



Castle Hedingham Parish Council and Burial Board

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS

for the year ending 31st March 2026

Subject to Internal & External Audit and Adoption prior to June 2026

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End of Year Bank Reconciliation, Year ending March 31st 2026

2024-25	Bank Balances as at 31st March 2026	2025-26
£37,626.53	Cambridge & Counties 95 day	£39,307.20
£12,297.70	Unity Trust Deposit Account	£19,812.00
£49,924.23	Deposit Accounts Total	£59,119.20
£3,954.99	Unity Trust Current Account	£1,168.64
£53,879.22		£60,287.84
	Less: any un-presented debits at 31st March 2026	
-£15.24		£0.00
-£15.24		£0.00
	Add: any unbanked credits at 31st March 2026	
£0.00		£0.00
£0.00		£0.00
£53,863.98	Net bank balances as at 31 March 2026	£60,287.84
	CASH BOOK	
£58,775.35	Reconciled balance 31 March 2025	£53,863.98
£50,860.88	Add: Receipts in the year	£58,744.52
-£57,759.43	Less: Payments in the year	-£54,515.63
£1,987.18	Add: Interest on Deposit Accounts	£2,194.97
£53,863.98	Closing balance per receipts and payments book as at 31st March 2026	£60,287.84
£0.00	Difference	£0.00

These accounting statements represent fairly the financial position of the authority at 31st March 2026 and reflect its income and expenditure during the year.

Signed:
Chairman

Signed:
Responsible Financial Officer

Date:

Date:

Receipts & Payments for Year Ending 31st March 2026

2024-2025		INCOME	2025-2026
£34,047.00	Revenue	Precept	£39,434.00
£0.00		BDC Collection Fund	£0.00
£5,691.96		Street Cleaning grant	£5,862.72
£230.87		Grass Cutting grant	£238.49
£4,489.00		Cemetery	£7,042.00
£10.65		Wayleave	£10.65
£44,469.48			£52,587.86
£1,180.99	Projects	Donations (Trees/benches)	£103.28
£137.52		Refunds/Other	£900.64
£166.20		Grants	£325.00
£0.00		S106 claim	£2,595.92
£1,484.71			£3,924.84
£1,987.18		Interest on deposit accounts	£2,194.97
£4,906.69		VAT reclaimed:	£2,231.82
£52,848.06		TOTAL INCOME	£60,939.49
EXPENDITURE			
£26,123.59	Total Staff	Pay, Tax, NI & Clerk Pension (3 staff)	£27,609.43
£1,929.87	Administration	Office expenses inc. payroll	£1,545.50
£804.39		Other admin costs (inc. Parish Mag costs 25-26)	£1,046.78
£0.00		Chairman Expense Account	£21.80
£50.00		Training for Members & Staff	£150.00
£240.00		Parish Council meetings	£260.00
£182.10		Annual Parish Assembly	£141.10
£2,204.87		Insurance	£2,302.46
£455.00		Internal and External audits	£455.00
£281.00		Leases/Rent	£281.00
£46.68		Rates	£58.35
£519.92		Subs	£547.39
£196.40		Professional fees	£153.00
	Village		
£0.00	Maintenance	Village Maintenance support	£507.81
£0.00		Street Lighting maintenance	£0.00
£0.00		Street Lighting Electricity	£0.00
£7,330.00		Village Contractor inc. grass cutting	£5,831.00
£351.22		Village Repairs and Tree Work	£2,376.90
£75.26		Cemetery Water	£83.13
£479.27		Toilets Water	£439.08
£167.47		Toilets Electricity	£232.90
£151.96		Toilets Supplies and Repairs	£276.99
£170.00		Village Park repairs	£170.00
£341.97		Defibrillators	£564.95
£620.00	Other	Grants (excluding St James Fair raffle)	£160.00
£42,720.97		Total Revenue Spending	£45,214.57
£5,287.89	Projects	Community Allotment	£635.30
£5,584.22		Village infrastructure/Public Toilets reserve	£2,187.21
£1,037.66		Items fully funded from grants/donations/S106	£3,478.31
£50.63		St James Fair & VE Day costs	£84.69
£3,078.06		VAT (£907.51 to be reclaimed)	£2,915.55
£57,759.43		TOTAL SPENDING	£54,515.63
-£4,911.37		Balance of Receipts vs Payments	£6,423.86

Supporting Statements - 31st March 2026

1. Assets

At 31st March 2026 the following Assets were held:

5 x Village Greens (nominal value)	£5.00
Cemetery (nominal value)	£1.00
War Memorial, St Nicholas Churchyard (nominal value)	£1.00
3 Village Signs, 5 Village Noticeboards, Memorial benches	£10,570.00
Village Maintenance equipment	£4,000.00
4 Street Lights	£5,000.00
15 Items of Bingham Pottery & cabinet	£5,000.00
100m LED Christmas Lights	£260.00
3 x Community Access Defibrillators	£2,500.00
Play equipment, sand pit and surfaces	£51,957.92
Storage Container for Village Maintenance/Community Garden	£2,300.00
Community Allotment structures & equipment	£19,570.49
Office equipment and furniture	£1,544.76
TOTAL	£102,710.17

Memorial Hall, Public Toilets & War Memorial: buildings insurance, total reinstatement value £1,324,887

2. Leases

At 31st March 2026 the following leases were in operation:

Lessor	Purpose	Annual Rent	Expiry Year
Hedingham Castle Estate	Lease of Village Hall & Club	£1.00	2051
*Braintree District Council	Pump House and land, New Pai	£30.00	2006
* Although this leases expired in 2006 payments continue to be made to secure the tenancy.			
Hedingham Castle Estate	Lease of Village Park	£250.00	2045

3. Borrowings

As at the close of business on 31st March 2026 there were no loans to the council outstanding.

4. Debts Outstanding

As at the close of business on 31st March 2026 there were no debts to the council outstanding.

5. Earmarked Reserves

At 31st March 2026, Earmarked reserves were held as follows and confirmed to the Audit Commission:

£17,988.18	Historic village centre infrastructure reserve
£7,271.00	Community Projects reserve
£1,610.79	Public Toilet reserve
£2,000.00	Village Park reserve
£1,650.00	Cemetery infants area memorial
£203.65	Community Allotment petty cash held at bank
£29,564.22	General Reserves

General reserves are held to ensure business continuity. 50-100% of the precept is recommended.

7. S137, General Power of Competence and other grants

In 2025-2026 the Council was eligible to use the General Power of Competence.

Hedingham & District British Legion: Remembrance Wreath	£60.00
CH Tennis Club: Grant for lighting improvements	£100.00
Kinder Essex: St James Fair raffle for social events	£569.00
Total	£729.00

8. Agency Work

During the year the Council undertook the following agency work on behalf of other authorities:

Parish Council Cost of Village Maintenance/Grass Cutting	£11,790.24
Braintree District Council Street Partnership Grant	(£5,862.72)
Essex County Council Grass Cutting Grant	(£238.49)
Net cost to Parish Council 2025/26	£5,689.03

9. Trusteeships - Village Hall and Castle Hedingham Club

The Parish Council is custodian trustee of Castle Hedingham Club; the Village Hall is now a CIO. Both are run by Management Committees with a representative of the Parish Council on each.