

Ashwell Parish Council		SUMMARY RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS WITH GENERAL NOTES	
UNAUDITED ACCOUNTS 2019-20			
2018-2019	RECEIPTS	2019-20	Background Notes
65,000.00	Precept including CTRS (Council Tax Reduction Scheme)	79,000.00	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 £1,399 in 2018-19 and £1,416 in 2019-20.
4,191.39	Other grants and donations	5,995.79	<i>Ad hoc</i> from various sources to support specific expenditure. £395.79 for reprint of footpath leaflet. In 2019-20£5,600 for Neighbourhood Plan.
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.
0.00	Reimbursed items, credits, insurance claims	0.00	eg joint projects, sponsored memorial seats. Insurance claims. Utility account credits.
99.08	Bank interest	75.08	Santander reserve account. Interest rate low but in current circumstances better options not feasible.
5,860.00	Cemetery	2,600.00	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.
245.00	Small Gains -Field and Allotments	1,030.00	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.
3,410.00	Recreation Ground and Pavilion	2,900.00	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.
2,465.95	Yearbook 2018 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.
895.00	Yearbook 2019 edition	2,915.00	
	Yearbook 2020 edition	1,125.00	
5,348.60	VAT reclaim	8,366.27	Under section 33 (see VAT Notice 749 April 2002), actual sums of VAT payments are reclaimed at the end of each financial year.
<b>87,515.02</b>	<b>Totals</b>	<b>104,007.14</b>	

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	<b>PAYMENTS</b>		
19,068.25	General admin and misc	11,765.09	Office costs, insurance, elections, memberships (HAPTC/NALC, SLCC, CDAforHerts, CPRE and Woodland Trust), room hire, website, audit fee, legal fees, training courses, newsletters etc. Includes Yearbook production published in March.
34,038.26	Office staff including on-costs and pension	38,014.61	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
140.00	Grants and donations	0.00	To other local bodies (see also Section 137 expenditure below).
0.00	Neighbourhood Plan	2,400.00	All expenditure this year from grants. Working Group of the Parish Council comprising two parish councillors and parishioners.
246.18	Small Gains -Sports field and allotments	777.14	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.
2,174.44	St Mary's Churchyard grounds maintenance and the Parish Clock	2,406.00	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			
5,577.58	Cemetery	5,358.24	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.
7,543.51	Streets support	5,798.16	Environmental Cleansing Operative's costs plus installation and maintenance of street furniture - litter bins, dog waste bins, seats, notice boards etc.
1,896.64	The Springs	2,002.00	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 with funds in Allocated Reserve if more paid input needed.
9,939.53	Recreation Ground, Pavilions and Playground	10,350.10	Amenity area (includes some land owned by charity 'Allotment for Exercise and Recreation' that is managed by Parish Council). Costs include Environmental Cleansing Operative, grass cutting contractor, utility bills and general maintenance. Also RoSPA and quarterly maintenance inspection costs.
2,692.82	Public toilets	3,044.50	Public toilets taken over from NHDC in May 2012.
1,082.00	War Memorial	1,595.50	Community assets maintained by the Parish Council. Includes War Memorial, Merchant Taylors' Green, the Lock Up, Carters Pond (latter jointly with volunteer input).
256.00	Other parish assets	798.50	
683.00			
242.00	s137 expenditure (community support)	440.00	Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972 enables spend of up to the product of £8.12 (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.
8,366.27	VAT	5,224.42	Non-business. Parish Council not VAT registered.
24,837.97	Expenditure from allocated reserves	4,663.47	In 2019-20: (i) New village entrance sign as part of Ashwell 1100 celebrations, (ii) verge planting at Chalk Bank Close (Cooke Engineering development site), (iii) reprint of footpath leaflet funded by P3 grant, (iv) hedge replacement at War Memorial; part also from 2019-20 budget, (v) Neighbourhood Plan consultancy fees; funded by grant, (vi) HCC Highways support; grass bank in Silver Street.
<b>118,994.54</b>	<b>Totals</b>	<b>94,637.73</b>	