



Your guide to Council Tax and Business Rates 2011/12 what you pay



0% Increase in the Borough's
own Council Tax



Value for Money



Councillor Chris Corbett
Leader of Erewash Borough Council

Once again, Erewash Borough Council has been able to freeze your Council Tax; this means that there will be no increase in the Borough's share of the Council Tax for the coming financial year. Like all Councils, Erewash has seen a reduction in grants as the Coalition Government works to get the national finances back on an even keel.

Thanks to careful management of our finances, Erewash is much better prepared than many other places and the Council can confirm that there will be no general increases in charges at our car parks or leisure centres this year.

Being careful with your money does not mean that we have stopped making improvements and we hope you like the new Long Eaton Market Place and the restoration of the Cemetery Chapel and many shop fronts along the High Street which have been funded mainly by outside bodies.

In Ilkeston, we are well on the way with the £2.3 million refurbishment of the Victoria Park Leisure Centre, having altered our original plans after listening to the wishes of the local residents.

We continue our programme of renovating our many children's play areas throughout the Borough. Our traditional markets are getting busier as they benefit from the fall in their stall rents and we remain committed to doing whatever we can to keep our existing shops and attract new ones to our High Streets.

We will continue to support our Parish Councils which provide valuable services to their residents.

Value for money and the prudent use of your money will continue to be our watchwords as we work to keep down everyone's costs in these difficult times.

Your Council Tax Explained

This booklet forms part of your Council Tax demand notice. It explains the following:

- how your bill has been calculated.
- how we intend to spend our share of the Council Tax you pay.
- the element of Council Tax that we collect as a 'Billing' Authority on behalf of Derbyshire County Council, Derbyshire Police Authority, Derbyshire Fire Authority and Parish Councils. The accompanying Derbyshire County Council leaflet also provides further information.
- the amount of Council Tax that you pay, depending upon where you live and in which valuation band your property has been placed by the Valuation Office Agency.
- how to pay including Direct Debit, payments at the Post Office and on-line. Full details are on the back of your bill.

The table below shows the Council Tax payable for each valuation band for 2011/2012 and how this is broken down between the different Authorities.

Please note that if you live in a Parish area, you will pay an additional amount on top of the charges detailed below.

The actual Council Tax you pay during the year may be subject to adjustments if there is a change to your circumstances or a period of exemption expires during the financial year.

A BAND D PROPERTY

Out of the total Council Tax bill for a Band D property of £1,474.04 only £165.91 (11%) goes to Erewash Borough Council. This is the second year in a row that the Borough Council has decided not to increase its charge. We believe that the weekly charge of £3.19 per week continues to represent value for money particularly as the latest Consumer Price Index (CPI) annual inflation rate figure was 4%.

Banding	Derbyshire County Council (£)	Erewash Borough Council (£)	Police (£)	Fire (£)	Total (£)
A	718.15	110.61	109.16	44.78	982.70
B	837.84	129.04	127.35	52.24	1,146.47
C	957.53	147.48	145.55	59.71	1,310.27
D	1,077.22	165.91	163.74	67.17	1,474.04
E	1,316.60	202.78	200.13	82.10	1,801.61
F	1,555.98	239.65	236.51	97.02	2,129.16
G	1,795.37	276.52	272.90	111.95	2,456.74
H	2,154.44	331.82	327.48	134.34	2,948.08



Budget Requirement

How your Council Tax is calculated	2010/2011 £m	2011/2012 £m
Gross Expenditure of Erewash Borough Council	61.2	60.8
Less: Capital Charges	(2.5)	(2.4)
Gross Income	(42.7)	(44.9)
Net Expenditure	16.0	13.5
Less: Use of Balances	(0.3)	(0.2)
Total Budget Requirement	15.7	13.3
Less: Government Grants/Collection Fund Surplus	(9.9)	(7.4)
Total to be raised from Council Tax for Erewash Borough Council	5.8	5.9

Derbyshire County Council Precept	37.8	38.1
Derbyshire Police Authority Precept	5.8	5.8
Derbyshire Fire Authority Precept	2.4	2.4
Total to be raised from Council Tax for all Authorities	51.8	52.2

Erewash Borough Council change in Budget Requirement	£m
Budget Requirement 2010/11	15.7
Inflationary Costs	0.1
Changes in Income	0.1
Unavoidable Budget Pressures	0.6
Restructuring and Efficiency Savings	(1.7)
Transfer of Concessionary Fares	(1.2)
Change in Capital Charges	(0.2)
Council Tax Freeze Grant	(0.1)
Budget Requirement 2011/12	13.3

“We have invested over £414,000 on new provision and refurbishment of play facilities”

Net expenditure per head of population in 2011/2012

Based on the Office of National Statistics Office June 2009 population figures for Erewash



Did you know that for your £3.19 per week last year we...

- awarded over £100,000 to community and voluntary groups providing services for the people of Erewash
- provided healthy activities for over 7,000 children and young people with our free mobile skateboard facility
- carried out 997 visits to commercial premises for food hygiene and health and safety standards
- recycled 18,179 tonnes of household waste
- dealt with 713 planning applications, 2,800 local land charge searches and 289 alleged breaches of planning control
- handled 7,784 new housing and Council Tax benefit claims and 23,665 changes to circumstances
- licensed 156 hackney carriages and 56 private hire vehicles
- ensured 677,000 adults and juniors were able to participate in leisure activities



Parish Council Charges 2011/12

If you live in one of the areas listed, your Parish Council has set the charges below to fund their activities. The table shows the amount payable in each parish for a Band D property. This is in addition to the Council Tax detailed in the rest of this booklet.

Parish Area	2011/2012 Parish Precept (£)	Band D Charge (£)
Breadsall	10,500	28.10
Breaston	10,460	6.16
Dale Abbey	6,400	14.98
Draycott	14,300	14.35
Hopwell	0	0
Little Eaton	15,920	17.52
Morley	4,500	25.76
Ockbrook and Borrowash	51,268	20.05
Risley	7,010	24.32
Sandiacre	23,998	8.52
Sawley	11,000	5.37
Stanley and Stanley Common	13,372	18.27
Stanton-by-Dale	4,570	23.94
West Hallam	26,500	16.38
Total	199,798	

“Over £100,000 funding awarded to community and voluntary groups providing services to people in Erewash”

Business Rates

We collect these rates on behalf of Central Government. Two rates in the pound remain in force: a standard rate and a small business rate. For 2011/12 the standard rate has been set at 43.3p in the pound and the small business rate 42.6p in the pound.

These rates can be compared to the rates set in 2010/11 of 41.4p and 40.7p respectively. The small business rate will only apply where there is an entitlement to small business rate relief. If you would like advice on whether your business qualifies for small business rate relief please contact 0115 907 1000.

Council Tax Bands

Most homes are subject to Council Tax. There is normally one bill per property for a house, bungalow, flat, maisonette, mobile home or houseboat, owned or rented. Each home has been allocated to one of eight bands, according to its open market capital value at 1 April 1991. Your Council Tax bill states which band applies to your property.

BAND	Range of Values
A	up to and including £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

Grounds for appeal for banding are restricted to the following cases:

- if a house has been converted into flats;
- if any part of the property has been demolished;
- if a material reduction in value has arisen from an adaptation to make the property suitable for use by someone with a physical disability;
- if the physical state of the local area changes and this affects the value of the property;
- if the balance between domestic and business use changes;
- if the Listing Officer has altered the list without first making a proposal to the taxpayer;
- if within six months of becoming the taxpayer at that property for the first time, you feel the property has been included in the wrong band (unless the same appeal has already been considered by a Valuation Tribunal).

Making an appeal does not entitle you to withhold payment of Council Tax.

If your appeal is successful you will be entitled to a refund of any overpaid Council Tax.

Further details of the appeal procedures including the role of the Valuation Tribunals are available from our Revenue office on 0115 907 1000 on request, or at:

The Listing Officer, Valuation Office Agency, 4th Floor, St Peter's House, Gower Street, Derby DE1 1JJ. 01332 710800 www.voa.gov.uk

Discounts and Exemptions

The full Council Tax bill assumes that there are two adults living in the dwelling. If only one adult lives there (as his/her main home), the bill will be reduced by 25%. If a property is no-one's main home, the bill will be reduced by 50%. This can apply to empty dwellings and second homes.

Some properties are exempt, including those occupied only by students, people under 18, or people who are severely mentally impaired. A self contained unit such as a "granny annexe" occupied by an elderly or disabled relative is also exempt.

People in the following groups are not counted for Council Tax purposes:

- full-time students, student nurses, apprentices and YTS trainees;
- patients resident in hospitals;
- people living in care homes, certain hostels or night shelters;
- people who are severely mentally impaired;
- 18 or 19 year olds who are at or have just left school;
- care workers working for low pay, usually for charities;
- people caring for someone with a disability who is not a spouse, partner or child under 18;
- members of visiting forces and certain international institutions;
- members of religious communities
- people in prison (except those in prison for non-payment of council tax or fines).

Properties are exempt if they:

- are unoccupied and substantially unfurnished (exempt 6 months);
- are unoccupied and owned by a charity (exempt 6 months);
- require or are undergoing structural alteration or major repair (exempt for up to 12 months);
- are left empty by someone who has gone to prison, or who has moved to receive personal care in a hospital or home elsewhere;
- are left empty by someone who has moved in order to provide personal care for someone else;
- are left empty by students;
- are waiting for probate or letters of administration to be granted (and up to 6 months after);
- have been repossessed or are the responsibility of a bankrupt's trustees;
- are empty because their occupation is forbidden by law or a planning restriction;
- are waiting to be occupied by a minister of religion.



“Awarded £683,000 to enable people to remain independent in their homes through the disabled facilities grant”

You may be entitled to a reduction in your Council Tax bill if you, or someone who lives with you, needs a room, or an extra bathroom or kitchen, or extra space in your property to meet special needs arising from a disability.

The discount reduces your bill by one band. The reduction ensures that disabled people do not pay more tax on account of space needed because of a disability. If you live in a band A property, your band will reduce by 1/9th of band D.

If you think you may be entitled to a discount or exemption, please contact our Revenues office:

 0115 907 1000

 counciltax@erewash.gov.uk

 Erewash Borough Council,
Finance Division, PO Box 2,
Wharnccliffe Road, Ilkeston
DE7 5RP

If you are claiming a discount or exemption, you must tell us about any change in your circumstances within 21 days of the change. If you fail to do so, you may be required to pay a penalty of £70 and any arrears of council tax that may arise.

Making an appeal does not entitle you to withhold payment of Council Tax.

Making an appeal against the property band, a Council Tax Benefit decision, liability or a refusal to grant a reduction, does not allow you to stop payment. If an appeal is successful, you will be entitled to a refund of any overpayment.

Council Tax / Housing Benefit

The Council Tax Benefits Scheme ensures that people in receipt of Income Support, Income Based Jobseeker's Allowance, Employment Support Allowance (Income Related) or Guarantee Pension Credit will not normally pay any Council Tax. Other people on low incomes, including those in employment could also have their bills reduced.

If you don't yet receive Housing and Council Tax Benefits, please contact us to see what you are entitled to. We will ask a few questions and be able to advise if it would be worthwhile making a claim. We also offer a telephone application service where we contact you at a convenient time and complete the application form with you.

Could you be missing out?

📞 0115 907 1010

✉️ benefits@erewash.gov.uk
www.erewash.gov.uk

📄 Erewash Borough Council,
Finance Division,
PO Box 2,
Wharncliffe Road,
Ilkeston
DE7 5RP

All enquiries about Council Tax benefit are dealt with promptly and in complete confidence. If you think you are entitled, please contact us immediately as we can only backdate benefit in special circumstances.

We can all help in the fight to stop Housing and Council Tax Benefit Fraud

National Hotline 0800 328 6340
Textphone 0800 328 6341
Local Hotline 0115 9071042

All calls are treated in the strictest confidence. Anonymous calls accepted.



Council Tax Pay by Direct Debit

The form is available from one of the Council offices or on-line at www.erewash.gov.uk
telephone 0115 907 1000

www.erewash.gov.uk EREWASH



Money Advice

Where to find help

Are you finding it hard to make ends meet? If so there are a variety of organisations that provide money advice offering help before, during or after you get into difficulties. Most of these services are free of charge so if you are concerned about your finances you should take advantage of the help and advice which is available.

Citizens' Advice Bureau

Albion Leisure Centre
East Street, Ilkeston
Telephone: **0844 499 4196**

Consumer Credit Counselling Service

Telephone: **0800 138 1111**

DHA

153 Bath Street, Ilkeston
Telephone: **0115 930 0199 or
01332 287 850**

Business Debtline

Telephone: **0800 197 6026**

National Debtline

Telephone: **0800 808 4000**

Payplan

Telephone: **0800 716 239**

TaxAid

Telephone: **0345 120 3779**

Community Legal Advice

Telephone: **0845 345 4345**

Consumer Financial Education

Body (Moneymadeclear)

Telephone: **0300 500 5000**

If you require assistance with accessing any these of services or you are worried about losing your home please contact:

The Housing Options Team

Ilkeston Town Hall, Wharncliffe Road, Ilkeston, Derbyshire, DE7 5RP

t: 0845 907 2244 extn 3590
e: homelessness@erewash.gov.uk
f: 0115 931 6013

Derbyshire Police Authority

Meeting the Financial Challenge

The Moving Forward Programme, which started in May 2009, continues to identify and deliver cost savings.

The review enables the Authority to identify where resources can be best placed to address risk and threat and improve the Policing service provided to all residents in Derby and Derbyshire, as well as making significant savings within its overall budget.

For 2011/12 the Constabulary has identified net savings of £5.2m through service reviews and freezing recruitment, so costs fall as police officers leave and are not replaced.

Staff recruitment has already been frozen and voluntary redundancies will cut numbers by 83. Key elements in the Moving Forward strategy for 2011/12 are: reducing the costs of forensic science, criminal justice, Police Officer overtime and vehicle and travel costs.

Contact Information

Further information can be found at our website:

<http://policeauthority.derbyshire.police.uk/Homepage.aspx> or from the Police Authority Treasurer, Constabulary Headquarters, Ripley, DE5 3RS 01773 733779
helen.boffy.4808@derbyshire.pnn.police.uk

	2010/11 £m	2011/12 £m
Services provided by Derbyshire Police Authority		
Gross Expenditure	189.5	184.6
Contribution to Reserves	1.9	0.1
Less: Income	(5.1)	(5.3)
Net Expenditure	186.3	179.4
Interest Receipts	(0.5)	(0.2)
Council Tax Freeze Grant	0.0	(1.4)
Other Specific Grants	(9.4)	(7.3)
Use of Reserves	(0.2)	(0.2)
Total Budget Requirement	176.2	170.3
Met from:- Police Grant		70.2
Revenue Support Grant		10.8
National Non-Domestic Rates		35.0
Council Tax		54.3

Reasons For Change in Budget Requirement and Effect on Council Tax	
Pay, price and other increases outside the Authority's control	3.6
Moving Forward Programme	(9.0)
Other Changes in Service	0.6
Change in Gross Expenditure	(4.8)
Reduction in Interest Receipts	0.3
Decrease in Income/Grants	0.4
Movement to Reserves	(1.7)
Change in Budget Requirement	(5.8)
Plus: Reduction in Police Grant	3.0
Less: Increase in Revenue Support Grant	(4.6)
Plus: Reduction in National Non-Domestic Rates	7.8
Effect on Council Tax	0.4

Derbyshire Fire Authority

Achieving Excellence

The Fire Authority and its personnel are committed to 'Making Derbyshire Safer'. We have nine key Service Priorities for 2010/13 which underpin our Strategic aims and describe where we are focusing our activities to mitigate the risks to the community.

Improvement - Develop Performance Management in order to drive continuous improvement

Engagement - Improve engagement with all stakeholders

Governance - Ensure appropriate governance and assurance arrangements

Service Delivery - Provide an efficient and effective service based on prevention, protection and response

Equality & Diversity - To meet the diverse needs of communities and employees using a risk-based approach

Partnerships - We will work with partners to improve the overall quality of life of local people

Employees - Have a healthy and safe workforce with the right knowledge, skills and behaviours to provide an excellent service

Assets - To provide appropriate facilities and equipment to meet the needs of our communities

Environment - To minimise our adverse impact on the environment

Contact Information

For further information please contact the Chief Fire Officer on: enquiries@derbys-fire.gov.uk 01332 771221

www.derbys-fire.gov.uk

Derbyshire Fire Authority, The Old Hall, Burton Road, Littleover, Derby, DE23 6EH

	2010/11 £m	2011/12 £m
Services provided by Derbyshire Fire Authority		
Gross Expenditure	43.3	42.4
Contribution to Reserves	0.2	(0.7)
Less: Income	(1.6)	(0.8)
Net Expenditure	41.9	40.9
Interest Receipts	(0.1)	(0.1)
Special Grants	0.0	0.0
Use of Earmarked Reserves	0.0	0.0
Total Budget Requirement	41.8	40.8
Met From:		
Revenue Support Grant		4.2
National Non-Domestic Rates		13.8
Council Tax		22.8

Reasons For Change in Budget Requirement and Effect on Council Tax	
Pay, price and other increases outside the Authority's control	0.1
Service Improvements	0.0
Changes in Service	(1.0)
Change in Gross Expenditure	(0.9)
Decrease in Income/Grants	0.8
Use of Reserves	(0.9)
Change in Budget Requirement	(1.0)
Less: Increase in Revenue Support Grant Plus:	(1.7)
Reduction in National Non-Domestic Rates	3.4
Effect on Council Tax	0.7

Environment Agency

The Environment Agency is a levying body for its flood defence function under the Water Resources Act 1991. It provides the following information in connection with the requirements of the above regulations.

The Environment Agency has powers in respect of flood defence for 4,682 kilometres of main river and along tidal and sea defences, in the area of the Severn Trent Regional Flood Defence Committee. Flood defence money is spent on the construction of new flood defence schemes, the maintenance of the river system and existing flood defences together with the operation of a flood warning system. The financial details are:

Severn Trent Regional Flood Defence Committee

	2010/2011 £m	2011/2012 £m
Gross Expenditure	63.8	51.1
Levies Raised	3.0	3.0
Total Council Tax Base	2,908	2,926

The majority of funding for flood defence comes directly from the Department for the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (Defra). However, where there are schemes which do not attract central funding the Agency may seek funding from County and Metropolitan Councils, Unitary Authorities and London Boroughs in the form of a Local Levy. The Local Levy is shared on the basis of Band D Equivalents between all contributing bodies within the Committee Area.

Changes in the Gross Budgeted expenditure between the years reflects the impact of the Government Spending Review and national prioritisation of capital projects.

The total Local Levy raised has remained the same in 2011/2012 as 2010/2011 at £3,000,000.

“Erewash Borough Council reduced its Carbon Footprint by 14% in 2009/10. We are on course to beat the 30% four year target.”

A Better way to pay Direct Debit

Why not join almost 30,000 taxpayers in the Erewash area who already pay their Council Tax/Business Rates by Direct Debit. More and more people are electing to pay by this method each year.

You are protected by the Direct Debit Guarantee which is offered by all banks and building societies. In the unlikely event of an error, you are entitled to a full and immediate refund of the amount paid from your bank or building society.

It is a simple, safe and convenient way to pay your bill. Paying by Direct Debit will give you peace of mind and it is very easy to set up. You only have to instruct us once. There is no need to renew the Direct Debit each year, as it will continue until it is either cancelled or payments are no longer due.

You can set up a Direct Debit over the telephone by ringing **0115 907 1000** and all you need to do is provide us with the following information and we will set it up for you:

- Council Tax/Business Rates Reference
- sort code
- bank/building society account number

You also have the choice of 3 payment dates of the **1st, 15th or 25th** of the month.



Council Contact

www.erewash.gov.uk



A full A-Z of Erewash Borough Council's services can be found at the top of our website home page on www.erewash.gov.uk or email us at enquiries@erewash.gov.uk

If you require this information in your language, please contact the Council using one of the below methods:

Jeśli potrzebujesz informacji w języku prosimy o kontakt z Rady przy użyciu jednej z poniższych metod

لسنوک یک لامعتسا نابز یک پا یم مطبار ینابررم ےارب تمامولعم می پا رگا ےچین ےس ےقیرط کی ےک

यदि आप अपनी भाषा में यह जानकारी परिषद के संपर्क में से एक का उपयोग कर कृपया की आवश्यकता होती है तरीके से नीचे

如果你在您的語言中請要求這一則訊息聯絡使用以下方法之一的理事會

sizin dilinizde bu bilgileri birini kullanarak Konseyi lütfen ihtiyacınız olursa aşağıdaki yöntemlerden

Please tell us if you need this booklet in large print, on audio tape, computer disk or in Braille.

 0845 907 22 44

 www.erewash.gov.uk

 Minicom: 0115 931 6056

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Wharncliffe Road, Ilkeston
Derbyshire DE7 5RP

 Long Eaton Town Hall,
Derby Road, Long Eaton,
Derbyshire NG10 1HU

We welcome your comments on this leaflet.

Please let us know what you think by sending your feedback to consultation@erewash.gov.uk

Alternatively you can contact the Revenues Team on 0845 907 2244, or write to us at Ilkeston Town Hall, Wharncliffe Road, Ilkeston, DE7 5RP