

**Hemingford Abbots Parish Council
Local Councils in England Annual Return
for the year ended 31st March 2015**

Explanation of Variances

Year Ended 31st March	2014	2015
Total Box 3	3105	5285
Council Tax Support	352.00	0.00
Donations	0.00	0.00
Bursary Received	0.00	0.00
Recycling Credit	123.15	204.63
Interest Received	837.90	971.26
Training Costs Reimbursed	1,386.00	0.00
Communty Infrastructure Levy		2,732.76
Equipment Cost Reimbursed		346.58
VAT Reimbursement Received	405.68	1,029.66
	<u>3,104.73</u>	<u>5,284.89</u>

An increase in Other Income has arised due to the receipt of a Community Infrastructure Levy from HDC of £2733 (not payable in 2013/14) and an increase in VAT refund received in the year as compared with 2013/14 (£406 to £1030); but the increase in Other Income was reduced due to the non receipt of a Council Tax Support payment or training costs incurred reimbursed this year.

Total Box 6	11,535	9,599
Election Cost		
Audit Fee	156.25	100.00
Insurance	687.52	672.74
Meeting Room Hire	162.00	161.00
Stationery, Postage	518.77	345.89
Office Equipment	693.16	0.00
Office Expenses		312.00
Subs & Affiliations	341.86	332.40
Section 137 Expenditure		500.00
Sports Pavilion Maintenance Grant (Section 137)	440.00	0.00
Training Costs	1,383.07	51.03
General Village Maintenance	1,542.10	556.00
HA Playing Fields Maintenance	277.80	1,875.00
Grass and Hedge cutting	999.00	1,110.00
Street Lighting Electricity and Maintenance	1,907.55	2,434.83
Website Hosting and Maintenance (Section 142)	1,396.00	255.48
VAT to be recovered	1,029.66	893.13
	<u>11,534.74</u>	<u>9,599.50</u>

Costs for 2014-15 have decreased because:

Office costs are less this year as no further office equipment was purchased in 2014/15 as in 2013/14 (£693)

Training costs incurred in 2014/15 were greatly reduced from 2013/14 which had been high due to new Councillor/Clerk training costs (2013/14 £1383 - 2014/15 £51)

General Village Maintenance costs for 2013/14 included costs for repair to the village sign and the supply and installation of weed suppressant membrane and gravel to some areas under trees in the village, costs which were not needed to be incurred again in 2014/15 (2013/14 £1542 - 2014/15 £556)

However HA Playing Fields costs increased in 2014/15 due to necessary maintenance to the wetpour around the play equipment (2013/14 £278 - 2014/15 £1875)

Although Street lighting maintenance and electricity costs for 2014-15 does not include any charges for maintenance due to late invoicing by Balfour Beatty. This year does include 18 months of energy costs due to a change in Huntingdonshire District Council's invoicing cycle, energy costs have also doubled due to a change in the method of calculating energy cost recharges and the age of the Parish Street Lights. The net effect is an increase from 2013/14 £1907 to 2014/15 £2435.

Website hosting and maintenance costs in 2014/15 are reduced from 2013/14 as no agency software upgrade costs were necessary this year, and the maintenance of the website now maintained by a volunteer at minimum cost. Also costs for 2015 Parish Magazine were not received in 2014/15. Therefore, the net effect is a reduction in costs from 2013/14 £1396 to 2014/15 £255.

Vat recoverable has decreased due to an reduction in expenditure (2013/14 £1029.66 - 2014/15 £893.13)

Box 7 Total		52460	60238
Treasurers Account - Current Account	Lloyds TSB	1,615.19	2,519.14
Business Reserve Account	Lloyds TSB	13,806.53	10,987.49
Playing Field Reserve Account	Lloyds TSB	329.97	330.09
Lighting Sinking Fund	Lloyds TSB	1,707.20	32,668.19
CIL Reserve	Lloyds TSB	1.00	2,733.00
Lighting Sinking Fund Bond	Lloyds TSB	25,000.00	0.00
Lighting Sinking Fund Bond	Lloyds TSB	10,000.00	10,000.00
Current Account	Unity Trust		999.79
Deposit Account	Unity Trust		0.00
		52,459.89	60,237.70

Hemingford Abbots Parish Council own the street lamps within the village and therefore have a Lighting Sinking Fund and Bond as a provision for replacement of these units in the next few years (£42,668). Other reserves equate to £17,570 which includes a Community Infrastructure Levy earmarked Reserve of £2733.