Understanding Your Council Tax Bill

Council Tax Bills for the financial year 2025/26 will soon be landing on doormats across the district. Ever wanted to know a little bit more about your bill and how the charges are calculated?

To find out, read on.....

An average Council Tax Bill for a Band D property in South Kesteven looks like this:

Council Offices, The Picture House, St Catherine's Road, Grantham NG31 6TT Tel: 01476 406080

Website: www.southkesteven.gov.uk



4 MR A N OTHER **COUNCIL OFFICES** ST CATHERINES ROAD **GRANTHAM NG316TT**

Your account number: 12345678

Bill date: xx March 2025

11 Bill period: 1 April 2025 to 31 March 2026

Property ref: 10007272849

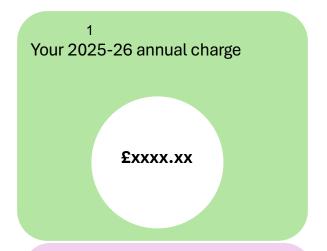
Your band D council tax bill for:

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5 $\,$ council offices, ST catherines road, Grantham, Lincs NG31 6TT $\,$

6 Why have I received this bill?

This bill has been issued as it's the start of the council tax year.



12 Account details

Opening liability (Or Debit) Band D £X, XXX.XX

Balance

£xxxx.xx

What's next?

INSTALMENTS TO BE PAID BY: DIRECT DEBIT 21ST (10 Instalments) MONTHLY

21 April 2025 £xxx.xx 21 September 2025 £xxx.xx 21 May 2025 £xxx.xx 21 October 2025 £xxx.xx 21 June 2025 £xxx.xx 21 November 2025 £xxx.xx 21 July 2025 £xxx.xx 21 December 2025 £xxx.xx 21 August 2025 £xxx.xx 21 January 2026 £xxx.xx

How tax band D adds up

Lincolnshire County Council £xxxx.xx x.x% Adult Social Care* £xxx.xx x.x% South Kesteven District Council £xxx.xx x.x% 9 x.x% Grantham Town Council Precept £xx.xx Police & Crime Commissioner £xxx.xx x.x% £xxxx.xx x.x% 10

16 Important information

YOUR INSTALMENTS FOR 2025/26 DO NOT INCLUDE YOUR ACCOUNT BALANCE FOR 2024/25. AS AT X MAR 2025 YOUR 2024/25 COUNCIL TAX ACCOUNT BALANCE IS £XXX.XX

Any discount/ exemption applied to your account is subject to change. If this happens a revised bill will be issued to you during the year.

South Kesteven District Council is the billing authority. We are responsible for collecting council tax – not just for our organisation – but also for Lincolnshire County Council, the Police and Crime Commissioner and town and parish councils in South Kesteven. Most of what we collect is passed onto these authorities – we keep about 9 pence of every pound we receive to help us fund the services we provide.

- 1. This is the financial year that your bill relates to.
- 2. The date the council tax bill was issued.
- 3. Your council tax reference number. To help us deal with any queries you may have please quote this number when contacting South Kesteven District Council.
- 4. The person(s) liable for the payment of the bill and the contact address where the bill is issued.
- 5. This is the property address that the council tax bill relates to (if different to Box 4).
- 6. This is the reason for the bill being issued.
- 7. This is the valuation band your property is in. The amount of Council Tax you pay is directly related to this. Band D is the average Council Tax. If you live in a property in another band the amount you owe is calculated as a proportion of a Band D.
- 8. This shows how the money collected is split between South Kesteven District Council, Lincolnshire County Council, Adult Social Care, the Lincolnshire Police & Crime Commissioner and a local precept for your town or parish council.
- 9. This shows the percentage increase from the previous year for each of the organisations.
- 10. This shows the average percentage increase overall.
- 11. This is the period of liability the bill relates to.
- 12. Any reductions that have been awarded are shown here. To report a change in circumstances, please contact
- 13. This shows the balance payable for this bill.
- 14. This is the current payment instruction of your bill.
- 15. This shows a breakdown of the amounts due along with the dates the amounts are due. To avoid receiving a reminder or losing the right to pay by instalments, please try to make these payments on time. If you do find paying your council tax bill difficult, please contact us.
- 16. This shows any additional important information. In this example, at the time of billing, Mr A N Other still owed one instalment for 2024/25.

Contacting the Council

You can contact the Council about Council Tax in lots of different ways. You can:

- Use our self-service portal: https://www.southkesteven.gov.uk//council-tax/council-tax-and-benefits-self-service-portal
- Go to our website https://www.southkesteven.gov.uk/council-tax
- Phone our Customer Services Team 01476 40 60 80