

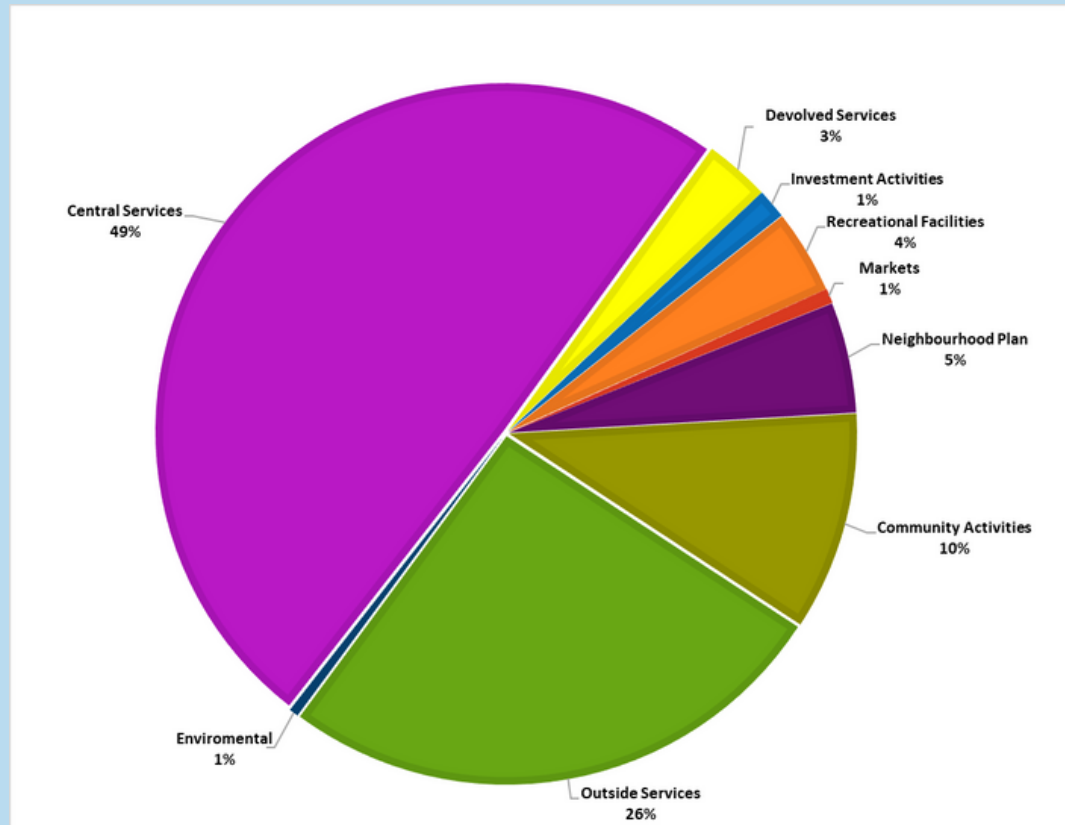
How does the precept work?

Thame Town Council provides public services to the residents of Thame and the village of Moreton. We deal with local issues on behalf of these residents. To do this we raise tax which is known as a precept. The precept is collected by South Oxfordshire District Council and is included in your council tax bill.

In 2024-2025

Thame Town Council will continue to...

- facilitate events such as **Taste of Thame**, **Thame Art Crawl** and the **Town Awards**
- deliver environmental needs through the **Thame Green Living Plan**
- ensure the future prosperity of the local economy
- maintain public assets of the town including playgrounds, Cuttle Brook, and the Town Hall.
- fund contributions to the **Red Kite Family Centre**, **Thame Youth Projects**, **Thame Senior Friendship Centre**, and the **Citizens Advice**
- provide allotments, with two new sites available by 2025



Central Services include: Town Hall staff, office equipment costs, insurance, contractors & building maintenance, utilities, democratic services, civic support, professional fees & Information Centre.

Outside Services include: Maintenance warehouse & staff, vehicles, town & park maintenance works, equipment, insurance, utilities.

Devolved Services include: Financial support to Thame Senior Friendship Centre, Red Kite Family Centre, Thame Youth Projects & Citizens Advice.

Precept 2024-2025 Breakdown

The operational costs for the council supporting Thame and Moreton have risen along with the cost of living increase; as such the council have approved a small increase to the precept.

In 2024-25, the average whole household
(i.e., Band D) will contribute a sum of
£3.83 per week (£199.46 per year),

this equates to an annual increase of £20.46 per year and will be taken through the precept portion of Council Tax.

What is my money going towards?



We are excited to share that within our precept this year we will be managing the replacement of our play area in Elms Park, although initially funded by Thame Town Council, the capital funds will be covered by developer contributions.

Work is progressing on the detailed design for the Community and Youth Building planned for Southern Road Recreation Ground.

To support this huge project (and others) the Council will be recruiting a Fundraiser / Grants Officer who will identify and apply for available grants and funds.

We are also pleased to share that we will soon be hiring enthusiastic apprentices to join our maintenance team and office team, who will support vital services to the community .

Have there been any cutbacks?

In addition to a close review of all costs, to help reduce this year's costs, we will not be running our usual Community Grant Scheme (except for the annual grants for the Red Kite Family Centre, Thame Youth Projects, Thame Senior Friendship Centre, and the Citizens Advice.)

We hope that the new fundraiser role, will be able to assist local groups in finding alternative grants.

Give us your feedback.

Your Town Council are always pleased to hear your views and comments.

Thank you for your ongoing support

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