

Armthorpe Parish Council Precept Update for 2026–2027

Armthorpe Parish Council has completed its annual review of the parish precept for the 2026–2027 financial year. After careful consideration of current costs, future commitments, and the services residents have asked us to prioritise, the Council has approved a 16.75% increase to the parish precept.

For a Band D household, this represents an increase of £13.06 per year, which is approximately 25 pence per week.

The precept was held at 0% last year, meaning no increase for residents in 2025–2026.

Overall Budget Position

The total budget for 2026–2027 is £586,250. This is supported by £138,450 in income and £67,500 from reserves, which help reduce the amount that needs to be raised through the precept. The Council has reviewed all expenditure lines to ensure the budget remains responsible, sustainable, and focused on delivering value for residents.

Investment in Community Facilities

Armthorpe continues to benefit from long-term financial planning, including the delivery of a state-of-the-art park funded entirely through a long-term investment. This major project has been achieved without additional cost to residents and forms part of the Council's commitment to improving high-quality outdoor spaces for families and young people.

Why the Increase Is Necessary

The Council has taken this decision to ensure that key services can be maintained and improved for residents. The additional funding will support:

- Installation of solar panels at Armthorpe Community Centre to reduce long-term energy costs and improve environmental sustainability.
- Recruitment of a new member of staff dedicated to managing the burial ground, park, and maintaining green spaces across the parish.
- A twice-weekly youth club for children aged 7–12, meeting a key community-identified need.
- The programme is funded through a combination of allocated staffing costs for youth workers, alongside a brand-new dedicated space and equipment fully funded by external grant providers, allowing the club to expand and improve without additional cost to residents.
- A full programme of community events throughout the year for residents of all ages.
- Weekly activities for older residents, helping to reduce isolation and promote wellbeing.

Commitment to Residents

The Council recognises the importance of keeping costs as low as possible while still delivering high-quality services. Every element of the budget has been reviewed to ensure value for money, and the increase has been set at the lowest level that still allows the Council to meet the needs of the community.

The Parish Council remains committed to transparency and will continue to keep residents informed about how public funds are used to support Armthorpe.