

Seaford Town Council

Council Tax Information 2020/2021



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Introduction

The Council Tax paid by all residents of Seaford is split between different authorities; the Town Council, Lewes District Council, East Sussex County Council, East Sussex Fire & Rescue Service and the Sussex Police & Crime Commissioner.

Each of these local authorities is responsible for and provides vital services to Seaford and the other towns and parishes across the District and County. This publication will give you an insight in to the services provided by Seaford Town Council and information of the 2020/2021 budget and precept level.

Council Tax Summary 2020/2021

In January 2020, Seaford Town Council adopted its budget for the 2020/21 Financial Year. In doing so, the Town Council also agreed to its precept level.

A 'precept' is the Town Council's share of the Council Tax collected by the local billing authority, Lewes District Council. By issuing a 'precept' this ensures the Town Council is able to meet its spending requirements, both from its strategic plans and also the upkeep and maintenance of its standard service provision and facilities.

How is the Town Council's precept level calculated?

The budgeted expenditure for the year and transfers in to reserves (£2,862,250) minus all budgeted income and use of Ear Marked Reserves (£1,990,226) leaves the precept figure (£872,023). The precept figure divided by the tax base (9,496) gives you the Council Tax Element (£91.83).

The **Council Tax Element (£91.83)** is the figure payable per Band D property in Seaford. Each household's Council Tax bill will identify which Band the property is; the Council Tax Element will differ depending on the Band (Band A being the lowest and H, the highest).

For 2020/21, this is the equivalent of **an additional £11.42 per year** on the Town Council's element of Council Tax (per Band D property).

This increase in precept, of **just under 22 pence per week** per household, will enable the Town Council to continue to work towards and deliver the projects as per its Strategic Plan (reviewed regularly and available on the Town Council website), bringing a wealth of benefits for the town.

How does Seaford compare with its neighbouring towns for 2020/21?

Town Council	20/21 Precept	Band D equivalent (per household)	% increase	Special Expenses (estimated per household)	Annual total local element
Lewes	£ 1,213,829	£ 197.76	10.98%	£ 56.12	£ 253.88
Newhaven	£ 539,506	£ 146.06	10.58%	£ 36.53	£ 182.59
Peacehaven	£ 644,160	£ 134.17	20.13%	£ 8.56	£ 142.73
Telscombe	£ 239,943	£ 94.70	6.14%	£ 22.78	£ 117.48
Seaford	£ 872,023	£ 91.83	14.2%	£ 6.17	£ 98.00

N.B. The Town Council is aware that the Council Tax statements issued to all households (that this leaflet is delivered with) may show a rounded figure.

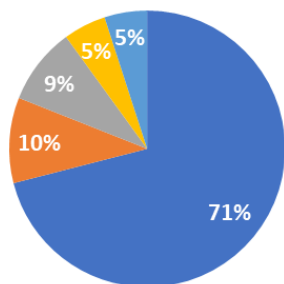
Special Expenses

Special Expenses is the amount charged by Lewes District Council for services they deliver but which are considered Town Council services. These services are on the whole provision of a few of the open spaces in Seaford. The amount charged in Seaford is minimal as the vast majority of the open spaces are solely managed by Seaford Town Council already so are paid for within your contribution of Council Tax to Seaford Town Council.

Examples of the open spaces managed by Seaford Town Council include The Salts, The Crouch, The Sunken Gardens, Seaford Head, South Hill Barn area, The Martello Fields, Normansal Field and many other smaller plots around town.

Other towns in the District pay significantly more in Special Expenses as their Town Council has not yet taken over the management of the majority of the parks and open spaces in their areas like Seaford Town Council has.

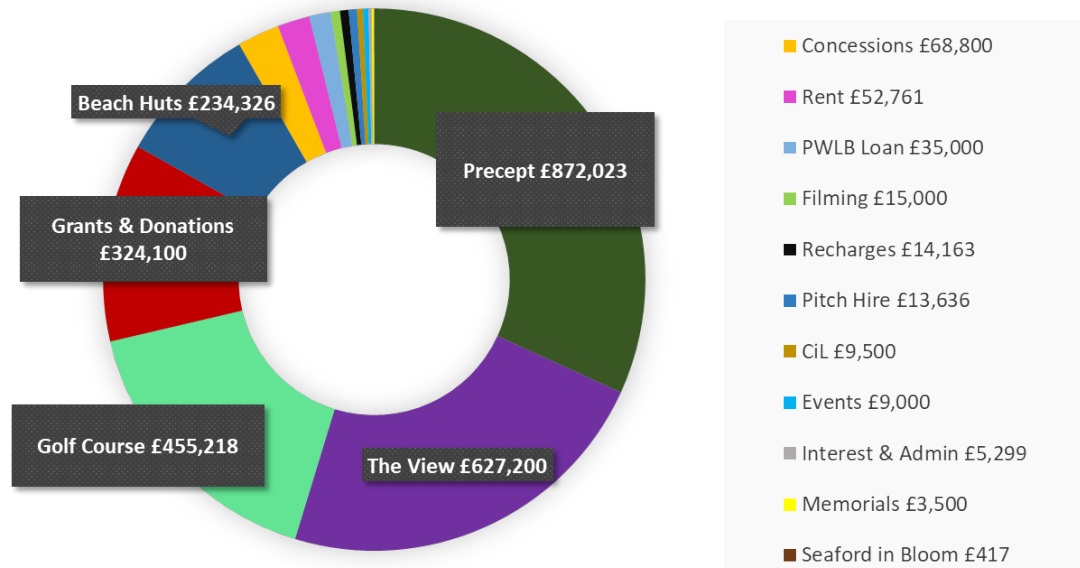
What % of your Council Tax does Seaford Town Council receive?



East Sussex County Council	71%
Lewes District Council	10%
Sussex Police and Crime Commissioner	9%
East Sussex Fire and Rescue Service	5%
Town and Parish Councils	5%

(based on 2019/20)

Where does the Town Council's 2020/2021 money come from?



How will the Town Council spend your money in 2020/21?

The Town Council has another exciting year ahead with a number of projects planned to enhance and support the community, such as:

- ⇒ Rebuilding of the **Martello Toilets**, to include a changing places toilet, cafés and indoor seating area.
- ⇒ Progress plans to convert **South Hill Barn** in to a highly regarded community asset.
- ⇒ Moving on with the **Salts Improvement Plan**, the next project being the refurbishment of the Salts Tennis Courts to create a user-friendly community facility available for all.
- ⇒ Supporting the town's **environmental commitments** by installing water refill stations, mains power to seafront concessions, installing a borehole at Seaford Head Golf Course and much more.
- ⇒ Reinstalling the highly popular **West View Beach Huts** available for all, supporting the town's tourism and local businesses.

Follow Our Progress

You can keep up-to-date on the Town Council's activities via our various communications such as our website, Facebook page, press releases and quarterly newsletters distributed to various locations within the Town.