

PRECEPT PAYMENT TO ST.MARY'S MILSTON 2023

Each year, Milston Parish Meeting receives one payment from Wiltshire Council in the form of a Precept. This is money requested by our Parish Council and then paid to St Mary's Milston for the upkeep of the churchyard/church grounds. It's the only financial transaction we have as a formal Parish council. All other costs/transactions (e.g. for the hall) are via our Social Fund.

Milston Parish council submits a request each year to the Council for the amount. It's agreed at AGMs. The Precept for this financial year (2023/4) is £1080. We approved that amount last April. Prior to that, the same amount had been applied since 2019.

This amount is shown as '**Milston Parish Meeting**' on your Council Tax Bill.

Each household's amount depends on your property band.

e.g. For 2023/24 it is: D band £18.29 and G Band £30.48

Milston Church has requested that the amount is increased. At last year's AGM nobody foresaw inflation increases. The request for the next financial year is for £1300 minimum.

The running costs of the Church are £18,000 per year. This includes £2,000 contingency for building repairs. The Precept is used to pay a local person to look after the grounds, churchyard, etc. For several years, the Precept has not covered the costs.

To discuss

*Do we agree to increase the Precept amount for the church for the next financial year (April 2024/5). The church PCC has requested that we agree to an amount of at least **£1300**.*

What is the financial impact on villagers?

Moving from £1080 to £1300 means an increase on next year's Council Tax bill of about 20.3% for the 'Milston Parish Meeting' element.

Band D - £18.29 p.a. (2023/4) would increase by approx. **£3.71** = £22.00 p.a. (2024/5)

Band G - £30.48 p.a. (2023/4) would increase by approx. **£6.66** = £36.66 p.a. (2024/5)

What is a precept ?

The 'precept' is the specific term for the money requested by the Parish Council and collected from residents as part of the Council Tax payment. The precept is set annually for the financial year running from 1 April to the following 31 March.

- The relevant legislation is covered by Local Government Act of 1972 Section 215 which gives the Parish Council the power (and sometimes the duty) to raise a precept to maintain closed churchyards
- and Section 214 (6) which gives the Parish Council the power to raise a precept to contribute to the expenses of maintaining (open) cemeteries in which the residents of the parish are entitled to be buried.

To give some context, here are some local Precept amounts (Current financial year) showing the cost per band D household:

Milston Parish Council

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| Tax base 2022/23 | Precept 2022/23 (£) | Council tax band D 2022/23 (£) | Tax base 2023/24 | Precept 2023/24 (£) | Council tax band D 2023/24 (£) | Council tax Increase(decrease) |
|---------------------|------------------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------|------------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 58.89 | 950.00 | 16.13 | 59.05 | 1,080.00 | 18.29 | 13.39% |

Durrington Town Council

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| Tax base 2022/23 | Precept 2022/23 (£) | Council tax band D 2022/23 (£) | Tax base 2023/24 | Precept 2023/24 (£) | Council tax band D 2023/24 (£) | Council tax Increase(decrease) |
|---------------------|------------------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------|------------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 2,576.17 | 267,900.00 | 103.99 | 2,646.92 | 275,000.00 | 103.89 | -0.10% |

Bulford Parish Council

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| Tax base 2022/23 | Precept 2022/23 (£) | Council tax band D 2022/23 (£) | Tax base 2023/24 | Precept 2023/24 (£) | Council tax band D 2023/24 (£) | Council tax Increase(decrease) |
|---------------------|------------------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------|------------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 1,417.84 | 52,210.98 | 36.82 | 1,436.37 | 57,386.90 | 39.95 | 8.50% |

Figcheldean Parish Council

Figcheldean Parish Council

| Tax base 2022/23 | Precept 2022/23 (£) | Council tax band D 2022/23 (£) | Tax base 2023/24 | Precept 2023/24 (£) | Council tax band D 2023/24 (£) | Council tax Increase(decrease) |
|---------------------|------------------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------|------------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 224.44 | 20,000.00 | 89.11 | 229.81 | 20,000.00 | 87.03 | -2.33% |

Netheravon Parish Council

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| Tax base 2022/23 | Precept 2022/23 (£) | Council tax band D 2022/23 (£) | Tax base 2023/24 | Precept 2023/24 (£) | Council tax band D 2023/24 (£) | Council tax Increase(decrease) |
|---------------------|------------------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------|------------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 376.81 | 23,646.00 | 62.75 | 380.01 | 26,960.00 | 70.95 | 13.07% |

