

Ashwell Parish Council			
ACCOUNTS 2022-23			SUMMARY RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS WITH GENERAL NOTES
2021-22		2022-23	
	RECEIPTS		Background Notes
79,565.27	Precept including CTRS (Council Tax Reduction Scheme)	80,926.81	Set by the Parish Council but collected by the District Council (NHC) with other Council taxes and forwarded in two halves, April and September. Total includes CTRS grant £1,423.19
1,434.73		1,423.19	
81,000.00		82,350.00	
33,095.48	Other grants and donations	350.00	Grant for Queen's Green Canopy Tree and Hedge Planting from HCC
0.00	s106	0.00	Charged to developers of new properties to offset the additional costs to the community; collected and held by NHC on behalf of the parish.
	(including transfers to other groups)		
0.05	Reimbursed items,	1,580.13	Refund for overpayment, Castle Water
	credits, insurance claims,etc	200.00	Compensation from Santander for banking error
2.10	Bank interest	101.18	Santander reserve account.
6,775.00	Cemetery	5,785.05	Parish Council is the Burial Authority for the Cemetery in Station Road; fees are set annually. Increase in fees in 2022-23 and fewer burials/memorials/reservations. The Chapel of Rest is let to a local funeral director, Neville of Luton. £825pa.
			Rent for Bluegates Farm for future cemetery use is £0.05
210.00	Small Gains -Field and Allotments	160.00	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 Academics) who manage the area. No increases in rents for this year, but outstanding rent payment of £60 at year end.
0.00	Recreation Ground and	2,250.00	The Parish Council manages the Recreation Ground and the facilities including the pavilion on

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	Pavilion		behalf of the parish (agreement that it 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.
			Published annually in March; includes reports from the 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 a retail outlet.
2,830.00	Yearbook 2022 edition	1,255.00	
2,471.00	Yearbook 2023 edition	1,831.00	
5,157.33	VAT reclaim	5,356.49	Under section 33 (see VAT Notice 749 April 2002), actual sums of VAT payments are reclaimed at the end of each financial year.
<b>131,540.96</b>	<b>Totals</b>	<b>101,218.85</b>	
			<b>Background Notes</b>
	<b>PAYMENTS</b>		
9,084.01	General admin	15,085.03	Office costs, insurance, elections, memberships (HAPTC/NALC, SLCC, CDAforHerts, CPRE, GLEAM and Woodland Trust), room hire, website, audit fee, legal fees, training courses, newsletters etc. Includes Yearbook production costs (published in March).
	and misc		In 2022-23: additional book-keeping support £627. New laptop £1124. Yearbook production increased to £4985.
44,133.54	Employees costs	44,897.07	Clerk and Deputy plus all on costs
			Costs of Environmental Cleansing Officer and Grounds Officer are included under premises budget categories.
			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 under Section 137 expenditure below).
0.00	Neighbourhood Plan	0.00	

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372.52	Small Gains -Sports field and allotments	1,114.69	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. Water is provided. In 2021-22: Tree/hedge work (£150) and planting -some in this category, some from grants/reserves. In 2022-23 Water £421.37, £680 on ferreting, £13.32 new lock
2,003.00	St Mary's Churchyard grounds maintenance and the Parish Clock	1,305.00	The Churchyard is 'closed' for burials so the Parish Council is responsible for grounds maintenance. Very dry summer, so less work
300.00		609.94	The Parish Clock is maintained by the Parish Council on behalf of the parish. £300 for service and minor works, plus repairs to chimes mechanism
7,174.76	Cemetery	6,724.93	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.
5,301.22	Streets support	7,950.08	Environmental Cleansing Operative's costs plus installation and maintenance of street furniture - litter bins, dog waste bins, seats, notice boards etc. Includes 2 years of dog waste bin emptying for 2021-2022, £1198.69 and 2022-2023, £1,118.70. Overtime for ECO to address plumbing issues at pavilion £144 more than budget. Purchase of new dog waste bin £214 and installation £150
3,190.92	The Springs	2,509.90	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. Tree survey only this year. No tree works.
8,299.97	Recreation Ground, Pavilions and Playground	11,180.92	Amenity area (includes some land owned by the 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. Electricity costs increased. Additional repairs to
2,841.37	Public toilets	2,613.60	

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			playground equipment of £1005. New memorial bench at recreation ground £665. Hedge planting £1928 Public toilets taken over from NHDC in May 2012. Electricity costs increased. Cleaning frequency reverted to pre-covid level. General maintenance costs increased due to age of building.
2,075.00	War Memorial	490.00	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. War Memorial not cleaned this year. Additional £130 two times a year for hedge maintenance at Carters Pond.
655.07	Other parish assets	778.00	
2,446.84	s137 expenditure	2,407.23	Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972 enables spend of up to the product of £8.41 (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 for hosting post office at Parish Room, Greening Ashwell support for Springs £77, fitting defibrillator at rec £290, Jubilee Street party £1030,
	(community support)		
5,356.49	VAT	7,180.47	Non-business. Parish Council not VAT registered.
8,478.94	Expenditure from allocated reserves (some grant funded)	15,483.38	In 2021-22: Neighbourhood Plan £400, Highways support (£744), Springs tree works (£1625), Cemetery tree works (£650), Tree and hedge planting at the Rec and Small Gains (£3076), legal costs re setting up a Community Land Trust (£1500). In 2022023: Springs £5,634 tree works, fencing, litter bins; new planting at rec £758; support for CLT £2,650; cemetary box hedge treatment £120; St Mary's churchyard tree survey, scan and works £2,405; pavilion upgrade project architectural services £1,700; highways support 20s plenty posters £341
<b>101,713.65</b>	<b>Totals</b>	<b>120,330.24</b>	