

DATCHET PARISH COUNCIL



Budget Summary and Precept Recommendation for 2025/2026

APPROVED BUDGET 2025/2026 - 16.12.24 – Minute ref: 24/202e

DATCHET PARISH COUNCIL BUDGET PROPOSAL 2025/2026

		<u>Income</u>				
		2024/2025 Budget	2024/2025 to 22.11.24	2024/2025 Projected Year End	2024/2025 EMR	2025/2026 Budget
Cost Centre						
100	PRECEPT	144,531	144,531	144,531		
100	ADMIN	5,500	4,951	8,727		8,900
200	GROUNDS	1,400	1,516	1,537		1,250
300	CEMETERY	23,000	10,659	22,000		23,000
400	PROPERTIES	70,550	36,912	70,030		69,100
501	GROUNDS PROJECTS	7,500	7,900	7,900		0
TOTAL INCOME		252,481	206,469	254,725	0	102,250
		<u>Day to day Expenditure</u>				
		2024/2025 Budget	2024/2025 to 22.11.24	2024/2025 Projected Year End	2024/2025 EMR	2025/2026 Budget
Cost Centre						
100	ADMIN	119,120	73,099	116,888		151,680
200	GROUNDS	108,442	45,020	90,397		107,180
300	CEMETERY	26,260	11,776	25,719		27,310
400	PROPERTIES	31,330	13,865	22,439		28,900
TOTAL DAY TO DAY EXPENDITURE		285,152	143,760	255,443	0	315,070
		<u>Projects Expenditure</u>				
Cost Centre						
500	ADMIN	0	0	0		0
501	GROUNDS	120,156	12,487	31,420		71,280
502	CEMETERY	1,600	0	0		18,500
503	PROPERTIES	12,800	0	0		4,800
700	Neighbourhood Plan					
800	EVENTS	8,694	2,260	3,950		16,000
TOTAL PROJECTS EXPENDITURE		143,250	14,747	35,370	0	110,580
TOTAL BUDGET EXPENDITURE		428,402	158,507	290,813	0	425,650

Carried Forward from 23/24	86,231	58,613	Projected carry forward from 24/25
Projected 24/25 Income	254,725	102,250	Draft Budget Income - Not including Precept
TOTAL PROJECTED INCOME	340,956	160,863	TOTAL DRAFT BUDGET INCOME
Less Projected Expenditure	290,813	425,650	Draft Budget Expenditure
TOTAL PROJECTED EXPENDITURE	290,813	425,650	TOTAL DRAFT BUDGET EXPENDITURE
Income less Expenditure	50,143	264,787	Draft Budget Income less budget Expenditure
Movement from EMR - £3,800			
Cemetery/£4,670 Grounds Projects	8,470	0	Movement from EMR
Projected carry Forward from 24/25	58,613	264,787	Draft Precept required for 2025-2026

PRECEPT

Parish Precept required 2025/2026 - £264,787

Please see below breakdown on how much you will be paying based on your council tax band.

Council Tax Band	Per Annum	Per Week
A	£77.72	£1.49
B	£90.67	£1.74
C	£103.63	£1.99
D	£116.58	£2.24
E	£142.49	£2.74
F	£168.39	£3.24
G	£194.30	£3.74
H	£233.16	£4.48

General Fund/Balance as at 09/12/2024	£149,563
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General Reserves (Emergency Reserve Fund)

The generally accepted recommendation for the minimum level of a general reserve is that it should be maintained at a level equivalent to three (3) to twelve (12) months of net revenue expenditure. This range provides a financial buffer to ensure stability and resilience in the event of unforeseen circumstances or emergencies.

Current General Reserves (Emergency Reserve Fund)	£78,469 (3 months)
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Ear Marked Reserves

Earmarked reserves are funds set aside by Datchet Parish council for specific purposes or future projects. These reserves are allocated to meet known or anticipated financial commitments, such as building maintenance, equipment replacement, or community projects, and cannot be used for general expenses. This ensures financial planning and accountability.

EAR MARKED		
Renewals Fund	£11,706.00	(Allocated to new inclusive roundabout)
EMR Neighbourhood Plan	£6,759.26	
EMR Grant – Ditch Pump out	£11,150.00	
EMR Rec Ditch Phase 2	£51,450.00	
EMR Work on Land at Mill Place	£1,200.00	
Community Orchard	£3,670.00	
RF Sale of Tractor	£194.00	
TOTAL	£86,129.26	
EMR 106 money allocated		
Power supply to village	£834.00	
Recreation Ground Pathway	£8,000.00	
Ditch	£5,000.00	
Cemetery Noticeboard	£1,600.00	(Ordered awaiting invoice)
Seats and Bins	£841.00	
Unallocated 106 money	£2,883.00	
TOTAL 106 Money	£19,158.00	



What is the Precept?

The Precept is a small portion of your Council Tax bill that goes directly to Datchet Parish Council. It is our main source of income and is essential for running local services and maintaining our beautiful village. Unlike other funding, we do not get direct financial support from the government, so the Precept helps us keep things running smoothly here in Datchet.

How is the Precept Calculated?

Each year, the Parish Council works out how much money we need to cover our costs for the upcoming year. This includes everything from maintaining green spaces to organising community events, as well as the day-to-day running of the Parish Council. The Finance Committee, The Clerk, who also acts as the Responsible Financial Officer (RFO), manages the council's finances and oversees budgeting to ensure funds are spent appropriately. The council is also supported by administrative staff and an accounts officer to help manage operations efficiently. We then calculate how much needs to be added to your Council Tax bill. The amount is based on a Band D property, and the cost is spread across all properties in the Parish.

How is the Precept Raised?

RBWM (Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead) collects the Council Tax on behalf of several local authorities, including Datchet Parish Council. So, when you pay your Council Tax, you are contributing to the services provided by the Borough, Police, Fire, and Datchet Parish Council.

It is important to note that the Parish Precept is only a small part of your total Council Tax.

How is the Precept Spent?

The Precept in Datchet is carefully allocated to enhance the quality of life for residents by funding a wide range of services, facilities, and amenities. Here is how the money is spent:

Public Spaces & Parks

- **Maintenance:** Ensuring areas like the Datchet Recreation Ground, Willowfields, Mill Place, Village Greens, and Datchet Riverside are clean, safe, and attractive.
- **Upkeep:** Regular activities include grass cutting, hedge trimming, tree planting, and litter management.
- **Village Flowers & Hanging Baskets:** Adding seasonal floral displays to enhance the village's aesthetic appeal.
- **Community Orchard:** Supporting initiatives like planting and maintaining the community orchard for sustainability and biodiversity.

Play and Recreation Facilities

- **Play Areas:** Maintaining the Spar and Typodra play areas for children.
- **Sports and Fitness:** Supporting facilities like a tennis court, an outdoor green gym, and a Multi-Use Games Area (MUGA) for community recreation.

Community Events

- **Festive Celebrations:** Funding events such as Christmas on the Green, Santa's Sleigh Ride, and annual decorations like the Christmas tree and streetlights.

Village Facilities

- **Amenities:** Providing and maintaining benches, picnic tables, and other infrastructure on village greens.
- **Cemetery:** Upkeep of the Datchet Cemetery, ensuring a well-maintained space for remembrance.
- **Library Services:** Supporting the Datchet Library for learning and community engagement.

Safety and Emergency Services

- **Defibrillators:** Strategically placed in the village for medical emergencies.
- **CCTV:** Supporting community safety through surveillance systems.

Supporting Local Groups

- Providing spaces for organizations like:
 - Datchet United Charities
 - Datchet Football Club
 - 2nd Datchet Scouts
 - The Bridge Café

Public Amenities and Property Maintenance

- **Datchet Memorials:** Managing and preserving public memorials.
- **Parish Properties:** Maintenance of properties like the Parish Office, Parish Yard, Cemetery Chapel, Chapel Lodge, and The Bridge Café.

Health and Wellbeing

- Allocating land and resources for vital facilities like the Datchet Health Centre.

Cleanliness and Maintenance

- **Dog Bins & Litter Picks:** Promoting cleanliness in public spaces.
- **Ditch Clearance:** Ensuring proper drainage to prevent flooding.

This diverse range of services and initiatives ensures that the funds from the Precept directly contribute to making Datchet a clean, safe, and vibrant community for everyone.

Why Does it Matter?

The Precept ensures that Datchet continues to be a lovely place to live and visit. It helps us maintain our green spaces, support community groups, and provide the services you rely on. It is all about making sure Datchet stays a vibrant, well-managed village where everyone can enjoy a high quality of life.

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