

COUNCIL TAX BILL 2015/2016

**LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
POLICE & CRIME COMMISSIONER FOR LANCASHIRE
LANCASHIRE COMBINED FIRE AUTHORITY
CHORLEY COUNCIL**

**Chorley
Council**

**PO BOX 13
CHORLEY
PR7 1AR**

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ACCOUNT REFERENCE 61255037

Property address (if different)



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COPPULL
CHORLEY
PR7 5AG

The Valuation Band applicable for your property is

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	% Increase This Year	
LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL	2.0	£753.19
POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER FOR LANCS	2.0	£106.04
LANCASHIRE COMBINED FIRE AUTHORITY	1.9	£43.24
CHORLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL	0.0	£105.59
SPECIAL EXPENSES(excludes Parish Charge)	0.0	£5.27
COPPULL PARISH COUNCIL	-2.1	£22.93
CHORLEY/PARISH/SPECIAL EXPENSES (£133.79)	-0.4	
ANNUAL AMOUNT FOR BAND	1.7	£1036.26
Council Tax due for 01.04.2015 to 31.03.2016		£1036.26
Single Person Discount(25%)		-£259.07
TOTAL CHARGE FOR PERIOD		£777.19
TOTAL AMOUNT TO BE COLLECTED BY DIRECT DEBIT		£777.19

THANK YOU FOR PAYING BY DIRECT DEBIT. YOUR PAYMENTS ARE:

Date Due	Amount Due	Date Due	Amount
01.04.2015	£75.19	01.09.2015	£78.00
01.05.2015	£78.00	01.10.2015	£78.00
01.06.2015	£78.00	01.11.2015	£78.00
01.07.2015	£78.00	01.12.2015	£78.00
01.08.2015	£78.00	01.01.2016	£78.00



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A message from the Leader/Deputy Leader of the Labour Group

We will be making it happen again this year by investing £4.4m without asking you to contribute a penny more in Council Tax for Chorley Council. Our aim is to attract more business to the area, create new jobs and ensure residents are involved in and are part of communities they can be proud of. We aren't printing a glossy leaflet again this year because that money is better spent on providing services. To be open, honest and accountable we've put all our financial information in one place for you to see at chorley.gov.uk/finance

About your Council Tax

This information is intended as guidance only and is not a full statement of the law. For more information visit our website chorley.gov.uk. You may ask in writing for us to send you a hard copy of that information free of charge. A copy of the leaflets for Lancashire County Council, Lancashire Combined Fire Authority and Police and Crime Commissioner for Lancashire are also on our website.

Your property has been placed in a council tax band based upon a valuation made for the purposes of council tax by the Valuation Office Agency (VOA). In setting the value they have made the following assumptions, that the freehold of the property would be sold with vacant possession, that the property is in good repair and that it would be used as a residential dwelling. They have also considered the locality, the age and the type of property it is. Each home is in a valuation band, A-H, based on what it would have sold for on 1 April 1991. The VOA, not the council, allocates a valuation band to every home. The council uses this to work out your council tax bill.

If you wish to challenge this valuation and banding you can do so in limited circumstances and in some instances you must do so within prescribed time limits. A full guide to challenging your banding can be found at www.voa.gov.uk. Challenges should be made by completing a proposal form (available from the VOA) either online or in writing. If the challenge is valid it will be investigated. If the VOA supports your challenge they will change the banding and notify us, you need take no further action.

How to pay

Direct Debit: You can pay over 12 months. Sign up at chorley.gov.uk or call 01257 515431.

Online: Make a payment at chorley.gov.uk.

Phone: Call us on 01257 511000. You will need your account number shown on the front of this bill and your credit or debit card number.

PayPoint: Make a payment wherever you see the PayPoint sign. You will need the barcode printed on the front of this bill.

Council Tax Support

From 1 April 2013 Council Tax Benefit (CTB) has been replaced with Council Tax Support (CTS). If you are entitled to a reduction under Chorley Council's CTS scheme, it will be shown on the front of this bill. If you are not receiving CTS but think you should, please contact us. If you receive CTS and your personal circumstances change you must inform us of those changes within 21 days. If you fail to do so you may be prosecuted.

Here are some examples of the types of changes that you must tell us about. If anyone joins or leaves your household, yours or your partner's income changes (including any benefits, allowances, maintenance payments, pensions, student loans) or you or your partner stop or start work or if there are any changes to income and circumstances of anyone 18 or over who lives in your household.

Discounts and Exemptions

From 1 April 2013 there were changes to council tax discounts, reductions and premiums. A list of these and your eligibility for them is shown below. If you think you should receive a discount or an exemption please contact us. If you are aware you are receiving a discount or an exemption for which you are not entitled you must inform us within 21 days or face a penalty and you will need to repay it. If you claim a discount or an exemption and your circumstances change you must let us know within 21 days of the change or face a penalty.

We do not charge Council Tax for homes which are lived in only by people under the age of 18, severely mentally impaired or students nor for some unusual properties, for example, a granny flat lived in by a dependent relative, empty caravan pitches or houseboat moorings.

We do not charge Council Tax for empty properties which are:

- Owned by a charity (exempt for up to 6 months);
- Usually lived in by a student, a minister of religion, a diplomat, someone who has gone to prison, or someone who has moved to receive or provide personal care;
- Part of forces accommodation, including married quarters and temporary accommodation for members of visiting overseas forces;
- Not able to be leased separately (for example, a granny flat);
- The responsibility of a trustee following bankruptcy or a mortgage lender following repossession;
- Empty because someone has died and the grant of probate or letters of administration have not been completed or have only been completed within the last 6 months;
- Empty because the law prevents anyone from living there.

Other discounts

Unless you tell us differently, your council tax bill will assume that there are two or more adults aged 18 or over living in your home. However, when considering the number of adults living in a property, we do not include:

1. Full-time students, student nurses, apprentices and youth trainees or 18 and 19 year olds who are at school or who have just left school;
2. People who are severely mentally impaired;
3. People staying in hospitals, care homes, prison or certain hostels or night shelters;
4. Care workers working for low pay (usually for charities) or people caring for someone with a disability who is not their partner or child under 18;
5. Members of visiting forces and some international institutions.

- **Second homes and empty, unoccupied but furnished homes:** From 1 April 2013 there is no longer any discount available for these properties.
- **Disabled relief:** If you or someone who lives with you need a room, additional bathroom or kitchen or space for a wheelchair because of a disability, you may be entitled to have your bill reduced to the level of the next lowest band, or by a 1/9th if already a band A property. Visit our website for more information.
- **Single occupier discount:** The full council tax bill assumes there are two adults living in a property. If only one adult lives there as their main home, the bill will be reduced by 25%. Visit our website for more information.
- **Empty, unoccupied and unfurnished homes:** A discount of 50% applies for 0 to 6 months. A discount of 25% applies for 6 to 24 months. Long-term empty homes (over 24 months) are charged an additional 25% premium (total 125% charge). Visit our website for more information.
- **Empty, unoccupied and unfurnished homes undergoing "major repair work" or "structural alteration":** A discount of 50% applies where a property is empty, unoccupied and substantially unfurnished and needs, or is undergoing, major repair works before anyone can live there. This discount can apply for a maximum of 12 months. Visit our website for more information.

Appeals

If you are unhappy with a council decision about the charging of council tax against your property or the calculation of the council tax payable, you can appeal to us in writing telling us why you think we have got it wrong. We will look at your case again and might ask for more information. If we don't change our decision and you still don't agree, you can appeal to the Valuation Tribunal at www.valuationtribunal.gov.uk.

More information is available online at chorley.gov.uk where you can also register to vote and view waste and recycling collection information.

