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2026/27 Parish Precept – Barnton Parish Council

Dear Toni Critchlow

I am writing to formally request your parish precept information for 2026/27. Through your power to raise a local precept, the money needed for your parish's budgetary requirements is added to the council tax charge in your area. The local precept charge is calculated by dividing the precept you request by the parish tax base.

Barnton Parish Council's tax base for 2026/27 is **1762.3**. This has been calculated by taking the number of Band D equivalent properties in your parish from information supplied by the Valuation Officer and making allowances for discounts and exemptions, successful valuation appeals, the cost of the Council Tax Reduction Scheme, non-collection, and housing growth estimates. The number of Band D equivalent properties is calculated by scaling properties in other bands either up or down to convert them to a Band D level.

For the Council to include your local precept and set the council tax for 2026/27, please complete the attached form. The form must be signed to confirm that the local precept has been formally approved at a meeting of the local council and then scanned or photographed and emailed to charlotte.smith@cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk by **Wednesday 28 January 2026**. **Due to home-working arrangements, any forms posted to the address above will not be received.**

The following examples are included to show the impact of two common scenarios on the precept charge for a Band D property in your parish. The charges for properties in other bands can be calculated in relation to this. For example, the charge for a Band C property is 8/9^{ths} of the Band D charge; for a Band F property it is 13/9^{ths}. A spreadsheet is attached to the email to enable you to see the impact of the precept request on the charges for each band.

Example 1: Maintaining the same Band D precept charge as 2025/26

The Band D precept charge for Barnton Parish Council in 2025/26 was £70.32. If you want this charge to be the same in 2026/27, you will need to request a precept of **£123925**.

Example 2: Requesting the same precept as in 2025/26

In 2025/26, Barnton Parish Council requested a precept of **£123750**. If you were to request the same precept for 2026/27, this would reduce the Band D precept charge by £0.10 to £70.22.

The above examples are just to illustrate two common scenarios. If you wish to raise a different precept, the table below and the attached spreadsheet can be used to calculate your local Band D charge for 2026/27 in alternative scenarios, and to compare it to your local Band D charge in 2025/26.

Ref	Calc			Note
A	-	Local precept request	How much will be raised from residents
B	-	Local tax base	1762.3	
C	A÷B	2026/27 Band D charge	2026/27 charge to a resident in a Band D property
D	-	2025/26 Band D charge	£70.32	
E	$((C-D)÷D) \times 100$	% change in charge	This is the % change that will show on the Council Tax bill

If you have any questions about setting the local precept and would like support, then please do not hesitate to contact Charlotte Smith using the email address provided.

Yours sincerely



Debbie Hall
Director of Finance