



# *Hampton-in-Arden*

**Annual Report**

**2023 to 2024**

*Hampton-in-Arden Parish Council*

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## **Chairman's Report**

Firstly, a warm welcome to this year's Annual Parish Meeting. Residents who were able to attend last year's meeting may recall that we trialed a slightly different format for the presentation of the various reports on the work and achievements of the various committees and working groups whereby they were not read out in full in the expectation that residents who were able had read the reports beforehand which gave more time for general discussion. This new format worked well, and we have decided to follow this procedure again for this evening's meeting.

I believe we can agree that Covid 19 is behind us now although there have been a small number of cases over the past year which, thankfully, have been relatively mild in nature compared with previous years. So, it has been a return to business as usual for the Parish Council and it has been a particularly busy 12 months for Councillors and especially for our hardworking Clerk, Julie. Whilst full Parish Council Meetings have been open to the public, we have continued to make good use of virtual meetings where appropriate and this has proved to be of considerable benefit to the workload of both the Council and to the Members.

I believe the greatest demands on Council time has come from the issues and problems associated with HS2 and the M42 Junction 6 work both of which have had and continue to have a major impact on residents and local businesses. There is much more on both issues in the report of the Major Infrastructure Committee. Councillor Blanch will also do his best to answer any of your questions later in the evening.

During the past year there have been no changes in the membership of the Council with the full complement of 12, comprising 4 members for Catherine de Barnes Ward and 8 for the Hampton Ward, all serving for the full year. Whilst there are local elections on May 2nd the Parish Council is not involved.

**Chairman, Mike Blomer**

## **MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE**

The Maintenance Committee is responsible for the management of all property under the Parish Council's control and works with other partners who share our interests in the appearance and upkeep of the Parish and its environs.

The Maintenance Committee includes members of the Parish Council together with a Governor of George Fentham School and representatives from the George Fentham Trust Charity, the Parochial Church Council, Hampton in Arden Sports and Social Club and Catherine de Barnes Residents Association.

The Maintenance Committee is responsible for overseeing grounds maintenance of Parish Council land which essentially comprises the village green, the recreation ground and Catherine de Barnes Common. It also has responsibility for any Parish Council occupied land such as the school field, play area, the allotments (both on Fentham Road and Eastcote Lane) and grounds where a financial contribution is made like the upkeep of the churchyard, or on those areas in the control of Solihull Council where the quality of workmanship and level of maintenance impact on the appearance and well-being of the village – such as the roads and footpaths.

Notable works commissioned by the Maintenance Committee this year included repairs of the car park entrance to the recreational ground car park, a new artificial surface around the play equipment at the under 7's play area (that was funded by CIL monies) and repairs to a piece of equipment to the play area by the school.

The Parish Council has also worked tirelessly, under the direction and with the dedication of Councillor Waring, to try and ensure all the footpaths and rights of way within the Parish are kept open and passable on foot.

For areas in the control of Solihull Council we keep a watching brief of incidents such as overgrown vegetation, blocked road gullies, faulty streetlamps, potholes, and reports of dog fouling (which continues to be a problem in the Parish). We also monitor works undertaken by the utilities in the parish and that have an impact on residents, particularly with regards traffic controls.

Contractors are regularly engaged to conduct routine work on behalf of the Parish Council. In addition, we would particularly like to thank Alan, John, and Michael plus all the volunteers of the Conservation Group for their regular maintenance of the spinney and in particular the works they continue to undertake to improve the paths. We also extend our thanks to Trevor Honeysett and Marc Rolf for their generous help with many minor issues throughout the year.

We are also responsible for maintaining the various planters located throughout the parish. Whilst a number of these, such as the large planter by the railway bridge in Hampton are maintained by a paid contractor, we would like to extend our thanks to the gardening club and other volunteers who help maintain the others and keep them looking so vibrant throughout the year and at times of celebration such as this year's coronation.

Similarly, we would also like to thank the Friends of the Common volunteers who do an excellent job in looking after the care and maintenance of Catherine de Barnes Common, which is the only common ground in the whole of Solihull.

A significant cost to the Parish Council each year relates to tree management and maintenance – and this year has been no different following our latest 3 yearly tree report that was undertaken in late 2023. To meet our legal obligations, we periodically commission this comprehensive survey which provides a detailed record of all the trees on Parish Council land and the health of each tree. We then work through the recommendations of this report, which unfortunately does sometimes require us to fell any tree considered dangerous or posing a Health and Safety risk. Where it is necessary to fell a tree the Parish Council does look to provide a native replacement

The Parish Council hold an immensely popular and successful Village Tidy event in both Hampton in Arden and Catherine de Barnes. In addition, we would like to thank Alison Rolf and all her Wombles who not only partner with us for this event but also undertake regular litter picks throughout the year that keeps the village of Hampton so tidy. We would also like to thank Catney Residents Association who also help to make the event in Catherine de Barnes equally as successful. This is not just appreciated by the Parish Council but all residents.

**Councillor Tim Beresford**

## **High Speed Rail (HS2)**

Construction continues HS2 and the only direct effects on the Parish are the one-way lights on Meriden Road and the road closures on Diddington Lane. Construction of the Blythe Valley viaduct is proceeding and is on programme despite the poor weather, with piling for the viaduct bases and abutments.

There is no further news yet on the final design for the northern junction of Diddington Lane with the A452. The Parish Council are still waiting to see how the safety concerns of this junction will be covered. The recent announcement that the parking provision for the new HS2 station has now been reduced from 7000 to around 4500 should reduce the predicted traffic volumes expected to access the station. This may result in justification for the lane to remain open.

When confirmation is received that the lane will remain open, formal discussions with HS2/SMBC will start to decide what traffic calming measures will be necessary. This is likely to include a gateway at the northern end of the village, a raised table part-way along the lane, and modifications to the junction with Meriden Road to improve pedestrian access and safety. It is highly unlikely that average speed cameras will be approved due to the low predicted traffic volumes even with the new HS2 station. A formal consultation will take place with residents before any works are agreed and undertaken.

A small number of Diddington Lane residents have requested ASCs during recent discussions with the Parish Council and Ward Councillors. They have been advised that any decisions on appropriate traffic calming measures are on hold until the fate of the lane has been decided by HS2/SMBC. The Parish Council once again reiterates that residents will be fully consulted upon in advance of any road safety works being implemented.

**Councillor Ken Blanch**

## **Traffic Calming and Pedestrian Safety**

### Hampton in Arden

In Hampton in Arden the outstanding measures (raised table at the existing gateway on Meriden Road and the new tables by the existing traffic island close to the station) will be constructed later this year. We are awaiting confirmation of the dates from SMBC.

The design of the average speed cameras for Hampton in Arden is complete and again we await confirmatory dates for their installation from SMBC. Two enforcement zones are planned – the first the High Street between the church and the war memorial, and second Meriden Road from the station to Diddington Lane.

As detailed in the HS2 section above, any traffic calming measures for Diddington Lane are on-hold awaiting a decision on whether the lane will remain open. Funding for any traffic calming will be from HS2 direct rather than the Road Safety Fund that is administered by SMBC.

### Catherine de Barnes

Discussions have been on-going with SMBC Highways to determine the extent of traffic calming and pedestrian safety measures in Catherine de Barnes. A pedestrian crossing has been installed in the village centre and the accepted measures include:

- Four pairs of speed cushions on Lugtrout Lane
- Gateway on Lugtrout Lane at the edge of housing in Catherine de Barnes.
- Gateway On Hampton Lane on the approach to village centre.
- Informal crossing on Hampton Lane close to Lugtrout Lane junction.
- Possible raised table to the existing pedestrian crossing.

The preferred funding option is through the M42 Junction 6 Improvement Designated Funding sponsored by National Highways and we await their decision.

**Councillor Ken Blanch**

## ***M42 J6***

The re-opening of Solihull Road between Hampton in Arden and Catherine de Barnes was eventually achieved in July 2023 to the relief of all residents. This relief however has been tempered with the closure of Catherine de Barnes Lane. Skanska and National Highways had originally intended a rolling programme of temporary closures of part of the lane but unexpected ground conditions and delays to utility diversions meant that the whole of the lane had to be closed to avoid delaying the completion date for the scheme.

The effect on residents has been profound with increased traffic on village roads together with site delivery vehicles. We understand that the end is in sight with these works due to be completed soon with a potential reopening in the summer of this year.

The Parish Council and SMBC Highways are in discussions with National Highways seeking approval for the use of designated funds for four projects related to The J6 scheme. These are:

- Traffic calming and pedestrian safety measures throughout the village as described in the Traffic Calming section of this report.
- Footpath and cycleway along Solihull Road between the two villages to improve connectivity and as part of SMBC's Borough wide footpath and cycleway improvement plans.
- Improvements to the Catherine de Barnes Village Hall; and
- Electric Vehicle Charging points to be located at the Recreational Ground Carpark.

**Councillor Ken Blanch**

## **Parking in the Parish**

Recent public meetings have highlighted several parking issues within the Parish, both in Hampton in Arden and Catherine de Barnes. An informal public consultation was held in August 2023 and a report was prepared summarising the results which was submitted to SMBC Highways. A formal public consultation is due later this year and we await confirmation of the dates from SMBC.

In preparing this report into the current parking issues within the Parish, safety to all road users – vehicles, pedestrians, cyclists, and horse riders – has been the major focus of attention. The measures recommended have been developed accordingly. Most of the responses received recognise the issues and agree with the proposals, and some asked for these to be extended. Very few were against.

Within the Parish the proposed measures are designed to reinforce the existing parking regulations not to extend them. For example, no parking within 10 metres of a junction is an existing requirement. Main concerns raised about loss of business for the shops are considered unfounded because customers should not be parking either within 10 meters of the junction or on the 'Keep Clear' markings, and shop delivery vehicles are permitted on double yellows.

Once all the new measures are in place enforcement is essential. With social media now being a common communication tool once 'word' gets around that wardens or police are about there should be less offenders.

In conclusion, with most consultees agreeing with the proposals in whole or in part, it is the recommendation of the Parish Council to Solihull MBC Highways that the necessary traffic regulation procedures be started to adopt these necessary measures as soon as possible.

**Councillor Ken Blanch**

## **Planning Subcommittee**

The Parish Council receives notification of all planning applications in the Parish, these are considered by the Planning Sub Committee and a decision made whether to respond, based on compliance of the application to planning policies and the Neighbourhood Plan. We responded to 15 planning applications during the year – all responses can be viewed on the Parish Council website.

The following is a brief resume of the more significant planning and planning related issues that we have been involved with during the year :-

### ***PL/2020/02784/PPFL Erection of a triple combined tepee tent for use by adults with learning disabilities and groups whilst on site at Newlands Bishop Farm. | Newlands Bishop Farm Berry Hall Lane Catherine De Barnes Solihull B91 2RY***

This application was ultimately withdrawn and replaced by PL2023/01031/PPFL

The Parish Council continued to support local residents in objecting to this new application and met with the planning agent and the applicant at which we were given certain undertakings as to how future events would be run so as to mitigate the noise issue. Unfortunately these assurances were not initially kept and simply confirmed local residents concerns. The application is still under consideration and we expect it to come before the Planning Committee in May or June.

### ***PL/2023/01954/PPFL Battery storage facility in Catherine de Barnes***

CdeB Ward councillors attended a meeting of local residents, organised by the Residents Association to discuss the application. The site, in Green Belt, comprise Grade 1 agricultural land and the proposed development represented inappropriate use of this land. In addition, we did not believe sufficient work had been done to investigate alternative sites. Currently awaiting a decision.

### ***PL/2023/02518/ MINFHO 1 Oakfields Way retrospective application for design changes to a previously approved application***

The local ward councillors considered the design changes requested, (although already undertaken) rendered the property totally incompatible with the local street scene and submitted an objection. However the application was approved. Certain statements made in the application were incorrect and undertakings on the drawings and as a result we have raised our concerns with the Head of Planning and are awaiting a response.

### ***PL/2023/01173/PPOL Oak Farm CdeB up to 95 homes***

The site is allocated for development in the Emerging Local Plan (ELP) which has yet to be adopted. The site is in Green Belt(GB) but part is currently developed. As the ELP has not yet been adopted any development in the GB needs “*very special circumstances*” to be accepted to overcome the inappropriateness of development. The site was subject to an application for a care home development which was the preferred option by local residents but because of the GB position the application was

refused on GB grounds. In 2012 because of its position in terms of local facilities SMBC deemed the site not suitable for family housing. The current application is still awaiting a decision.

Finally an update on the Motorway Service Area situation: -

***PL/2015/51409/ Outline planning permission Motorway Service Area (MSA) adjacent to the new junction 5a on Solihull Road/M42***

The current design of the approved MSA dictates All Lane Running (ALR) is a prerequisite. You may recall that the Govt halted any new ALR projects until the results of a safety assessment were available which we believe will be late 2024/early 2025. Based on the decision whether new ALR projects can be undertaken will dictate whether the current design of the MSA is acceptable or whether a re-design, which we understand SMBC might well require a new planning application to be submitted. The current application has been approved by the Planning Inspector although refused by SMBC.

***Emerging Solihull Local Plan Review – Update***

You may recall that it was agreed by SMBC and the Planning Inspectors(PI) that the examination process was put on hold pending the outcome of the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) review expected at the end of the last year. The new NPPF was published in Dec 23. Following the publication the PI's wrote to SMBC confirming the plan would be examined under the previous version of the NPPF and the examination could proceed and requesting answers to the queries they had raised previously. SMBC have since responded saying that to meet the PI's requirements would require them to find additional sites in order to meet the housing numbers necessitating further Green Belt sites to be found. They have suggested that the examination of the Plan proceed which might well result in the PI's finding the Plan unsound and requiring an amended Plan to be drawn up. However this would mean SMBC could do so using the current '23 NPPF criteria. A response from the PI's is awaited.

Parishioners are reminded that details of all the planning applications that the Planning Committee respond to, are available to view on the Parish website under "Planning".

**Councillor Dave Cuthbert**

## **Neighbourhood Plan Review**

Our current Neighbourhood Plan (NP) was adopted by Solihull MBC in August 2017. Since then, the Parish boundary has been extended to include the greater part of Catherine de Barnes, and some other aspects are out of date.

As a result, we embarked on a process of consultation in 2020 with a view to creating a new, updated plan covering the enlarged Parish. Over the last 12 months the working group have been developing the policies etc. for inclusion in the new plan. This resulted in the launch of the Regulation 14 public consultation of the new Draft Parish Neighbourhood Plan at the end of February which closed on the 22 of March. A total of 49 responses were received from residents, business and stakeholders including SMBC. The responses have been thoroughly evaluated and the draft Plan amended as necessary.

Any Neighbourhood Plan has to be in basic conformity with the LA Plan. The current adopted Solihull Plan goes back to 2013, hence the review mentioned earlier, therefore it seemed sensible that our new NP reflected the contents on the draft Solihull Local Plan currently being examined. However the delay in this plan being adopted has meant that our revised NP has also been held up pending the possibility of any changes. Because this situation has been dragging on for over 6 months we recently sought some advice from the Council as to how they think we should proceed and are currently

awaiting their thoughts. In the normal course of affairs we are at a stage where the current draft NP could be submitted to SMBC for examination, amended where necessary, followed by a further public consultation before final examination by the Inspectorate. As things stand at the moment it could well be early/mid 2025 before it goes for final examination.

**Councillor Dave Cuthbert**

## **Communications Group**

Over the last past year, the Communication Group has continued to ensure that the Parish is kept up to date with important news, key issues, and events of interest. It is our aim to ensure that our residents are aware of what the Parish Council is working on and that topics of interest to our community are communicated to all.

A huge part of the Communication Groups work is our Parish Council Newsletter. Thanks to our dedicated Councillors and volunteers it is delivered to over 1,200 homes every quarter! Our Newsletter seeks to include important local news, information on local societies/groups and dates of upcoming Council meetings and other important events in the Parish. The Newsletter is published in February, May, August, and November. Delivery of a hard copy of the Newsletter to every home ensures that everyone (including those without access to technology/are not computer savvy) are kept up to date of what is going on in our area. Our thanks to the dedicated volunteers giving up their free time to help with the distribution of the Newsletter across the Parish.

On a day-to-day basis we communicate with our residents via our website and Facebook page. These are regularly updated to ensure that the information is current and helpful to those in the village and beyond. Our thanks to Julie, our fantastic Parish Clerk, for her continuing hard work in ensuring the website and Facebook page run as well as they do!

Our annual Spring Clean, organised by the Communication Group in co-ordination with Solihull MBC and the Hampton Wombles, was completed in March 2024. Our annual participation in Great British Spring Clean (a 'Keep Britain Tidy' initiative) was a success despite the rainy weather. In total, between Hampton-in-Arden and Catherine-de-Barnes, we collected over 60 bags of rubbish! Thank you to everyone that took part and to Solihull MBC for providing the litter picking equipment (and the removal of the litter collected!). We look forward to taking part in the event again next year.

**Councillor Cat Sellars**

## **Climate Change Committee**

During the year the Council reviewed what actions it, and residents, considered beneficial to help mitigate the effects of Climate Change. Some simple matters were addressed, such as the use of low energy lamps. But most of our efforts are looking to the future.

Views are being sought from SMBC, the Warwickshire Association of Local Councils, and the Local Access Forum. Each of these organisations offers advice, some of which is appropriate to Parish Councils. Our Parish Council will take whatever action is seen to be sensible, practical, and affordable.



One area that we consider important is the advantage of providing facilities to allow residents to be physically active locally as much as possible. In doing so, it is hoped to reduce the need to travel elsewhere, and the use of polluting vehicles. The Recreation Ground is of major importance in this respect, and enhancements to the area are planned for the near future by the provision of additional footpaths.

**Councillor Roger Waring**

### **Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL)**

The Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) is a tax levied by local authorities on developers to pay a contribution towards improving local infrastructure for the benefit of the community. So, for example, the development of the old Cricket Pitch has generated some CIL funds. Under the rules most of the funds raised are held by the local authority (in our case Solihull MBC), but 25% is handed over to local Parish Councils where there is an agreed Neighbourhood Plan in place; currently our Neighbourhood Plan only covers the pre 2019 Parish Boundary, which excluded much of Catherine de Barnes, but we are working to change this.

During the year ending March 2024 we received no new CIL funding. Over that same period, we approved the payment of £80.3k in CIL funds, which went towards upgrades to the Under 7s Play Area at the Sports Field, the George Fentham School, and Hampton GP Surgery.

We have currently committed more funding than we have so far received; however, we anticipate receiving additional CIL funds over the next nine months arising from the new development which has commenced adjacent to Lapwing Drive.

Based on the £173k CIL spent or earmarked to date, we have used or committed funding as follows:

Traffic Calming	£30k	17.3%
Medical Services	£75k	43.3%
Education & Play Facilities	£57k	32.9%
Community Services	£11k	6.5%

**Councillor Peter Green**

### **Remembrance Sunday Event**

The Annual Remembrance Day service and parade took place on Sunday 12 November 2023. Due to bad weather the service was moved at late notice into the Church. The Parish Council had arranged for a PA system to be available to ensure residents could hear but on this occasion, it was not required. Our thanks go to all the members of the public and Parish Councillors, who acted as marshals to allow the proceedings to go ahead safely. In addition, the Parish Council arranged for Central Fast Response first aiders to be at the service to ensure first aid safety measures were adhered to.

**Councillor David Sandells**

### **Public Footpaths and Rights of Way Report**

During the last year, various activities have taken place to secure, protect, and maintain our network of Public Footpaths and bridleways. At times, it has proved frustrating due to a general lack of funds. SMBC are limited in their ability (particularly financially) to undertake all the work that I would like to

see. Nevertheless, some minor improvements have been made, such as the replacement of wire on the approach to the Packhorse Bridge. Residents of Meriden Road have received advice and support regarding tree damage, and a resident near to the station has received assistance in getting large trees lopped. Obstructive vegetation along parts of the footpath from Lapwing Drive has been cut back, as well as the reduction of a large bush on the link path to Meriden Road. Fallen trees have been removed from two other local paths. One particularly useful clearing of creeping vegetation and grass has been undertaken along the whole of the footway from Diddington Lane to Kenilworth Road. Another significant improvement has been to the well-used footpath between Hampton Green and The Crescent. This has been done at the instigation of the Parish Council and funded by it.

But more needs to be done. As part of my desire to get people out and about and walking more, I am pleased to announce the creation of a new footpath that will remove the need to walk a busy section of Shadowbrook Lane. I have successfully lobbied National Highways to fund this project.

This permissive path will start opposite the exit from Hampton Manor Grounds, and will allow access to Bickenhill, via the Sports ground, the arboretum, the wildflower meadow, and the Trust woodland. I expect the path to open by June. Although the paths around the new motorway link are still not currently useable, once the work there is complete, it will then be possible to walk from Hampton to Elmdon again. For walkers coming from the opposite direction, it will offer a new opportunity to experience our fine recreation Ground, with its many natural attractions.

I expect to survey all parish paths during the coming year and propose to ask the Parish Council for a modest budget to ensure that useful repairs and improvements can continue, as we have seen between Hampton Green and The Crescent. Particularly around the Packhorse Bridge, where the wooden walkway has suffered much from weakened supports over the last couple of years. The very muddy path next to the Garden Centre will also receive attention. I am aware of the need to monitor paths around Catherine-de-Barnes and have relied upon my colleagues there for appropriate advice.

**Councillor Roger Waring**

### **Chairman's Closing: -**

The Council continues to enjoy good working relationships with the many community groups in the parish especially the George Fentham Trust, the Hampton Society and Catherine de Barnes Residents Association and we are grateful for the work they do in supporting residents in so many ways. I believe we also have a good relationship with Solihull Council, and I express my thanks to our Ward Councillors Gail and Bob Sleight who are always available to give advice and support on so many matters which affect residents and on the responsibilities of the parish council. I thank my fellow Councillors who continue to give their time freely for the benefit of all.

I am again pleased to tell everyone that, in my opinion and despite dealing with so many complex matters, the Parish Council continues to run efficiently and effectively due to the hard work of our Clerk, Julie Barnes, and on behalf of all your Parish Councillors I once again extend my thanks to her for her dedication and hard work.

Thank you everyone for attending.

**Chairman**  
**Councillor Mike Blomer MBE**

## FINANCE

Parish Councils are required by law to appoint an internal auditor to verify the accounts, asset register, insurances, and financial controls. From the report of our internal auditor a summary report is submitted for external examination by auditors appointed by the Audit Commission. Audited accounts are made available each year should residents wish to view.

The un-audited accounts for 2023/24 are presented in this report. The “precept” is the major form by which the Parish Council raises funds to carry out its work during the year: -

### ANALYSIS OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS

### FOR 12 MONTHS ENDING 31 MARCH 2024

#### Opening bank and cash balances at 1 April 2023

	Account number	£
Fixed term high interest		40,534.09
Investment account	7420002	135,487.75
Current account	932717	82.18
<b>Total</b>		<b>176,104.02</b>

#### RECEIPTS for 12 months ending 31 March 2024

	<u>Budget</u> 2023/24	<u>Actual</u> 2023/24
Precept	46481	46,481.00
SMBC Support Grant	0	0.00
Rental income:	0	0
Sports Club	3380	3,380.00
Scouts and Guides Supporters Association	100	100.00
Allotments	990	1025.00
Recreation Trust	670	670.00
Bank interest	150	2,595.46
Other Income:		
Football Training	0	390.00
Additional Cricket Cuts	300	756.00
Height Restricting Barrier Recharge	0.00	250.00
Poppy Wreath *recharge Church	0.00	25.00
Poppy Wreath *recharge Probus	0.00	25.00
Poppy Wreath *recharge Hampton Society	0.00	25.00
Poppy Wreath *recharge GF Trust	0.00	25.00
Wayleave Agreement	0.00	3.55
Hampton Society Contribution to Tree Tags	0.00	290.00
50% Hedge Costs (Eastcote Allotments)	0.00	40.00
VAT refund from Customs and Excise	0.00	5856.29
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>52,071.00</b>	<b>61,937.30</b>

#### PAYMENTS for 12 months ending 31 March 2024

	<u>Budget</u> 2023/24	<u>Actual</u> 2023/24
Section 137	0.00	0.00
Cricket Pitch **recharge**	0.00	756.00
Scout and Guide Barrier Open **recharge**	0.00	120.00
Grass Cutting Hampton in Arden Parish	4,801.00	3,731.50
Grass Cutting Catherine de Barnes Common	1,740.00	636.00
Grass Cutting Hampton Church	1,400.00	1,324.10
Remembrance Sunday & Christmas Light Switch	1,440.00	1,215.00
Tree Works	1,000.00	5,900.00
Parish Maintenance Works	8,185.00	8,028.46
Clerk's Salary/Tax/NI and Pension	19,650.00	22,344.22
WALC and NALC Subs	790.00	721.00
Office Expenses (inc. Email/Phone and Broadband)	1,470.00	1,290.47
Website	350.00	160.00
Insurance	1,600.00	1,484.29
Sundries and Parish Online	500.00	411.29
Audit and Legal Fees	400.00	420.00

Office Rental from the George Fentham Trust		1,800.00	1,304.85
Additional Printing Costs		100.00	100.00
Parish Newsletter		2,500.00	2,266.57
Training Expenses		200.00	35.00
GDPR fee		45.00	35.00
Neighbourhood Plan Amendments		2,500.00	0.00
Allotments (Maintenance Costs and Lease fee)		600.00	672.39
Election year expenses		1,000.00	0.00
VAT		0.00	7675.26
Unallocated Expenditure	Repairs to Play Area	0.00	3897
	Resurfacing Entrance	0.00	2900
	Tree Tags & TPO Sprear	0	580
<b>Expenditure Less CIL</b>			<b>68,008.40</b>
<b>CIL EXPENDITURE</b>	G Fentham School	0.00	2500
	Rubber Bonded Mulch to Play Area	0.00	7800
Transfer to allocated reserves		0.00	0.00
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>		<b><u>52,071.00</u></b>	<b><u>78,308.40</u></b>
		<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b><u>52,071.00</u></b>	<b><u>78,308.40</u></b>
<b><u>Cash Book Reconciliation</u></b>			
Opening Balance			176,104.02
Add receipts for 12 months to 31 March 2024			61,937.30
Less payments for 12 months to 31 March 2024			78,308.40
Total			<u>159,732.92</u>
<b><u>Bank Account Reconciliation</u></b>			
Balance due from fixed term high interest a/c at 31 March 2024			41,703.98
Balance due from deposit a/c per bank statement at 31 March 2024			115,779.86
Balance due from current a/c per bank statement at 31 March 2024			2249.08
			<u>159,732.92</u>
<b>REMAINING CIL MONIES HELD:</b>			<b><u>71,090.70</u></b>
<b>Reserves</b>			<b>88,642.22</b>

### Asset Register and Expenditure exceeding £100.

Details of the assets held by the parish council and expenditure exceeding £100 per item are given at the end of this report.

### YOUR COUNCIL

The Parish Council from 1 April 2023 to 31 March 2024 was as follows:

Councillor	From	To
<b>Hampton in Arden Ward</b>		
Mike Blomer MBE (Chairman since 2016)	10 November 2010	PRESENT
Tim Beresford	13 May 2015	PRESENT
David Sandells	11 September 2014	PRESENT
Catherine Sellars	12 March 2016	PRESENT
Ken Blanch	6 May 2015	PRESENT
Peter Green	1 October 2018	PRESENT
Alexander Clayson	8 May 2019	PRESENT
Piers Reid	21 November 2022	PRESENT

<b>Catherine de Barnes Ward</b>		
Dave Cuthbert	13 May 2015	PRESENT
John Eccleston	8 May 2019	PRESENT
Giles Cook	8 May 2019	PRESENT
Roger Waring	10 March 2021	PRESENT

**CLERK** 25 January 2017 PRESENT

Julie Barnes [clerk@hamptoninarden.org.uk](mailto:clerk@hamptoninarden.org.uk)  
The Parish Office, Marsh Lane, 01675 442017  
Hampton in Arden B92 0AH

**The following sub-committees and representatives were appointed in the last year:**  
(The Chair and Vice-Chair are ex-officio members of all committees).

**Appointment of Committees and Committee Chairs / Year 2023/2024**

**Hampton in Arden Parish Council**

The Chair and Vice-Chair are ex-officio members of all committees:

<b>Subcommittee/Working Group</b>	<b>Members</b>
<b>Maintenance Committee</b>	Cllr Tim Beresford Cllr John Eccleston Cllr David Sandells Cllr Piers Reid
	<b>Non-Councillors</b> Rvd Stuart Dimes (Representative for the Church) Daniel Adams (Representative for the George F Trust) Mr John Morgans (Representative for the Sports Club)
<b>Planning Committee</b>	Cllr Dave Cuthbert Cllr John Eccleston Cllr Ken Blanch Cllr Peter Green Cllr Giles Cook
<b>Communications Committee</b>	Cllr Cat Sellars Cllr Alexander Clayson Cllr Peter Green Cllr Roger Waring
<b>Neighbourhood Plan Working Group</b>	Cllr Dave Cuthbert Cllr John Eccleston Cllr Ken Blanch Cllr Giles Cook Cllr Peter Green
<b>Community Infrastructure Levy Committee</b>	Cllr Peter Green Cllr John Eccleston Cllr Dave Cuthbert Cllr Ken Blanch Cllr Giles Cook
<b>Remembrance Sunday Working Group</b>	Cllr David Sandells
<b>Major Infrastructure Committee</b>	Cllr Ken Blanch Cllr John Eccleston Cllr Dave Cuthbert Cllr Giles Cook
<b>Climate Change Committee</b>	Cllr Roger Waring (Chair) Cllr Peter Green Cllr Dave Cuthbert

**Appointments to other bodies:**

Footpaths and Right of Way Representative	Roger Waring
Airport Consultative Committee	David Sandells
Solihull Area Meeting	Dave Cuthbert

**The Parish Council also appoints trustees to:**

The Charity of George Fentham	Mr M Abbott resigned on 13 March 2023 (VACANT POSITION)
	Mrs S White
	Councillor T Beresford
The Hampton in Arden Recreational Trust	Mr G Hollway

**Meetings:**

The Parish Council held 6 meetings from 1 April 2023 to 31 March 2024. Attendance was as follows:

Councillors	Attendance
Mike Blomer	
Tim Beresford	
David Sandells	
Cat Sellars	
Ken Blanch	
Peter Green	
Roger Waring	
Alexander Clayson	
Giles Cook	
John Eccleston	
Dave Cuthbert	
Piers Reid	

**Asset Register****Community Assets**

The Common, Catherine de Barnes  
 War Memorial and surrounding wall, Hampton in Arden  
 Village Green, Hampton in Arden  
 The Recreation Ground  
 Recreation Ground Car Park  
 The Spinney

**Other Assets**

Chairman's Insignia and Chain of Office  
 Recreation Ground Notice Boards X 2  
 Recreation Ground Outdoor Gym Equipment  
 Recreation Ground Table Tennis x 2  
 Recreation Ground Children's Play Area Equipment  
 Parish Noticeboard X 3  
 Bus Shelter X 3  
 Recreation Ground Dog Bins X 5  
 Recreation Ground Dog Waste Dispensers X 3  
 Catney Common Dog Bins x 1

Catney Common Dog Waste Dispensers x 1  
 Oak Bench – Recreation Ground  
 Telephone Box & Shelving  
 Parish Office Computer  
 Parish Office Photocopier  
 Allotments (Fentham Road and Eastcote Lane Community Allotments).  
 School Children’s Play Area Equipment  
 Benches – School Play Area  
 Goal Posts – School Playing Field.

Flower Planter Tubs:

**Station**

- Six planters on the walls - two on the Coventry bound platform and four on the Birmingham bound platform.

**Village**

- Two planters at the bus stop by Belle Vue Terrace
- Two planters at the war memorial
- One large planter by the railway bridge by the path from the sports ground
- One planter at Diddington Lane/Meriden Road
- One large planter by the Catherine de Barnes Roundabout
- One large planter on Hampton Lane.
- Two large planters on Meriden Road.

*The Parish Council is responsible for maintenance costs of these assets.*

**Hampton-in-Arden Parish Council - Expenditure over £100  
 1st April 2023 to 31 March 2024**

DATE	PAYEE	£	DETAILS
19/04/2023	WALC & NALC	£831.00	Subscription fees
19/04/2023	JRB Enterprise	£287.52	Dog Fouling Bags
19/04/2023	Dawsons Groundcare	£574.92	Grass Cutting & Tree Maintenance
20/04/2023	J Barnes	£1,343.32	Clerk’s April Salary
24/04/2023	HMRC	£238.59	Tax and NI.
03/05/2023	Paul Howard Design	£170.00	Newsletter Designer
20/05/2023	J Barnes	£1,343.12	Clerk’s May Salary
24/05/2023	HMRC	£238.79	Tax and NI.
26/05/2023	Village Stores	£107.94	Annual Meeting Sundries
13/06/2023	Family Care Trust	£254.40	Catney Common Cut
13/06/2023	M Power & Sons	£2,703.60	War Memorial Clean
13/06/2023	Realpoint	£345.60	IT Support Package
13/06/2023	Inktree	£391.01	February Newsletter Print
13/06/2023	Dawsons Groundcare	£1,184.40	Grass Cutting and Tree Maintenance
13/06/2023	George Fentham Trust	£100.60	Fentham Hall Complex Hire
20/06/2023	J Barnes	£1,343.12	Clerk’s June Salary
20/06/2023	HMRC	£238.79	Tax and NI
21/06/2023	HAGS	£4,676.40	School Play Area Repairs
10/07/2023	Dawsons Groundcare	£1,106.40	Grass Cutting all areas x2
10/07/2023	Family Care Trust	£254.40	Catney Common Cut
14/07/2023	JRB Enterprise	£287.52	Dog Fouling Bags

14/07/2023	Dawsons Groundcare	£180.00	Fence repair.
20/07/2023	J Barnes	£1,343.32	Clerk's July Salary
20/07/2023	HMRC	£238.59	Tax and NI
19/07/2023	Online Playgrounds	£113.88	Connectors and Parts.
19/07/2023	P Howard Design	£170.00	Newsletter Design
26/07/2023	Amazon	£112.14	Hoze and Lock for Allotments
07/08/2023	Inktree	£391.00	Newsletter Print
07/08/2023	Dawsons Groundcare	£1,434.60	Grass Cutting and Maintenance Works
07/08/2023	Midlands Forestry	£2,112.00	Tree Inspection/Full Report.
20/08/2023	J Barnes	£1,274.59	Clerk's August Salary
20/08/2023	HMRC	£221.59	Tax and NI
12/09/2023	T Honeysett	£160.00	Bin Emptying x 2 months.
12/09/2023	Dawsons Groundcare	£1,794.00	Tree Works/Grass Cutting/Maintenance
12/09/2023	Dawsons Groundcare	£9,360.00	CIL Payment Play Area Works.
12/09/2023	Family Care Trust	£254.40	Catney Common Cut
20/09/2023	J Barnes	£1,274.36	Clerk's September Salary
20/09/2023	HMRC	£221.59	Tax and NI
25/09/2023	JRB Enterprise	£221.59	Dog Fouling Bags
25/09/2023	Moor UK Limited	£504.00	External Auditor Fee
25/09/2023	Surfco Limited	£3,480.00	Resurfacing Works Recreational Ground.
03/10/2023	Parish Online	£129.60	Subscription Fee
11/10/2023	Dawsons Groundcare	£951.60	Grass Cutting and Maintenance
27/10/2023	P Howard Design	£170.00	Newsletter Design
20/10/2023	J Barnes	£1,274.36	Clerk's October Salary
20/10/2023	HMRC	£221.59	Tax and NI
27/10/2023	Robannas	£288.00	PA Sound Hire for Remembrance Sunday.
15/11/2023	Dawsons Groundcare	£927.60	Grass and Hedge Cutting
15/11/2023	Inktree	£396.01	Newsletter Printing
15/11/2023	Playsafety Limited	£295.20	Play Area Inspection Reports
20/11/2023	J Barnes	£1,713.70	Clerk's November Salary and Backpay.
20/11/2023	HMRC	£531.07	Tax and NI
01/12/2023	West Midlands Pension	£1,383.91	Initial payment of 4 months to scheme.
04/12/2023	Dawsons Groundcare	£410.40	Leaf clearing and church maintenance
11/12/2023	M Abbott	£323.43	Equipment for the Conservation Group
14/12/2023	Ebner Consultants	£780.00	Christmas Tree Lights and Event Works
14/12/2023	T Honeysett	£120.00	Bin Emptying on Private Land.
20/12/2023	J Barnes	£1,329.40	Clerk's December Salary
20/12/2023	HMRC	£260.15	Tax and NI
20/12/2023	WMPF	£327.86	Pension Contributions
20/12/2023	G Fentham School	£2,500	CIL Payment
08/01/2024	JRB Enterprise	£287.52	Dog Fouling Bags
19/01/2024	J Barnes	£1,339.61	Clerk's January Salary
19/01/2024	WMPF	£327.86	Pension Contributions
19/01/2024	HMRC	£249.94	Tax and NI
22/01/2024	D M Payroll	£140.00	Payroll Provider Fees
24/01/2024	P Howard Design	£170.00	Newsletter Design Fees
20/02/2024	EON	£162.12	First Feeder Pillar Electricity Fees
20/02/2024	J Barnes	£1,339.81	Clerk's February Salary
20/02/2024	WMPF	£327.86	Pension Contributions
20/02/2024	HMRC	£260.15	Tax and Insurance
20/02/2024	Dawsons Groundcare	£468.00	New Posts and Pathway Edging



20/02/2024	Dawsons Groundcare	£696.00	Tree Tag Preservation.
20/02/2024	Dawsons Groundcare	£4,000	Tree Works
20/02/2024	Zurich Municipal	£1,662.41	Insurance
20/02/2024	Inktree	£408.74	Newsletter Print Run
20/02/2024	G Fentham Trust	£1,904.09	Office Rental/Broadband and Phone
20/02/2024	Water Plus Account	£166.62	Water Supply Eastcote Lane (backdated)
01/03/2024	T Honeysett	£130.00	Dog Fouling Bin Emptying
18/03/2024	Real Point	£120.00	Domain Hosting Fees
18/03/2024	WMPF	£327.86	Pension Contributions
20/03/2024	HMRC	£249.74	Tax and NI
20/03/2024	J Barnes	£1,339.81	Clerk's March Salary

## COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE LEVY INCOME TO DATE YEAR ENDING 31 MARCH 2024

### HAMPTON IN ARDEN PARISH COUNCIL- NEIGHBOURHOOD COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE LEVY - INCOME TO DATE

DATE	PAYMENT	TOTAL	Fund Expiry
April 2017	£2,308.00	£2,308.00	April 2022
October 2017	£5,356.50	£5,356.50	October 2022
April 2018	£5,692.50	£5,692.50	April 2023
April 2020	£61,471.17	£61,471.17	April 2025
October 2020	£30,735.59	£30,735.59	October 2025
April 2021	£30,725.59	£30,725.59	April 2026
December 2022	£2,925.34	£139,214.69	December 2027
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>£139,214.69</b>	

### PAYMENTS MADE FROM CIL FUNDS

DATE	PAYMENT	TOTAL
02/10/2019	Church Clock Repair Contribution	£163.99
14/01/2021	Catney Residents Associations – Defibrillator	£1,532.00
20/02/2021	George Fentham Endowed School – Dining Tables	£7,650.00
31/03/2021	Catherine de Barnes Village Hall – Double Glazing	£7,278.00
28/06/2022	Festival Committee – New Marquee	£2,200.00
09/09/2022	Catherine de Barnes Village Hall Trust – Play Area	£36,000
16/01/2023	George Fentham Endowed School – Play Equipment	3,000.00
12/09/2023	Hampton in Arden Parish Council (Play Area Updates – Bonded Rubber Mulch)	7,800.00
20/12/2023	George Fentham Endowed School – Sensory Equipment.	£2,500.00
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>£65,623.99</b>

Remaining CIL total:

**£71,090.70**