



**EWSHOT PARISH COUNCIL**  
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### **THE PARISH ELEMENT OF YOUR COUNCIL TAX**

Any Parish derives its annual income from the Council Tax by lodging a demand (Precept) on the District Council – the taxing authority. The District council makes a calculation based on the number of houses in each band in the parish, adjusted for households that do not pay the full rate of tax, and the amount arrived at is included in individual tax demands.

The amount ‘precepted’ by the parish is based on the parish council’s calculation of money carried forward from the previous year, expenses it anticipates for the forthcoming year including any capital projects planned and any reserves that are felt to be prudent .

In the five years since Ewshot Parish was formed, there has been little or no change in the level of precept and therefore in the parish element of the council tax demand –simultaneously there has been little investment in the parish. In 2015/16 there are several major projects being launched in Ewshot. The most expensive of them will not be wholly funded by the parish precept although we shall be contributing something towards them as I show below.

Projects include:

A full survey of traffic through the village by Hampshire Highways to reduce nuisance by ‘rat-running’ drivers resulting from increased congestion round the Crookham Park site.

Extension to the car park at the Village Hall – a long overdue need

Re-alignment of public footpath crossing playing field to provide disabled and ‘buggy’ access

Complete refurbishment of the tennis court- long neglected since before Ewshot became a parish.

Acquisition of the small plot of land at the junction of Broomhill and Church Lane.

Enlargement and re-equipping of the children’s play area

Completion of the three year programme of daffodil bulb planting along the length of Church Lane. (carried out by Council Members and volunteers).

With the acquisition of new capital assets the council must give heed to their maintenance and, eventually, the need to replace equipment. The budget which was published at the Annual Assembly on 9<sup>th</sup> March included a regular annual sum to be put aside for this purpose. It also includes money to ensure the upkeep of our lanes – clearing ditches, cutting hedges & rebuilding over-ridden verge. This is work no longer carried out by Hampshire County Council due to their budget cuts and which the Parish Council is taking over as a matter of necessity .

On page 2 you will find the information which was published on 9<sup>th</sup> March.

**EWSHOT VILLAGE**  
The centre & our lanes, Marlborough Hill, Warren Corner, Beacon Hill,  
parts of Dora’s Green, the A287 & Heath Lane.

**BUDGET 2015/16**

	£
Staff Costs	8,210
Estate Management	7,040
Administration	5,387
Tennis Court Annual Service	500
Maintenance of hedges, verges & ditches in parish	2,000
Equipment upkeep/replacement	3,000
Contingencies	<u>2,000</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b><u>28,137</u></b>

**RESERVES**

	£
Landscaping, Fencing, gates and street Furniture for Broomhill site	3,447
Re-alignment of public footpath across QE II Playing Field	3,500
Contribution to car park extension project	2,500
General Reserve	4,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b><u>£ 13,447</u></b>

**PRECEPT 2015/16**

Planned revenue expenditure	28,137
Reserves and cover for projected items	<u>13,477</u>
	<b><u>41,584</u></b>

Cash Balance brought forward from 2014/15	16,584
Shortfall = PRECEPT	<u>25,000</u>
	41,584
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**Estimated increase on 2014/15 for a property in Band D  
£22.12 in full year or 43p per week**

**NOTES:**

In the budget 'Estate Management' refers to all costs relating to grass cutting, strimming, hedge cutting, fence and gate maintenance and playground maintenance etc.

'Administration' includes office, legal, insurance, training, hall hire, audit, subscription costs and other minor expenses.

**All figures are as yet un-audited and extrapolated to 31 March 2015**