

EATON UNDER HEYWOOD & HOPE BOWDLER PARISH COUNCIL

BUDGET FOR 2026/2027 PRECEPT

To be approved & adopted at meeting on 19th January 2026

<u>Items budgeted for</u>	<u>Last year's budget for 2025/2026</u>	<u>Estimated expenditure as at 31.03.26</u>	<u>Suggested Budget for 2026/2027 Precept</u> (Subject to Notes)
<u>ADMIN ITEMS</u>			
1. Clerk's salary (gross figure from which PAYE. is deducted.)	£2,986.88	£2,986.88	£3,082.56 See Note 1 and NALC NJC pay Scales
2. Admin expenses inc. ink cartridges, stationery items, postage stamps, telephone and Broadband expenses, Clerk's travelling expenses, electricity for meetings.	£ 500.00	£596.00 estimate	£500.00 See Note 2
3. Insurance	£500.00	£ 522.14	£525.00
4. Hall hire	£140.00	£ 135.00 (estimated)	£150.00
5. Pay roll & pension administration	£120.00	£ 120.00	£120.00
6. Audit fees	£130.00	£ 120.00	£130.00
7. Contingency fund for items such as training courses, councillor's expenses, replacement office equipment	£ 200.00	£30.00 Domain name	£200.00
8. SALC affiliation fee	£250.00	£ 275.36	£300.00
9. Data Protection registration fee	£40.00	£ 52.00	£52.00
C/fwd	£4866.88	£4837.38	£5059.56

	B/fwd.	£4,866.88	£4,837.38	£5059.56
10. Parish Council assets maintenance and environmental maintenance	£ 500.00	£ 400.00 estimate	£ 650.00	
11. S.137 LGA 1972 Donations:	£ 400.00	£400.00	£ 400.00	
12. WebOrchard website hosting fee	£250.00	£258.55	Nil	
13. IT management /maintenance fees/ Anti-virus annual update	£ 60.00	£190.00 estimated	£200.00	
14. Bank Charges	£ 90.00	£60 estimated	£60.00	
15. Fund for May 2025 election fees	<u>£250.00</u> £6381.88	£250.00		
<u>New Items for 2026/2027</u>				
15. New Hugo Fox website	£ -	£ -	£250.00	
25/26 Precept agreed at £6,382	<u>£ 6,382.00</u>	<u>£6,395.93</u>	<u>£6,619.00 but agreed at £6620</u>	

Note to the Precept Budget

No. 1: Clerk's salary The Clerk is paid for 208 hours per annum, pay rate based on SP point 12 on the NALC salary scales. From 1st April 2025 the rate was increased from £14.36 per hour (£2,986.88 per annum) to £14.82 per hour - £3,082.56 per annum. The Clerk does not claim the new pay rate until 01.04.26

No. 2 – website issue. EHB PC currently has a website hosted by WebOrchard of Shrewsbury at an annual hosting fee of £259 per annum. They offer nothing in the way of support. The website is administered by Mr Clive Martyn at a cost of approx. £80 p.a. Hugo Fox are offering a website at a cost of £9.99 per month plus VAT, £120 per annum) site to include all up to date features to comply the new website accessibility GDPR Assertion 10 requirements. They are offering a service of £199 plus VAT to build the website. If the parish council opts for Hugo Fox, we can cancel the WebOrchard hosting fee. It was agreed at the meeting on 17th November 2025 that the parish council will change from WebOrchard to Hugo Fox as its website host.

IT support issues. IT support is provided by Mr Andy Holmes of Walford and has been since 2015. There have been a number of issues with IT malfunctions in the last year, seemingly brought about by up-dating to Windows 11, by complying with the requirement that all parish councils must, for their emails use a Domain name ending on gov.uk. and problems have also arisen from the transferring of back-up of files to the Cloud. The Domain name cost £30 plus £40 to instal. Anti-virus protection costs approximately £40 p.a. IT support in this financial is estimated at a cost £190. The Clerk suggests a budget of £250 is required in the 2026/2027 Budget to fund IT support.

A precept budget to cover the parish council's 2026/2027 administrative and running costs was agreed in the sum of £6,620
This is an increase of £238.00

Effect on council tax - Band D

Last year the 2025/2026 Precept of £6,382 resulted in a Council Tax Band D Parish Council Charge of **£32.35**

The Precept of £6,620 in 2026/2027 will result in an estimated Council Charge of **£34.15**
(Each extra £100 costs £0.51 each £1000 costs £5.07)

Precept recent history

2026 /2027 - £6,620
2025/2026 - £6,382
2024/2025 - £5.588
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2022 /2023 - £6,472
2021/2022 - £5,252
2020/2021 - £5,252
2019/2020 - £4,686
2018/2019 - £4,556
2017/2018 - £3,900
2016/2017 - £3,240
2015/2016 - £2,535
2014/2015 - £3,000
2013/2014 - £3,000
2012/2013 - £2,650
2011/2012 - £1,850

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