



## CHAIRMAN'S REPORT 2023-24



THE KING'S CORONATION PICNIC IN THE PARK CELEBRATION EVENT, MAY 2023

Andy Burton  
Chairman, 2023-24  
Cuckfield Parish Council

## Introduction – Chairman Andy Burton

Welcome to the Parish Council's review of 2023-24.

Following the local council elections in May last year, we have a **new Council** for 2023-2027. Some of the ten councillors have continued, some have returned after a 4 year break, whilst others are new. We have another great team, with a range of professional and community experiences which will stand the village in good stead for the next few years.



**CUCKFIELD COUNCIL 2023-2027.**

**BACK ROW FROM LEFT: PAUL CECCHERINI, ANDREA KING, STEVE OVERSBY- POWELL, ADRIAN PODMORE, RICHARD GILL**

**FRONT ROW FROM LEFT: MARTIN SHELDON, ANDY BURTON, ANDREW SYMONDS**

**INSET JILL WHITE, MARIE DORMER**

We have developed a new **Business Plan** for this term. We were successful in completing most of the actions and projects in the previous plan, so many of the 60 activities identified are new. I would encourage you to take a look and give us your feedback (see [www.cuckfield.gov.uk/administration/business-plan](http://www.cuckfield.gov.uk/administration/business-plan)).

The Business Plan is guided and directed by our **Strategic Objectives:**

1. Reflect the benefit to Cuckfield in all council operations.
2. Efficient delivery of services. Responsible budgetary and financial control.
3. Improving community engagement and public profile.
4. Increasing sustainability and environmental enhancements in council operations and projects.
5. Maintaining the character and distinctiveness of the village.
6. Maintaining and improving community assets for the enjoyment of all residents.
7. Improving safety and reduction of noise on village highways.

**Future activities of particular note** include:

- Progress on the **Angela Fox Nature Garden** behind the Queen's Hall – the raised beds and centre fountain are due to be installed this year, together with additional planting and a fox sculpture.
- Running additional community events, such as the Christmas in Cuckfield Street Festival and, following the success of our Coronation Picnic in the Park last May, planning to make 'Cuckfest' an annual event.
- Reviewing the vehicle speed limit through the village and other measures to improve safety and reduce noise.

A major issue for this year remains the on-going spectre of the **proposed 'Cuck-stye' development**, which most of you will know aims to infill most of the fields between Cuckfield and Ansty with a new urban area of 1,400 new houses. We have continued to work closely with Ansty and Staplefield Parish Council and SCAG - the Stop Cuck-stye Action Group community to gather and submit relevant landscape, highways and planning evidence to the MSDC District Plan process. This has now been submitted to the Secretary of State with an examination due over the summer and I am pleased to note that the proposed development was not included for allocation in the Plan. However, the developer and his barristers will be strongly lobbying the Inspector to get this outcome changed, and they have taken the unusual approach in also submitting a separate planning application for the site. Therefore, there can be absolutely no complacency in our approach to ensure that the current character and distinctiveness of the village is not obliterated in a few short years.



VIEW ACROSS THE PROPOSED CUCKSTYE SITE TO CUCKFIELD FROM ANSTY, BRAD WILLIAMS 2022

Our **Annual Roadshow** provides an opportunity to discuss all of our activities and we welcome everyone in the community to join us at 7pm on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> April at the Queen's Hall. Our sustainability and environmental theme continues for this year and we welcome three excellent speakers – Michael Brown from CPRE the Countryside Charity, Simon Stokes, Chair of SCAG, and Paddy Boyle, new Chair of the New England Wood Trust (NEWT). Each will talk about their own sustainability and environmental concerns, and how this affects us all.

We will have representatives and displays from many of the village organisations and community groups where you can find out more and discuss with members over a glass of

wine. It's these groups that make Cuckfield such a special place to live and work so come along and find out more - it's always an interesting evening about your village.

## 2023-24 Council Highlights

As the first tier of local government, our primary focus remains to serve the interests of the Cuckfield area and community and, as ever, we are keen to receive feedback on anything the council does. See [www.cuckfield.gov.uk](http://www.cuckfield.gov.uk) for contact details.

Particular events and highlights from the past year include:

- Working closely with Ansty and Staplefield Parish Council and SCAG to gather evidence regarding the **Cuck-stye proposals** for submission into the **District Plan process**, as highlighted above. This resulted in the proposed development remaining outside of the housing allocation plans at submission stage to the Secretary of State. The forthcoming Examination arguments will determine whether this remains the case.
- Other **planning issues**, both large and small, continue to take up considerable CPC efforts. The last year has seen the development of the Horsgate House old school in the north of the village – a site which we allocated in the Cuckfield Neighbourhood Plan, and detailed planning application for the adjacent Hanlye Lane site, which was allocated by MSDC for 55 houses in a previous revision of the District Plan. CPC submitted some strong arguments regarding the poor design by the developers before Christmas (particularly their scant regard to the long reaching views to the Downs), and we await their response. The bungalow site along Hatchgate Lane is also taxing and the developers lost an appeal to squeeze in 8 new dwellings. CPC remains committed to preserving the village distinctiveness through implementation of our Neighbourhood Plan policies in the face of extreme on-going pressure from developers, who see Cuckfield as prime real estate but without any interest in its longer-term evolution.



HANLYE LANE SITE, NOEMI RIPERT, MARCH 2024

- Blessed with a short interlude of sunshine, the **King's Coronation Picnic in the Park** was an amazing success last May as part of the national celebrations, with over 2,000 residents sitting down to sandwiches and cake, a beer and prosecco festival, food stalls, children's fairground rides and live music. We also ran the successful Coronation Scarecrow competition over that weekend, with some entertaining entries.
- Other **CPC events** have also been very successful and well attended this year, including the Christmas in Cuckfield Street Festival, two 'skate jams' at our skate bowl (another planned for the end of July) and Silver Sunday cheese and wine events for senior residents. Look out for the Nuclear Bunker open days over the summer and another Rain or Shine theatre company production. As highlighted, a key theme of the Business Plan for the next few years is to run additional community events like these, so please get in touch if you have ideas.
- We have continued to maintain our two community centres – the **Queen's and Village Halls**, with further examination of proposals for the Village Hall refurbishment/renewal. Progress is being made on the Angela Fox Nature Garden, with new walkway and raised bed areas.
- Organising **food hampers** for approx. 40 families in the village most in need. We worked with the Holy Trinity Primary School and Medical Practice for their distribution. As the current cost-of-living issues continue to bite, we will be looking further at this in the coming year.
- We continued with the maintenance improvements for the **church burial ground**, with positive feedback on how tidy and well-ordered it looked.
- We have been reviewing further traffic speed data obtained from our two "Sid" and "Nancy" mobile radar Speed Information Devices, that you'll have seen in various locations. As a result, we are currently consulting on whether to pursue a **lowered 20mph speed limit** in parts of the village (particularly the London Lane – Broad Street – High/South Street triangle).
- We have worked hard this year to apply for numerous external grants to help fund our activities and balance our budget, and we recognise the difficult times for residents, but the inflationary pressures we are all experiencing means we've needed to raise the council tax precept by £9.25 a year for a Band D property.

The above successes would not be possible without the great work undertaken by the Parish Council team, led by our Clerk, Sam Heynes.

More details of our numerous activities can be found in the various committee reports below.

## **Committee Activities**

In 2023-24 the Parish Council ran committees for Assets, Community & Environment, Community Buildings, Roads & Traffic, Planning, and Finance & General Purposes. Reports on their activities are outlined below.

### **Assets, Community and Environment Committee – Cllr Andrew Symonds**

This report covers a large area of the Parish Council's responsibilities. In summary it has continued to function well and been able to address the issues that have arisen, both planned and unplanned.

#### **Assets**

This very popular cemetery has been maintained to a high standard with certain areas uncut during the spring months to allow wildlife to flourish. The large laurel clumps of bushes have been heavily but attractively cut back. The lych gate at the entrance from Church Street has had the roof repointed. The council are investigating ways in which the cemetery area can be enlarged to meet the demand.



**CEMETERY NOEMI RIPERT, MARCH 2024**

The Skateboard Bowl at Whitemans Green has had maintenance repairs completed this year and has hosted two popular Skate Jam training sessions.

The allotments at Courtmead Road and Whitemans Green are fully utilised and overall, well maintained by the tenants. There are currently no vacancies across the two sites. Please do get in touch with the Parish Office should you be interested to be added to the waiting list.

The toilets, in the car park in the centre of Cuckfield, have been redecorated and the damp issue addressed.

Since having been taken over from the original developers, fruit trees and fruit bushes have been planted at Horsefield Green for future free public consumption. The brambles and nettles have been cleared and the planted area furthest from the Ardingly Road is beginning to take shape. Lime trees have been planted around the small pond and in the gaps left by trees removed due to ash die-back.

Bus shelters, public benches, handrails, all of which fall within the council's remit, have or are being maintained.

### ***Community***

The next upcoming Silver Sunday is planned on 28<sup>th</sup> April 2024 at the Queen's Hall with free lunch and entertainment. This event has grown in popularity since Covid and is specifically organised for the retired members of the community as a response to isolation.

The Christmas Hampers were again greatly appreciated this year. These are given to identified deserving families in the community where the cost of living hits hardest.

Tea & Company continues to run every Tuesday afternoons 1:30 to 3:30 in the Council Chamber of the Queen's Hall providing an opportunity for social informal time to chat and enjoy tea, coffee and biscuits. This is a free afternoon, open to all.

The village picnic at Whitemans Green was an experimental event to celebrate the King's Coronation. It was a huge success, and the Parish Council are reviewing whether this can become a regular annual event.

### ***Environment***

There are a number of initiatives being investigated. These include the 'Adopt a Verge' scheme and a Biodiversity Action Plan. The Parish Council is determined to ensure that Cuckfield remains a place that folk want to enjoy living in and its attractive features are retained.

## **Community Buildings Committee – Cllr Andrea King**

Both halls have had a relatively quiet year though bookings continue to be steady. The Parish Council staff must be thanked for their dedication and working so hard to make sure there are no problems and those that do arise are sorted out quickly.

Cuckfield Pre-School and The Nest continue to use the Village Hall regularly as do various other hirers. Plans for a replacement multipurpose hall are on hold at the moment as spiralling costs mean it is not a practical option in the current financial climate and the council are looking at other ways of improving the current hall.

Staff and councillors have had regular meetings with hirers to discuss their needs and listen to any concerns so that they can be addressed in a timely manner.

Councillors are very conscious of our carbon footprint at both halls and are making progress to try and improve matters. The first stage of the Carbon Footprint Assessment was completed last year and we will advise on the next steps and recommendations once the calculations are completed. As the Queen's Hall is a listed building there are obviously constraints about how much we can do but we are considering the installation of solar panels on the Queen's Hall roof and have already arranged the installation of light sensors in the corridors and had quotes to improve insulation in the roof area.

There have been many weddings at the Queen's Hall and the room has looked its best with the various innovative ways of decorating it that we have seen over the year. The annual Bookfest is now a regular feature of the year taking place in October and was again very well supported.

Cuckfield Museum is housed in the Queen's Hall and is open four mornings a week. With the constant change of displays, many reflecting current milestone historical events, it is always worth a visit.

The Angela Fox Nature Garden is still work in progress. Constant wet weather is not conducive to building walls, raised beds and garden steps but it is getting there. We hope to get much further ahead with it over the summer and look forward to seeing a pleasant water feature set up among well planted beds in the near future.





**ANGELA FOX NATURE GARDEN, NOEMI RIPERT, MARCH 2024**

The Rain or Shine Theatre Group came last August and again in January and delighted us with their talent. Their next visit is on 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2024 when they will perform “The Importance of Being Earnest”.

The idea of an Art Hub in the Queen’s Hall for local artists to display their work has had a slow start but we hope to encourage greater participation once it is fully established and more people know about it.



**ART DISPLAY, QUEEN’S HALL, NOEMI RIPERT, MARCH 2024**

## **Roads & Traffic Committee – Cllr Jill White**

We continue as a Parish Council to take on board suggestions from the public to address road safety, traffic density, congestion, pedestrian safety, parking and traffic speed concerns. Unfortunately, we cannot create additional parking in a small village or reduce traffic and many suggestions such as extra traffic lights require considerable additional expense.

However, we have had some successes (with help from WSCC).

- A yellow no stopping/parking 'yellow box' painted by the Hatchlands bus stop on Broad Street to prevent drivers parking there. Inconsiderate parking causes difficulty for bus passengers who normally use the raised pavement at the bus stop but, if cars are parked there, they would have to stand in the road.
- A reduction in speed from 40mph to 30mph from the bypass roundabout to Broad Street. This increases safety for children walking to Warden Park and is appreciated by residents who find it easier to exit their drives. The Speedwatch team is starting to target this area to educate the drivers.

Using our Speed Indicator Devices (SIDs), we have been recording traffic flows and speeds through the village for a few years and reassuringly, this shows that the average speed is generally within 30-35mph. There are of course, occasional miscreants but these are outweighed by those being more considerate.

Further along Broad Street (London Lane to the bypass), congestion could be eased if more children walked or cycled to school. However, with parents increasingly concerned for the safety of their children, especially in the dark winter months, this is difficult to achieve.

Hanlye Lane continues to see cars going off road in slippery conditions and a number of these could be attributed to pot-holes or the avoidance thereof. It is also unsafe for cyclists, especially in the dark. Please do photograph and report potholes on the WSCC site <https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/roads-and-travel>

Reducing speed to 20mph along the lower High Street, London Lane, South Street and Broad Street could help with safety. We all recognise these areas are not safe for pedestrians crossing the road and we are liaising with WSCC about possibilities. Further information will be available at the Annual Parish Meeting on 11<sup>th</sup> April 2024.

## Planning Committee – Cllr Steve Oversby-Powell

The big story of this year (like last year) is the ongoing saga of Cuck-Stye, the juggernaut of a housing proposal that Fairfax and their development partners seem determined to bludgeon the villages of Cuckfield and Ansty with.

In 2022 and 2023 we (along with Ansty & Staplefield Parish Council) responded strongly to Fairfax's initial consultation for building 1,600 homes over approx. 100 acres of farmland. We broke down the constituent parts of the development proposal and highlighted that the rosy outcome painted by the developer would likely be a nightmare for the existing residents of both Cuckfield & Ansty.

It was in-part our efforts that led Mid Sussex District Council (MSDC - the Local Planning Authority) to conclude that the proposal was NOT of sufficient quality to be included as one of their proposed strategic sites (in the context of their proposed District Plan 2021 – 2039).

The importance of these early arguments cannot be overstated, since if a proposed development IS adopted by a Local Planning Authority as part of their envisaged 5-year housing supply, there's a presumption of development provided certain conditions are met.

We feel that Mid Sussex District Council has built a robust District Plan with a sensible buffer; the 'buffer' being an excess margin of properties that mitigates for development failures and the impact this has on the prescribed housing supply.

After 2 statutory consultation periods, one in 2022 and the second one between 12<sup>th</sup> January and 23<sup>rd</sup> February this year, the Mid Sussex District Plan (final edition) has now been submitted to the Planning Inspectorate for 'Examination' (without Cuck-stye) and we look forward to its formal adoption later this year.

The Cuck-stye issue hasn't gone away however, in last year's report I wrote (prophetically as it turned out) *"We are delighted that Mid Sussex has chosen to shelve this proposed site from their District Plan for now, however, the site promoter is tenacious and we fully expect to see derivatives of this scheme put forward for many years to come."*

Fast forward to November 2023 and clearly still smarting from being left out, Fairfax and their team submitted a speculative planning application for 1,450 residential units, presumably looking for a determination on their application prior to the new District Plan being signed off.

Our planning consultants have worked with us to deliver robust and detailed counter arguments to the proposal, as I might add, have a large number of parishioners, approximately 300 letters of objection last time I looked, and that's without counting many more submitted in respect of the even more preposterous "Parkland reserve at Beechy Bottom" application.

Real Cost - Developers see the land in and around our village as an exploitable resource, in the same way that a mining firm would have little interest in your quality of life if there was say, oil discovered nearby. Any impact on the value of your home is also largely irrelevant to them (unless it makes an area so undesirable they can't sell all of their houses!).

It's very important to us though, we live and raise our families in Cuckfield, so it should come as little surprise that our motivation is always going to be quite different from speculative development funders, who are often based in low tax jurisdictions.

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CHALLENGE – The Application form for the Cuck-Stye application lists the applicants name as 'Fairfax Acquisitions Limited & The Norris Family'

For 10 points establish who owns and controls the legal entity Fairfax Acquisitions Limited.....

Answer below.

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Cuckfield Parish Council's main source of revenue is the 'precept' which forms part of your council tax payment. The precept, whilst only forming a small portion of overall Council Tax, is still a non-negotiable tax. We would rather use your money to provide services that improve the quality of life of Cuckfield Residents rather than use it trying to beat off those that would do it harm. Yet in the past year we have spent £5,825 responding appropriately to what we see as harmful development proposals.

#### Cuckfield Parish Council working with MSDC

Over the past year we have worked more closely with Mid Sussex District Council on a number of planning issues.

One important area of this work is to ensure that developments that are likely to proceed, do so in the most sympathetic way possible, using designs that both preserve the rural feel of the village, and give new residents spaces that will help create cohesive communities.

Bad (or lazy) design can lead to poor outcomes, for example, we have seen a number of developments over the years where only token thought appears to have been given to children's play areas (play area at the bottom of the Brick Lane/Woodbine Close development being an example).

Clearly relegating these facilities 'out of the way and out of mind' ultimately leads to them being underused, or used by 'unintended guests', and this can detract from the overall feel of an area. Waterhouse Square on the other hand takes pride of place along Ashburnham drive and greatly benefits the community feel of that development.

Currently there is a planning application for 55 homes, Land South Of Hanlye Lane, Longacre Crescent, Cuckfield West Sussex DM/23/2610.

In this development, like others, we have noticed a trend towards developers proposing 2.5 or even 3 storey houses. Whilst this is popular with developers (they earn their money with ft<sup>2</sup>) we see it as a step towards higher property densities and greater urbanisation, particularly when those additional storeys present a hard boundary on the countryside.

Likewise the issue of car parking, with children often living at home for longer, means it has become quite normal for households to have more than 2 cars. Yet we still see developers presenting schemes that will quickly be overwhelmed by the probable number of cars. For all

the pretty landscaping diagrams we see, we are at pains to point out that these street scenes will be quite different as residents take to parking atop the manicured lawns.

### Neighbourhood Plan Review

In 2011 Cuckfield was appointed by the Department of Community and Local Government (DCLG) 'Front Runner' status and was part of an early group of Town and Parish Councils to adopt the principle of developing a neighbourhood plan. We were 24<sup>th</sup> in the whole country to have a plan in place and the first Parish Council in the district.

Neighbourhood Plan	Date Made
Albourne	22 September 2016
Ansty and Staplefield	2 February 2017
Ardingly	19 March 2015
Ashurst Wood	30 June 2016
Balcombe	22 September 2016
Bolney	21 September 2016
Burgess Hill	28 January 2016
Crawley Down	28 January 2016
Copthorne	16 September 2021
Cuckfield	1 October 2014
East Grinstead	2 November 2016
Hassocks	24 June 2020
Haywards Heath	15 December 2016
Horsted Keynes	19 July 2022
Hurstpierpoint and Sayers Common	19 March 2015
Lindfield and Lindfield Rural	23 March 2016
Slaugham	25 September 2019
Turners Hill	24 March 2016
Twineham	24 March 2016
West Hoathly	16 April 2015

The document is now 10 years old and I'm delighted to say that Cllr Marie Dormer, a participant in the original Cuckfield Neighbourhood Plan team is leading a working party conducting a review of this important document.

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*ULTIMATE PARENT COMPANY CHALLENGE.... (Answer)*

*UK Companies House tells us the following: The immediate parent company of Fairfax Acquisitions Limited is Fairfax Classical Properties Limited. This in turn is mostly (70%) owned by Kerezar Ultimate Enterprises Limited (based in Cyprus?). As stated in the Accounts "It is the belief of the Directors" that the ultimate controlling party is WGT Limited which is a trustee of The Westminster Group Trust, an offshore corporate which is resident in Jersey.*

*Confused? Maybe that is the intention!*

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### Energy efficiency and sustainability

The Parish Council is committed to improving its carbon footprint, as it makes sense from both an environmental and increasingly an economic standpoint. And many applications that we see incorporate some sort of efficiency improvers.

Solar panels and bicycle storage have been a common theme within applications for a number of years and these are generally welcome. Recently we have seen some applications for heat pump systems.

Broadly speaking there are 2 types of system, air source & ground source heat pumps. Ground source systems involve laying large quantities of pipe/hose under a lawn, so it's disruptive to put in but then silent and unobtrusive. Air-Source systems often use an external pump and condenser unit (similar to the air conditioning boxes you see on the outside of commercial buildings). These are becoming more popular in new housing developments where design measures can be used to provide both screening (visual) and noise mitigation. However, we are yet to be convinced by any of the 'retro-fit' applications that we have seen, particularly when considering the predicted noise information. It is hoped that this technology improves, to allay these concerns.

I'd like to finish by thanking the team at Mid Sussex's planning department, and our regular parishioner contributors without whom numerous harmful planning breaches may have gone undetected before they could be contained/reversed. It's these interventions which help to conserve the village's character and distinctiveness.

We are also grateful to both our District Councillors and our MP Mims Davies for their continued support in planning matters throughout the year. As Mims moves to the East Grinstead constituency, let's hope that the new incumbent is equally supportive of our planning campaigns.

### **Finance and General Purposes Committee – Sam Heynes (Clerk)**

2023-24 has been a solid year for Cuckfield Parish Council's finances. Income at both halls has exceeded the original forecast due to unplanned new hirers, although sadly at the Village Hall one of these was only temporary for one year and so income here will revert to normal levels for 2024-25. We have also seen higher income at the cemetery due in the main to people making plot pre-purchases from outside the area, something we will have to reconsider allowing in the future as our burial capacity reduces over time.

Key points of interest for 2023-24 are detailed below:

- Roads & Traffic – a quiet year from a financial perspective, although surveys exploring the support for traffic calming measures have been completed.
- Planning – responses to the District Plan Reg 19 consultation, Hatchgate Lane, Hanlye Lane and Cuckstye planning applications have all be prepared by a professional planning expert.
- Finance & General Purposes – income above original forecast due to increased VAT returns as well as financial investments returning higher interest than forecast. Expenditure slightly above forecast due to funding the Coronation Picnic in the Park celebrations.
- Assets, Community & Environment – income was higher than forecast at the cemetery due to residents from outside the area pre-purchasing burial plots. This is something

we may need to reconsider allowing in the future as our burial capacity reduces.  
Expenditure close to forecast.

- Queen's Hall – income exceeded forecast thanks to a new regular hirer and wedding bookings. Expenditure lower than forecast although utility charges have not been billed through to year end due to issues with the provider.
- Cuckfield Village Hall – hire income at the Village Hall has also exceeded forecast levels due to a new regular hirer using the hall as a temporary venue for the 2023-24 period. Expenditure is lower than forecast as the project to investigate the future of the Village Hall stalled, this will recommence in 2024-25.

Looking forwards to 2024-25, exploration of traffic calming options for the village will continue with consideration of 20mph zones within the village centre being a key area of focus. Development of the Angela Fox Nature Garden will continue at the Queen's Hall, and exploration of options to secure the future of the Village Hall facility will continue. Expansion of the cemetery also remains a concern.

Budget data current as at 13<sup>th</sup> March 2024

	<b>2023-24 Budget</b>	<b>Actual Net</b>	<b>Balance</b>
<b>Roads &amp; Traffic</b>			
Income	£2,000	£1,994	-£6
Expenditure	£8,200	£8,817	-£617
<b>Planning</b>			
Income	£0	£0	£0
Expenditure	£2,500	£3,050	-£550
<b>Finance &amp; General Purposes</b>			
Income	£274,085	£283,587	£9,502
Expenditure	£228,299	£201,063	£27,236
<b>Assets, Community &amp; Environment</b>			
Income	£74,450	£97,291	£22,841
Expenditure	£86,400	£79,534	£6,866
<b>Queen's Hall</b>			
Income	£32,500	£43,472	£10,972
Expenditure	£61,950	£52,439	£9,511
<b>Cuckfield Village Hall</b>			
Income	£23,000	£27,385	£4,385
Expenditure	£38,750	£31,146	£7,604
	<b>2023-24 Budget</b>	<b>Actual Net</b>	<b>Balance</b>
Total Income	£406,035	£453,729	£47,694
Total Expenditure	£426,099	£376,049	£50,050

<b>Reserve Movements</b>	<b>Current Value 2023-24</b>
Memorial Repairs	£4,000
Traffic Calming (London Lane)	£25,427
Grants	£2,155
Horsefield Green Landscape & Pond	£21,273
Horsefield Green 10 Year Fund	£104,375
Allotment Deposits	£4,428
Council Elections	£1,714
Allotment Maintenance	£444
Nature Garden	£4,426
Lychgates	£1,000
Legal Fees	£3,202
<b>Current Reserves Total</b>	<b>£172,444</b>

The following grants have been received over the past year and have been used for specific initiatives in support of the community and assets of the village:

<b>£700</b>	<b>Various</b> Donations towards Christmas food hampers for those in need
<b>£275</b>	<b>Various</b> Stall Holder Donations for Christmas Street Festival
<b>£3,870</b>	<b>Kempe Trust</b> Funding to repair the lych gate roof