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### The end of the silly season?

Council tax is a communal bugbear. There is, however, an easy way to check you're not paying too much.

Council tax "banding" depends on, amongst other things, the size, location and layout of your home. This can, however, change and your banding may well, in any event, be out of date.

#### Step 1

Head to [http://www.voa.gov.uk/council\\_tax/cti\\_home.htm](http://www.voa.gov.uk/council_tax/cti_home.htm) and press go. Enter your own postcode to find your banding, and then check neighbours' bandings to see if you are in a position to appeal.

#### Step 2

If you feel the banding is unfair call your local listing officer, who will explain how the banding was determined, for which see

[http://www.voa.gov.uk/council\\_tax/the\\_role\\_of\\_listing\\_officers.htm](http://www.voa.gov.uk/council_tax/the_role_of_listing_officers.htm)

#### Step 3

Finally, you can appeal online to get your banding changed at

[http://www.voa.gov.uk/council\\_tax/can\\_i\\_appeal.htm](http://www.voa.gov.uk/council_tax/can_i_appeal.htm)

Good luck - we'd love to hear of any successful appeals.

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