

Ashwell Parish Council		SUMMARY RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS WITH GENERAL NOTES	
UNAUDITED ACCOUNTS 2020-21			
2019-20	RECEIPTS	2020-21	Background Notes
79,000.00	Precept including CTRS (Council Tax Reduction Scheme)	79,557.31	Set by Parish Council but collected by District Council (NHDC) with Council Tax and forwarded in two halves, April and September. Total includes CTRS grant £1,416.47 in 2019-20 and £1442.69 in 2020-21.
		1,442.69	
		81,000.00	
5,995.79	Other grants and donations	4,300.00	<i>Ad hoc</i> from various sources to support specific expenditure. In 2019-20: £395.79 for footpath map reprint, £5,600.00 for Neighbourhood Plan. In 2020-21: £1,300 from developer as mitigation for loss of tree. £3,000 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	613.27	From now disbanded Ashwell Business Club into Allocated Reserve for local business support
		3,461.78	Claim to job Retention Scheme for Deputy Clerk furlough
		152.33	Insurance refund
75.08	Bank interest	26.88	Santander reserve account. Interest rate low but in current circumstances better options not feasible.
2,600.00	Cemetery	6,450.05	Parish Council is the Burial Authority for the Cemetery in Station Road; fees are set annually. Small increase in fees from April 2020. Increase in the number of reservations in 2020-21. The Chapel of Rest is let to a local funeral director, Neville of Luton. £825pa.
1,030.00	Small Gains -Field and Allotments	150.00	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. No increases in rents for this year. In 2019-20 charge to other users to fund repairs to Small Gains Lane, £780.
2,900.00	Recreation Ground and Pavilion	1,020.00	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. No rent increases when budget set in December 2019. Subsequent agreement for rent freeze due to Covid situation. At Home did not take place so no income from the Fair (£400).
2,915.00	Yearbook 2019 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; small number sold through retail outlet.
1,125.00	Yearbook 2020 edition	1,973.00	
	Yearbook 2021 edition	1,185.00	
8,366.27	VAT reclaim	5,224.42	Under section 33 (see VAT Notice 749 April 2002), actual sums of VAT payments are reclaimed at the end of each financial year.
104,007.14	Totals	105,556.73	

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11,765.09	General admin and misc	12,961.30	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. Additional website upgrade costs (£1120)
38,014.61	Employees costs	39,964.77	Clerk and Deputy plus all on costs Costs of Environmental Cleansing Officer and Grounds Officer are included under premises budget categories, total £4186.64. Clerk and Deputy are on NALC contracts and paid in accordance with those scales. Ashwell is a NALC LC2 level council. Ashwell PC is a member of the Local Government Pension Scheme.
0.00	Grants and donations	0.00	To other local bodies (see also Section 137 expenditure below).
2,400.00	Neighbourhood Plan		Expenditure this year from Allocated Reserves -see below. Working Group of the Parish Council comprising two parish councillors and parishioners.
777.14	Small Gains -Sports field and allotments	2,885.82	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. Additional expenditure this year on tree/hedge planting (£595) and repairs to the lane (£1250) and new fencing/gate (£725).
2,406.00	St Mary's Churchyard grounds maintenance and the Parish Clock	1,969.00	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. Repairs last year but not in this year.
5,358.24	Cemetery	6,292.50	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. Additional costs this year for tree survey (£292.50) and path works (£480).
5,798.16	Streets support	5,431.09	Environmental Cleansing Operative's costs plus installation and maintenance of street furniture - litter bins, dog waste bins, seats, notice boards etc.
2,002.00	The Springs	2,342.00	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.
10,350.10	Recreation Ground, Pavilions and Playground	7,569.45	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.
3,044.50	Public toilets	2,631.83	Public toilets taken over from NHDC in May 2012. Less running costs for eg water, electricity, this year because of Covid closures.
1,595.50	War Memorial	637.00	Community assets maintained by the Parish Council. Includes War Memorial, Merchant Taylors' Green, the Lock Up, Carters Pond (latter jointly with volunteer input). Grounds maintenance costs similar to lat year. New hedge for War Memorial in 2019-20.
798.50	Other parish assets	522.00	
440.00	s137 expenditure (community support)	1,000.00	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. £1,000 to St Mary's PCC for hosting the outreach post office in the Parish Room
5,224.42	VAT	5,157.33	Non-business. Parish Council not VAT registered.
4,663.47	Expenditure from allocated reserves	17,374.95	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. In 2020-21: (i) Neighbourhood Plan £10,157.97, (ii) Highways support £1315.00, (iii) Village retailers map £3,651.98, (iv) Donation to Museum £2,000.
94,637.73	Totals	106,739.04	