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| Important news from your District Council  |

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| Blaby District Council graphic "Your Blaby District. The latest news from your District Council" |

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| **👉 Residents' Survey and Budget Consultation 2024** |

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| Blaby District Residents' Survey montage |

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| As a District Council we provide a number of essential services such as waste and recycling, environmental health, sports and leisure, parks and open spaces and action on climate change.To make sure we continue to commit resources to best meet our residents' priorities we want to know what you think about the services we provide.That's why, once again, we are reaching out to people across the District and asking for responses in our Residents' Survey click here: [BDC-Residents-2024](https://blaby.us9.list-manage.com/track/click?u=e14d20362ed3822be5be4ef96&id=887695f0e2&e=8744b8a0f2)or use the button below.The questionnaire takes place every two years to help us understand what people think about Council services, how they are provided and how money is spent.It offers an important opportunity to gauge public satisfaction and gain feedback which can help us identify where we can make improvements.An integral part of our vision is to be driven by what matters to our residents and so it's essential for us to understand your priorities. This allows us to focus resources and work with the community and partners in doing our best to deliver those priorities. |

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| **👉 Have your say on Council Tax** |

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| As we do every year, we are also asking people their views on Council Tax. At the end of February the Council will meet to agree its budget for the coming financial year and we want to hear from local people first on what they think about any change in Council Tax.While we are responsible for collecting Council Tax in Blaby District, we only keep a small proportion of the total amount collected - currently £6.3m of the £75.1m total - around £3.53 per week for the average household.The bulk of the money (74%) goes to Leicestershire County Council, with allocations also to Leicestershire Police, Leicestershire Fire and Rescue Service and your local Parish Council.Council Tax pays for around 45% of the cost of our services with the remainder coming from business rates and the central Government grant. We are looking at raising our portion of Council Tax by 2.99%, which is about 11p a week, or just over £5 a year for the average household for 2024/25. We want to hear your views on this rise. |

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| **👉 Share your views and help shape the future** |

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| Despite the challenges we face, including the continued rise in the cost of living, we are looking forward to the future with plans and ambitions to ensure Blaby District remains a great place to live, work and visit, with thriving communities and successful businesses. Help us achieve those ambitions and spend a few moments answering the questions in this survey.The survey will close on Sunday 25 February at 9pm. The outcomes will be reviewed and used by the Council when making decisions on future services. Views on the budget and Council Tax will be taken into account when the Council makes its final decision on the 2024/25 budget shortly afterwards.Have your say by using the link below: |

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| [**Residents' Survey and Budget Consultation 2024**](https://blaby.us9.list-manage.com/track/click?u=e14d20362ed3822be5be4ef96&id=ea56e15bdc&e=8744b8a0f2)  |

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| Blaby District Council graphic "A great place to live, work and visit" |

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