

Shorne Parish Council

Borough of Gravesham



THE PARISH COUNCIL MATTERS

March 2022

Council Tax and Parish Precepts

At the Borough Council Meeting on 22nd February 2022, Gravesham Borough Council met to approve the Council Tax for 2022/23. The following annual Council Taxes are expected to apply to all properties in Gravesham:

Council Tax	Band A	Band B	Band C	Band D	Band E	Band F	Band G	Band H
Gravesham	£145.32	£169.54	£193.76	£217.98	£266.42	£314.86	£363.30	£435.96
KCC	£974.16	£1,136.52	£1,298.88	£1,461.24	£1,785.96	£2,110.68	£2,435.40	£2,922.48
Police	£152.10	£177.45	£202.80	£228.15	£278.85	£329.55	£380.25	£456.30
Fire & Rescue	£54.90	£64.05	£73.20	£82.35	£100.65	£118.95	£137.25	£164.70
Total	£1326.48	£1,547.56	£1,768.64	£1,989.72	£2,431.88	£2,874.04	£3,316.20	£3,979.44

In addition to the Council taxes shown above, the annual parish precept charges are as follows:

Parish	Band A	Band B	Band C	Band D	Band E	Band F	Band G	Band H
Cobham	£34.77	£40.56	£46.36	£52.15	£63.74	£75.33	£86.92	£104.30
Higham	£52.00	£60.67	£69.33	£78.00	£95.33	£112.67	£130.00	£156.00
Luddesdown	£46.57	£54.34	£62.10	£69.86	£85.38	£100.91	£116.43	£139.72
Meopham	£30.37	£35.08	£40.09	£45.10	£55.12	£65.14	£75.17	£90.20
Shorne	£24.38	£28.44	£32.51	£36.57	£44.70	£52.88	£60.95	£73.14
Vigo	£116.45	£135.86	£155.27	£174.68	£213.50	£252.32	£291.13	£349.36

Shorne Parish Council's precept for 2022/23 represents an increase of £3 a year for Band D properties, less than one penny a day, and once again Shorne's precept per property is the lowest in Gravesham. However, the amount of funding available from Kent County Council and Gravesham continues to be squeezed due to financial constraints, which puts more pressure on parish finances. In order to be able to continue to invest in the parish, it is likely that it will be necessary to increase the precept by more than inflation in future years.

Lower Thames Crossing Drop-In Event 3rd March

The Lower Thames Crossing Community Engagement team will be holding a drop-in event, where you can call in to find out the latest project updates and ask questions. At the event, they will be providing information on their proposed new or improved walkers, cyclists, and horse rider routes, as well as updates on how they are working with local schools and businesses to create opportunities for new jobs and skills.

The drop-in session will be held between 4pm to 8pm on Thursday 3rd March 2022 at the Kent Room, Gravesham Civic Centre, Windmill Street, Gravesend, Kent, DA12 1AU.

Shorne Spring Clean Litter Patrol 19th March

This year's Spring litter patrol in Shorne will take place on Saturday 19th March, weather permitting. As usual, we will meet up in Shorne Village Hall car park at 09.45am to collect our litter pickers, bags, and hi-viz vests, ready for a 10 o'clock start. We expect to finish by midday.

If you haven't done this before, why not give it a go? It's not hard work, you meet new people, and it is strangely satisfying! If you would like to join us or would like further information, please contact Bob on 01474 822680 or by email at bob.lane@gmx.co.uk.

Parish Council Meetings in March

- Thursday 10th March - Planning & Highways Committee
- Thursday 24th March - Footpaths, Properties & Greens Committee

The meetings will commence at 7.45pm in the Committee Room in Shorne Village Hall.

Coronavirus (COVID-19) Precautions

Although the remaining domestic restrictions in England are scheduled to be lifted, the level of COVID-19 infections is still significant, and residents are encouraged to continue to take sensible precautions to reduce the risk and spread of infections. All eligible residents are strongly urged to have their vaccines and booster jabs, and to stay up to date with the latest information published at: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/> and the government guidance published at: <https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>.

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