.76	1,956.30	2,200.84	2,689.92	3,178.99	3,668.07	4,401.68
Donington	1,470.93	1,716.09	1,961.24	2,206.40	2,696.71	3,187.02	3,677.33	4,412.80
Fleet	1,467.79	1,712.43	1,957.06	2,201.69	2,690.95	3,180.22	3,669.48	4,403.38
Gedhey	1,478.46	1,724.87	1,971.28	2,217.69	2,710.51	3,203.33	3,696.15	4,435.38
Gedhey Hill	1,481.04	1,727.88	1,974.72	2,221.56	2,715.24	3,208.92	3,702.60	4,443.12
Gosberton	1,459.22	1,702.42	1,945.63	2,188.83	2,675.24	3,161.64	3,648.05	4,377.66
Holbeach	1,496.77	1,746.23	1,995.69	2,245.15	2,744.07	3,242.99	3,741.92	4,490.30
Little Sutton	1,465.49	1,709.74	1,953.99	2,198.24	2,686.74	3,175.24	3,663.73	4,396.48
Long Sutton	1,522.99	1,776.82	2,030.65	2,284.48	2,792.14	3,299.80	3,807.47	4,568.96
Lutton	1,484.50	1,731.92	1,979.33	2,226.75	2,721.58	3,216.42	3,711.25	4,453.50
Moulton	1,464.93	1,709.08	1,953.24	2,197.39	2,685.70	3,174.01	3,662.32	4,394.78
Pinchbeck	1,482.36	1,729.42	1,976.48	2,223.54	2,717.66	3,211.78	3,705.90	4,447.08
Quadring	1,456.91	1,699.73	1,942.55	2,185.37	2,671.01	3,156.65	3,642.28	4,370.74
Spalding	1,450.44	1,692.18	1,933.92	2,175.66	2,659.14	3,142.62	3,626.10	4,351.32
Surfleet	1,435.19	1,674.38	1,913.58	2,152.78	2,631.18	3,109.57	3,587.97	4,305.56
Sutton Bridge	1,485.93	1,733.59	1,981.24	2,228.90	2,724.21	3,219.52	3,714.83	4,457.80
Sutton St Edmund	1,473.29	1,718.83	1,964.38	2,209.93	2,701.03	3,192.12	3,683.22	4,419.86
Sutton St James	1,465.72	1,710.01	1,954.29	2,198.58	2,687.15	3,175.73	3,664.30	4,397.16
The Whaplodes	1,443.79	1,684.42	1,925.05	2,165.68	2,646.94	3,128.20	3,609.47	4,331.36
Tydd St Mary	1,492.00	1,740.67	1,989.33	2,238.00	2,735.33	3,232.67	3,730.00	4,476.00
Weston	1,457.13	1,699.99	1,942.84	2,185.70	2,671.41	3,157.12	3,642.83	4,371.40

PARISH	24/25 Precept	Tax base 25/26	25/26 Precept	25/26 Band D
Cowbit	20,000	556	20,000	35.97
Crowland	139,800	1,849	150,589	81.44
Deeping St Nicholas	30,000	621	30,000	48.31
Donington	50,000	1,021	55,000	53.87
Fleet	35,846	802	39,430	49.16
Gedhey	42,000	706	46,000	65.16
Gedhey Hill	17,750	281	19,397	69.03
Gosberton	29,700	973	35,320	36.30
Holbeach	330,080	3,734	345,838	92.62
Little Sutton	1,600	35	1,600	45.71
Long Sutton	192,000	1,637	216,000	131.95

PARISH	24/25 Precept	Tax base 25/26	25/26 Precept	25/26 Band D
Lutton	28,000	415	30,800	74.22
Moultons (The)	47,356	1,259	56,474	44.86
Pinchbeck	134,850	2,037	144,642	71.01
Quadring	14,400	472	15,500	32.84
Spalding	246,418	9,661	223,459	23.13
Surfleet	130	563	140	0.25
Sutton Bridge	86,000	1,257	96,000	76.37
Sutton St Edmund	12,613	228	13,086	57.40
Sutton St James	16,000	380	17,500	46.05
Tydd St Mary	28,000	351	30,000	85.47
Weston	27,700	835	27,700	33.17
The Whaplodes	15,250	1,217	16,000	13.15
TOTAL	1,545,492.86	30,890	1,630,474.93	1,267.44