


SUMMARY BUDGET	2025-26	2026-27
NET EXPENDITURE		
Operating Costs	593,625	713,341
Civic	10,426	12,880
Community Services	237,464	244,098
Venue	8,227	28,281
Town Improvements and Projects	314,593	165,760
Open Spaces and Footpaths	23,550	181,579
NET INCOME		
St. Dunstan's Car Park	152,366	146,740
Total Expenditure	<u>1,035,519</u>	<u>1,199,199</u>
Precept Income	1,056,000	1,135,600
Balance	20,481	- 63,599
Balance carried forward	349,587	370,068
Reserves	<u>370,068</u>	<u>306,469</u>
Band D equivalent households	3,336.61	3,417.26
Annual Band D Precept	£316.49	£332.31
Cost Per Week	£6.09	£6.39



GLASTONBURY TOWN COUNCIL

2026-27 Precept Information Leaflet

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If you are not a resident of Glastonbury and you have received this leaflet this is because Royal Mail's postcode delivery system delivers to every house in BA6 8 and BA6 9 rather than just Glastonbury Civil Parish.



The Town Council's primary role is to ensure that local services meet the needs of our community and enhance the quality of life for everyone in the Parish of Glastonbury.

Every penny raised by Glastonbury Town Council is invested back into our community — and nowhere else!

We're actively involved in shaping the town, taking responsibility for many functions that improve life in Glastonbury:

- ✓ Managing and running events at the Town Hall
- ✓ Running the Information Centre and Tribunal Museum & events space
- ✓ St. Dunstan's House Community Health & Wellbeing Centre
- ✓ National and Regional Gold medal-winning Glastonbury in Bloom floral displays
- ✓ Frost Fayre
- ✓ Herbie's Field event parking
- ✓ Four public toilet blocks
- ✓ Town Christmas Tree and lights
- ✓ Discounted solar panel installation offer
- ✓ Water fountains
- ✓ Running and improving the weekly Charter Market
- ✓ Two local Youth Clubs
- ✓ Commenting on Planning Applications
- ✓ Installation of bike racks
- ✓ The Glastonbury Way and other footpaths
- ✓ Administration of St. Edmunds Hall
- ✓ CCTV in the town centre
- ✓ Allotments
- ✓ EV charging point
- ✓ Providing space and power for the Community Fridge
- ✓ Commissioning the Tor Bus service
- ✓ Tennis Courts on Benedict St.
- ✓ Basketball Court in Abbey Park
- ✓ Fishers Hill award-winning community garden
- ✓ Supporting the Somerset Bus Partnership to improve services
- ✓ Lighting at the Skatepark
- ✓ Co-ordinating road closures for local events
- ✓ Grants to many local organisations including Glastonbury Carnival
- ✓ The maintenance and development of 10 play parks
- ✓ Maintenance of open spaces

We're committed to making every penny work hard to benefit the community and improve Glastonbury in the years ahead.

How your Town Council works for the community

To keep things running smoothly and support the services that make Glastonbury special, the Town Council relies on an annual income. A part of this comes from the "Precept," a levy applied to each household, making up around just 10% of your total Council Tax bill.

Your Town Council also generates significant additional income – much more than many councils of a similar size. This helps us fund services without putting too much strain on your taxes. We earn income from St. Dunstan's car park, the Town Hall, St Dunstan's House Community Health and Wellbeing Centre, the weekly Charter Market, the Tribunal, the Glastonbury Information Centre, the Frost Fayre, Glastonbury in Bloom, the Christmas Trees above the shops, and the administration of charities like the Austin Memorial Homes and St. Edmund's Community Hall.

What's new for 2026-27?

For the coming year from April, the Town Council has set the Precept at £1,135,600, a 5% increase. This means a rise of just 30p per week for a Band D property, which is the national benchmark. However, 75% of homes in Glastonbury are in Bands A to C and will pay smaller increases ranging from 20p to 27p per week.

Glastonbury Town Council has now completed the Health & Wellbeing Centre and has taken on the running of vital services from Somerset Council, protecting them for local people and visitors. These include many open spaces, 10 play parks, public toilets, CCTV coverage in the town centre and running the weekly Charter Market. Additionally, the Town Council now supports the Glastonbury Carnival Committee with an annual grant of £5,000 towards the costs of arranging the spectacular carnival in our town.

This year we plan to redevelop a local play area with up to £200,000 of investment, and the Town Council is also in the process of securing an additional community building to be brought back into beneficial public use for the town, adding to the work done at St. Dunstan's House Community Health & Wellbeing Centre.

Somerset Council's Council Tax Reduction Scheme

Eligible households can receive reductions on their Council Tax bills. You can find more information about eligibility on Somerset Council's website www.somerset.gov.uk/benefits-and-payments/council-tax-reduction or by phoning their switchboard Monday to Friday 8.30am to 5.00pm: 0300 123 2224