

PRECEPT TREWERN COMMUNITY COUNCIL 2026/2027

I have put together some basic information to set the scene for our decision on the 2026/27 Precept.

HISTORY

Year	Precept (£)	Band D (£)
2017/18	17,849	26.9
2018/19	18,755	28.6
2019/20	19,822	30.36
2020/21	20,574	31.44
2021/22	20,665	31.44
2022/23	22,497	34.22
2023/24	22,816	33.86
2024/25	23,691	35.26
2025/26	23,352	34.28
2026/27	23,537	33.39

CURRENT YEAR 2025/26 - This year we forecast our expenditure to be £18,036.39. The latest figures and current forecast are:

Description	Actual for 2024/2025	Budget 2025/2026	Spent as of 31st Oct 2025	Still to pay 2025/2026	Draft Budget 2026/2027	Notes
Play/open spaces/ground Maintenance	£1,844.38	£2,176.40	£2,112.00	£717.00	£2,069.00	See recurring costs on page 2
Insurance	£1,148.38	£1,044.25	£992.05	£0	£1,041.65	5% allowance for inflation
Equipment purchase	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	Laptops etc
Clerks Salary (Inc. PAYE)	£4,602.81	£4,670.16	£2,775.20	£1,990.25	£4,847.95	As per contract (plus possible additional hours if required)
Office expenses	£1,274.83	£337.00	£337.00	£715.48	£935.48	See recurring costs on page 2
Reserve Funds	£5,500.00	£5,000.00	£0	£0	£5,420.00	Emergency fund
S137	£0	£0	£25.00	£0	£0	
Fees/Internal Auditor	£300.20	£299.00	£264.00	£35.00	£299.00	Time release & Bank charges
Village Hall	£4,600.00	£4,600.00	£4,600.00	£0	£4,600.00	
Chair/Councillors Allowance	£1,496.00	£2,260.00	£1,340.00	£156.00	£2,260.00	Allowance
External audit	£700.00	£500.00	£200.00	£0	£200.00	
Cemetery	£1,734.01	£1,769.39	£0	£1,734.01	£1,820.71	5% for inflation
VAT	£1,239.10	£36.00	£35.40	£8	£44	VAT will be claimed back in 2027/28
Total	£24,439.71	£23,351.68	£12,680.65	£5,355.74	£23,537.79	

Play area/Open Spaces/Ground Maintenance - Spent in 2025/26

Sue Davies for emptying bins - £125

Annual Play Inspection - £156

Welshpool printing group - £32

Scott Jones Painting and Decorating - £500

CA Bowen - £1,299 already paid (and £717 yet to pay)

Total - £2,112.00

Play area/Open Spaces/Ground Maintenance – Recurring costs for 2026/27

Sue Davies for emptying bins - £125

Annual Play Inspection - £78

CA Bowen - £1,866.00

Total – £2,069.00

Office Expenses – Spent in 2025/26

GloverSure - £145 (yet to pay £40)

Middletown Village Hall (Hire of Hall) - £75 (and £100 yet to pay)

Trewern Community Centre - £75 for last years hall hire (£45 still to pay for hall hire this year)

One Voice Wales - £42 for New Member Training (yet to pay £257 for membership renewal)

Contributions for Broadband at Middletown Village Hall - £0 (still to pay £273.48)

Total - £337.00

Office Expenses – Recurring costs for 2026/27

GloverSure - £185

Village Hall/Room Hire – £220

One Voice Wales - £257

Contributions for Broadband at Middletown Village Hall - £273.48

Total - £935.48

I have added an additional £5,000 to the budget for 2026/27 under 'Reserve Funds' for an emergency fund to cover any unexpected Play area costs and a further £420 to cover Training fees, as we agreed any new members would complete the New Members Training with One Voice Wales, costing £42 per person.

An additional £60 has also been added under 'Fees' due to HSBC bank charges.

The bank balance at the end of the year (31st March 2025) 2024/25 was £39,752.63 and the Precept (for 2025/26) was £23,352.00, which gave us the amount of £63,104.63 for 2025/26.

The total spend to date (31st October 2025) is £12,680.65 and still to spend is £5,355.74 (+odds).

Therefore, the forecast balance at the end of the year (31st March 2026) 2025/26 is £45,068.24

The draft budget for 2026/27 is £23,537.79 (inc VAT).

For 2026/27, the multiplier for Trewern area is 704.97 and if we want a Precept of £23,537.00, we will need £33.39 per Band D household. ($£33.39 \times 704.97 = £23,538.94$). A decrease of £0.89 from the previous year (2.6% decrease).

At the end of 2025/26, the forecast balance is £45,068.24. Adding the 2026/27 precept of £23,537.00 gives a total of £68,605.24. After accounting for the draft budget of £23,537.79, the projected reserve/contingency will be approximately £45,067.45.

We propose that our reserve/contingency funds will be used for any unexpected expenditure required, such as, work needed on the play areas etc.