

Ashwell Parish Council			
UNAUDITED ACCOUNTS		SUMMARY RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS WITH GENERAL NOTES	
2017-2018	RECEIPTS	2018-19	Background Notes
67,000.00	Precept including CTRS (Council Tax Reduction Scheme) grant of £1,352 in 2017-18 and £1,399 in 2018-19.	65,000.00	Set by Parish Council but collected by District Council (NHDC) with Council Tax and forwarded in two halves, April and September. Figure includes CTRS grant.
579.00	Other grants and donations	4,191.39	<i>Ad hoc</i> from various sources to support specific expenditure.
0.00	s106 (including transfers to other groups)	0.00	Charged to developers of new properties to offset the additional costs to the community; collected and held by NHDC on behalf of parish.
11,860.83	Reimbursed items/credits, insurance claims	0.00	eg joint projects, sponsored memorial seats. Insurance claims. Utility account credits.
45.34	Bank interest	99.08	Santander reserve account. Income dependent on interest rate. Bank rules makes transfer between accounts more difficult than previously so larger sums held in current account.
7,483.22	Cemetery	5,860.00	Parish Council is the Burial Authority for the Cemetery in Station Road; fees are set annually. The Chapel of Rest is let to a local funeral director, Neville of Luton.
142.50	Small Gains -Field and Allotments	245.00	Sports field and allotments at land off Station Road; community assets for which the Parish Council is responsible. The sports area is currently let to the junior football club (Ashwell Academicals) who manage the area.
2,200.00	Recreation Ground and Pavilion	3,410.00	The Parish Council manages the Recreation Ground and the facilities including the pavilion on behalf of the parish (agreement that also manages the portion of land owned by a charity, Allotment for Exercise and Recreation). Cricket Club, Football Club (adults) and Ashwell Academicals Football Club (juniors) pay rent for use. The Fair rents part of the area in the week of the At Home. Occasional ad hoc use by others.
3,574.00	Yearbook 2017 edition		Published annually in March; includes reports from Parish Council plus reports from village organisations and articles of local interest. Supported by local advertising to cover production costs; income may fall in two financial years. Copies delivered free to all householders and businesses; some additional sales through a retail outlet.
485.00	Yearbook 2018 edition	2,465.95	
	Yearbook 2019 edition	895.00	
8,843.65	VAT reclaim	5,348.60	Under section 33 (see VAT Notice 749 April 2002), actual sums of VAT payments are reclaimed at the end of each financial year.
102,213.54	Totals	87,515.02	

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	PAYMENTS		
10,593.57	General admin and misc	19,068.25	Office costs, insurance, elections, memberships (HAPTC/NALC, SLCC and CDAforHerts), room hire, website, audit fee, legal fees, training courses, newsletters etc.
25,576.17	Office staff including on-costs and pension	34,038.26	Ashwell is a NALC LC2 level council. The Clerk is paid in the Substantive Benchmark Range (SCP 30-34). Ashwell PC is a member of the Local Government Pension Scheme
4,175.00	Grants and donations	140.00	To other local bodies.
0.00	Section 106 transfers to others	0.00	NHDC payments via Parish Council
1,282.00	Neighbourhood Plan	0.00	All expenditure this year from allocated reserves Working Group of the Parish Council; parish councillors and parishioners involved.
3,799.97	Yearbook production		Published in March. Includes reports from Parish Council and village organisations; also local interest items. Supported by local advertising. £1000 in Allocated Reserve to cover any shortfall between income and costs.
1,200.67	Small Gains -Sports field and allotments	246.18	Sports field and allotments at land off Station Road. Sports field grounds maintenance by Accies. Small Gains Lane is a private carriageway; all adjacent landowners share responsibility for maintenance.
11,960.00	St Mary's Churchyard grounds maintenance and the Parish Clock	2,174.44	The Churchyard is 'closed' for burials so the Parish Council is responsible for maintenance. The Parish Clock is maintained by the Parish Council on behalf of the parish.
		210.00	
5,302.37	Cemetery	5,577.58	The Parish Council is the Burial Authority for the cemetery in Station Road. Costs include Environmental Cleansing Operative, grass cutting contractor and additional maintenance, eg tree work, memorial safety work.
6,879.41	Streets support	7,543.51	Environmental Cleansing Operative's costs plus installation and maintenance of street furniture - litter bins, dog waste bins, seats, notice boards etc.
4,158.46	The Springs	1,896.64	Amenity area, including a SSSI, owned and managed by the Parish Council as a community asset in conjunction with other bodies including the Countryside Management Service, Natural England, Environment Agency. Costs include Environmental Cleansing Operative, grass cutting contractor and additional maintenance, eg tree work. Costs kept low due to high level of volunteer input.
0.00	Arbury Banks support	0.00	Local scheduled ancient monument.
9,676.34	Recreation Ground, Pavilions and Playground	9,939.53	Amenity area (includes some land owned by charity 'Allotment for Exercise and Recreation' managed by Parish Council). Costs include Environmental Cleansing Operative, grass cutting contractor, utility bills and general maintenance. Also RoSPA and quarterly maintenance inspection costs.
2,561.18	Public toilets	2,692.82	Public toilets taken over from NHDC in May 2012.
962.00	Other village amenities	1,082.00	War Memorial, Merchant Taylors' Green, the Lock Up. Community assets maintained by the Parish Council.
		256.00	
		683.00	
429.72	s137 expenditure (community support)	242.00	Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972 enables spend of up to the product of £7.86 (figure increased annually by RPI) per head of electorate for the benefit of people in the area on activities or projects not specifically authorised by other powers.
5,348.60	VAT	8,366.27	Non-business. Parish Council not VAT registered.
	Expenditure from allocated reserves	24,837.97	
			In 2018-19: (i) Springs tree works, playground netting, pavilion patio renovation, new website, cemetery fencing, war memorial cleaning, (ii) funded from grants/donations -pavilion memorial clock, churchyard gate (part funded by donation), neighbourhood plan project, (iii) replacement roller for cricket club (part funded by insurance claim), (iv) HCC Highways support.
	Adjustment for bank's error	0.09	
93,905.46	Totals	118,994.54	