

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](http://www.southkesteven.gov.uk)



4 MR A N OTHER  
COUNCIL OFFICES  
ST CATHERINES ROAD  
GRANTHAM  
NG31 6TT

3 Your account number:  
12345678

2 Bill date: xx March 2025  
11 Bill period: 1 April 2025 to 31 March 2026  
Property ref: 10007272849

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Your band D council tax bill for:

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.

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Your 2025-26 annual charge

£xxxx.xx

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Account details

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

13 Balance

£xxxx.xx

What’s next?

14 INSTALMENTS TO BE PAID BY: DIRECT DEBIT 21<sup>ST</sup> (10 Instalments) MONTHLY

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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%
Grantham Town Council Precept	£xx.xx	x.x%
Police & Crime Commissioner	£xxx.xx	x.x%

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£xxxx.xx

x.x%

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 us.
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