



# THAME

## Town Council

*How the council spends your money to make Thame a great place to live, work, visit & enjoy.*

### **Precept 2025-26**

Thame Town Council does not receive any direct funding from central government or business rates. Our primary source of income comes from the Precept, which is a share of the Council Tax that is collected from each household by the District Council. This is calculated on an average household (Band D property).

The contribution you make through the precept is used to run the Council and maintain and improve the facilities, activities, and services that the Council provides in Thame and Moreton.

Here, we explain the contribution you make to the Town Council through your Council Tax and how it is spent:



In considering its proposed budget for the coming year and assessing the funding required to deliver its services, Thame Town Council estimates that its total expenditure in 2025/26 will be in the region of £1,102,425, an increase from last year of £81,809.

In 2025-26, this will be funded by a charge of £213.86 per year (£4.11/week) for a Band D property through the precept portion of Council Tax, equating to an annual increase of £12.42 per year (24p per week).

### **THE COUNCIL HAS ALLOCATED:**



£10,000 for the Red Kite Family Centre.  
£10,000 for Thame Senior Friendship Centre.  
£15,000 towards a Youth Worker (retained).  
£6,500 contribution towards Citizens Advice Service.



£5,000 funding has been reserved to create a play equipment pot for all parks.



Budget allocated to better cover the Information Centre services and improve the vibrancy and economic development of Thame.

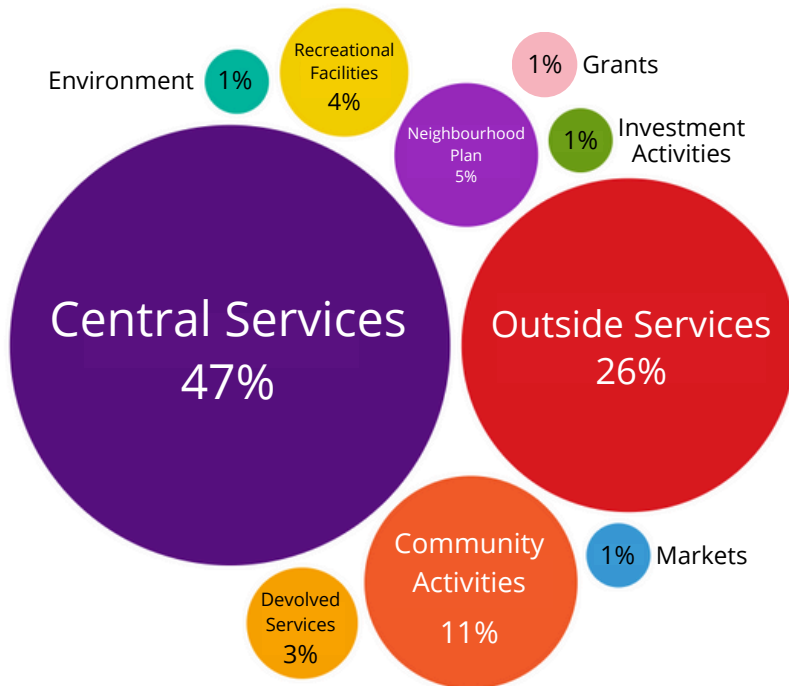


£20,000 to cover the government's increase of employer national insurance contributions from 13.8% to 15%.



Additional monies for new lift, vehicle replacement, town maintenance, and building refurbishments.

# How Thame Town Council uses the precept...



## Central Services

Includes administration of Thame Town Council functions, projects, and services. Central Services also include member costs, office costs, insurance, democratic services, civic support, professional fees, and running of the Information Centre.

## Outside Services

Includes maintenance depot & staff, vehicles, town & park upkeep, equipment, insurance & utilities.

## Community Activities

Includes meeting spaces, Christmas, town fairs, town maintenance, open spaces, CCTV, festival support, Remembrance, and Town Centre management.

## Neighbourhood Plan

Ongoing operational costs of implementing TNP2. The plan was adopted by SODC in 2025 after a successful referendum result on 6 February 2025.

## WHAT WE DELIVERED IN 2024/25

**EVENTS:** Taste of Thame, Memorial Service (to unveil additional name plaques on the war memorial), Town Awards, Town Fair, Charter Fair, Remembrance, Thame Art Crawl, Themed Markets, Christmas Lights Switch On.

**ENVIRONMENT:** Planting projects, launch of new Rycote Meadow access path project, support against recycling plant at Moorend Lane, launch of Phoenix Energy Community, Business Energy workshops, energy assessment of the Town Hall, with action to reduce energy bills.

**OTHER:** Re-opening of refurbished Elms Park play area, public water refill station at Town Hall, new benches at North Street & Upper High Street, upkeep of seven play areas, war memorial & skate park, grass cutting, tree maintenance, work to get to the tender stage for the Community & Youth Centre for Southern Road Recreation Ground.

## Recreational Facilities

Includes the upkeep of Cuttle Brook, Elms Park, Memorial Gardens, Recreation Grounds, Skate Park, Playgrounds, and St Mary's Churchyard.

## Devolved Services

Includes financial support for the Thame Senior Friendship Centre, Red Kite Family Centre, and Thame Youth Projects.

## Environment

Includes implementation of the Thame Green Living plan.

## Investment Activities

Includes managing capital reserves.

## Grants

Support for charitable & non-profit organisations.

## Markets

Covers the Charter Market & Farmers' Market.

## THANK YOU

Thame Town Council would like to thank everyone who completed our online Budget Questionnaire in September 2024. The results provided valuable feedback and helped shape the 2025-26 budget.

We have listened, and in 2025/26 plan to provide projects, functions, and services that the community of Thame expects the Town Council to deliver.

If you would like to provide further feedback we would love to hear from you.



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