



Hampton-in-Arden

Annual Report

2024 to 2025

Hampton-in-Arden Parish Council

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Chairman's Report

Firstly, a warm welcome to this year's Annual Parish Meeting, my first as Chair.

This year I propose to continue with our new format. Consequently, chairs of each committee will not be reading out their individual reports on the work and achievements of the various committees and working groups. Rather as the reports have been made available to residents beforehand it is hoped you have all had a chance to read them and so there is more time for discussion and to answer any specific questions raised at this evening's meeting.

As I am sure you can appreciate with the increased size of the Parish and everything going on in and around us, the last 12 months have been particularly busy with no signs of letting up. I would therefore like to extend my thanks to Julie, our hardworking clerk, who I do not think residents appreciate just how hard she does work, and all my other fellow Parish Councillors all of whom are volunteers and by choice do not even get reimbursed expenses.

It does therefore sadden me that as a group we get what I feel is unwarranted criticism from a small number of residents, especially on social media for matters which are often outside of our control.

All our full Parish Council meetings are open to the public, residents are welcome to attend and voice their opinions on a particular matter directly to members. We do however continue to make use of virtual meetings for some of our shorter committee meetings.

I believe the greatest demands on Council time continues to come from the issues and problems associated with HS2 and the M42 Junction 6 works, both of which have had and continue to have a major impact on residents and local businesses – although Junction 6 less so in the coming year. There is much more on both issues in the report of the Major Infrastructure Committee. Councillor Blanch, who Chairs that Committee, will also do his best to answer any of your questions later in the evening.

In addition, parking remains a huge issue for many residents within Hampton, both in terms of residents who do not have their own off-street parking and inconsiderate or dangerous parking causing a danger to both pedestrians and other road users. Whilst the Parish Council has no real powers in terms of dealing with the first issue, we have been working for over 12 months with SMBC to deal with the second problem, focusing specifically on locations where residents have highlighted their major concerns. This has resulted in the recent parking consultation issued by SMBC and which was open to all residents to provide their own views and comments.

Probably the two highest areas of concern are the junction of the High Street and Marsh Lane and then further down Marsh Lane, with a significant increase in parking demands here because of the greater use of Fentham Hall and the success of Soho Tavern.

I am aware the Parish Council gets a lot of criticism about the permissions given to Soho Tavern but I would like to make residents aware the premises were an existing restaurant and so no new permission was needed for Soho Tavern to operate from the property – rather it was the result of a purely commercial agreement between Soho and the previous tenant who assigned their existing lease. Also,

the Parish Council has no powers to grant any permissions, we are just one of a number of statutory consultees, with our role to represent the interests of both residents and businesses within the Parish.

The only works the Parish Council could provide comment on were the creation of the roof terrace and the restaurant extension which replaced the outside raised decking, plus the works to the rear garden and patio areas.

The first application was not objected to as it was made before the premises reopened as Soho Tavern and so before we had any idea how popular it would be. The second application was a retrospective application, necessary purely because the premises are listed. Knowing by then how popular the venue was and the resulting parking problems it caused, the Parish Council did raise objections to the application for the rear garden and patio works. It was however approved as submitted but with several conditions around noise, opening times, customer numbers and use.

The parking consultation aside, which is specifically about the safety concerns raised by residents, we continue to work with SMBC and The George Fenthams Trust to try and find a permanent long-term solution to the increased parking demands.

In addition to the matters I have already discussed, you will have seen in the reports from my fellow Councillors that we anticipate most of our time in the coming year to also be spent dealing with the imminent Motorway Services Area, the anticipated increase in night flying volumes and associated noise, finalising and agreeing our new Neighbourhood Plan that will include all of the enlarged Parish, the outcome of the recent call for sites exercise and coupled with this the revised NPPF and that introduces the new concept of “grey belt” land, as well as managing CIL applications and payments that we are fortunate to benefit from as a result of the development being undertaken within our Parish.

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 entire year. The terms of all Councillors are currently due to run for another year until May 2026.

Maintenance Report

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 Fenthams School and representatives from the George Fenthams 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 Fenthams 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.

The Maintenance Committee recently approved and arranged the installation of an access ramp at the Recreational Ground to replace steps that were in situ. There have been no further large or notable works commissioned by the Maintenance Committee this year over and above the usual day to day

maintenance issues. In this respect one area of concern over the year has been an increase in acts of vandalism and anti-social behaviour, particularly around the recreation ground and spinney as well as graffiti appearing within the Hampton Ward. Graffiti on any land belonging to the Parish Council has been removed and all other areas reported to the relevant authority.

The Committee has also continued to work, 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 and verges, blocked road gullies, faulty streetlamps, potholes, and reports of dog fouling (which continues to be a problem throughout the Parish). We also monitor works undertaken by the utilities 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 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. To meet our legal obligations, we periodically commission a 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 that 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 though, we would like to thank Ward Councillor 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 and now also have their own Catherine de Barnes Wombles. This is not just appreciated by the Parish Council but all residents.

Cllr Tim Beresford

Major Infrastructure Report

Traffic Calming and Pedestrian Safety

Hampton in Arden

The recently installed average speed cameras are now fully operational. These cameras are managed by Solihull MBC's Highways Department, along with other sites in Meriden and Balsall Common. Once data is available, we will be informed of the number of road users exceeding the speed limit. That information will be communicated to residents in our Newsletters.

A resident in Hampton in Arden suggested that the previously installed informal crossings along the High Street and Meriden Road should be removed now that the average speed cameras are operational. This resident issued a letter to properties within Hampton in Arden, requesting support for this proposal and asking residents to write to both the Parish Council and Solihull MBC. However, the pedestrian and road safety measures will remain in place for both safety and cost reasons. Solihull Council has confirmed there are no plans to remove the crossings, which are vital for ensuring the safety of residents. The Parish Council received considerable support online for keeping the measures in place, and a total of 42 direct emails were received, with only 13 supporting the removal of the crossings.

We continue to hold regular meetings with Solihull MBC's Highways Department regarding traffic calming measures for Diddington Lane. A formal request has been made to remodel the junction with Meriden Road by tightening the turning radii and providing a pedestrian footpath. This will be followed up with Solihull Council at our next regular meeting. Additionally, Solihull Council is conducting traffic data on Diddington Lane and will then assess the necessary measures to improve pedestrian and road safety following the results of that. Residents have been included in the discussions and measures are likely to include a raised informal crossing at the northern limit of the village, together with either another raised informal crossing or speed cushions part-way along the residential section of the lane.

Catherine de Barnes

Funding for the proposed traffic calming within Catherine de Barnes was secured from National Highways through the M42 Junction 6 Designated Funds. Construction work is complete and consists of the following measures:

- Gateway on Hampton Lane on the approach to the village centre
- Raising the existing pedestrian crossing in the village
- Gateway on Lugtrout Lane at the eastern end on the village approach
- Series of pairs of speed cushions along the rural section of Lugtrout Lane

Parking Issues in Hampton in Arden

For several years residents have been increasingly concerned about irresponsible parking within Hampton in Arden and the resultant safety issues. These concerns were reinforced when the Soho Tavern opened two years ago, and customers started parking on local streets with little or no concern for the safety of village roads and residents.

The Parish Council has worked with SMBC Highways to develop appropriate measures to address these concerns with an emphasis placed on the **safety of residents**. These measures were presented as part of the public consultation on parking concerns that commenced on Friday, 21st March. Residents directly affected received written correspondence, and notices were displayed around the village. The Parish Council has also provided information such as drawings through our website, social media channels, and on the Parish Council Notice Boards. We look forward to receiving feedback and working with Solihull MBC Highways to address these ongoing issues.

M42 Junction 6 Improvement Works

The new link road from Junction 5A to the Clock Roundabout is now open to traffic, albeit with a single lane operation until the works are fully completed later this year. This development should help reduce congestion at Junction 6, according to National Highways.

By mid-April, the cones will be removed on the middle section of A4545, from the Catherine de Barnes Lane entrance to near the Clock Roundabout. However, cones will remain near the roundabouts on either end of the A4545 until the Department of Transport has inspected and approved the road.

The link road directly from A4545 to the airport is scheduled to open by the end of June. A45 Free-Flow Exit The free flow exits to the A45, which avoids the Clock Roundabout, is scheduled to open by October.

The traffic lights on Solihull Road Bridge and Catherine de Barnes Lane Bridge will remain in place for the foreseeable future until National Highways has developed and installed a remedial plan to address necessary repairs to the bridge.

National Highways and Solihull are still in discussions regarding plans for reinstating footpaths as per the conditions outlined in the DCO. However, no work is likely to begin until after the nesting season has ended.

High Speed Rail (HS2)

Work on HS2 continues, with completion still some time away. The main impact on the Parish remains the ongoing construction of the Blythe Valley Viaduct and service diversion work along the A452. Construction of the Blythe Valley Viaduct is in full swing with abutment and pier foundation work largely complete. Pier construction has commenced working from north to south and is expected to be completed this summer. Deck construction has also commenced again from the northern end with beams now in place for the first two spans.

The single lane working on Meriden Road is necessary to provide safe working space for the construction of the new piers either side of the road and will continue throughout the rest of this year. Overnight closures will be necessary later in the year when the pre-cast deck beams are craned into position, but advance warnings will be provided.

Cllr Ken Blanch

Planning Committee

The Parish Council receives notification of all planning applications in the Parish, these are considered by the Planning Committee and a decision made whether to respond, based on compliance of the application to planning policies and the Neighbourhood Plan. We responded to 12 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: -

PL2024/00037/PPOL Land north of Lugtrout Lane For up to 50 new dwellings Catherine de Barnes

This site was part of SO1 (up to 800 homes) allocated in the now defunct draft Local Plan 2020. The site therefore remains in Green Belt requiring “very special circumstances” to outweigh the impact on the 5 purposes of the Green Belt. Members of the Planning Committee met with the planning agent to discuss the proposals many of which we had concerns. We submitted a formal response on the 6 February.

PL2024/00975/PPFL Land of Lapwing Drive, Hampton in Arden

This application is Phase2 of the site HA1 in the draft allocation for 26 dwellings. The Planning Committee met with the applicants' representatives and expressed our concerns over some aspects of the application which resulted in our sending a response on the 1 July. The application is still awaiting a decision. The latest document posted on the planning portal was on the 25 March and that was from the Birmingham and Solihull Integrated Care Board requesting a contribution of £23,633 from developers for improvement to local health services.

PL2024/01917/M106 Variation of s106 agreement and seeking approval for a new night flying policy

For the past eighteen months prior to this application being submitted the PC Airport representative in conjunction with other Parish Councils and community groups had been in discussions with the Airport company regarding conditions for a new night flying policy. The main items for us were to try to limit the Airport's proposals for the significant increase in the number of nighttime movements and to seek a reduction in nighttime noise levels. Unfortunately, we were, despite making a personal representation at the Solihull Council Planning Committee, unable to secure any reduction in the numbers but have secured agreement that the night noise levels we requested will be subject of a review starting now. In addition, regular quarterly meetings of the Noise Subgroup, started in March with the intention of monitoring noise related activities on a regular basis in preparation for the new review.

PL2024/02987/PPRM 85 new dwellings on the site of Oak Farm in Catherine de Barnes

This application followed on from the approved outline application 2023/01173/PPOL. Unfortunately, we were not able to meet with the applicant Cala Homes, before the application was submitted but did meet with both them and the case officer and a representative from SMBC

Urban Design to discuss the scheme. We have several concerns with the development e.g., visual impact, safety, landscaping, all of which were included in our written response. The recent introduction of Grey Belt into the equation could well influence the decision in this case.

PL 2015/51409/PPOL Motorway Service Area

As most of you will be aware this proposed development was approved on appeal. Late last year we were approached by the applicants requesting a meeting with the Planning Committee to discuss the forthcoming development. Since then, we have had 2 meetings at which issues such as landscaping, access, time frame etc were discussed. The applicant has yet to submit a Reserved Matters application which will cover most aspects of the proposed development. In the meantime, regular meetings are being set up to try and ensure the development works have the minimal impact on local communities. Development isn't planned to start until 1st Quarter 26.

Appeals

We were made aware that appeals to the Planning Inspector had been lodged for 2 applications previously refused. The first was for the Battery Storage facility adjacent to Henwood Lane in Catherine de Barnes and the other for 2 new dwellings in a field next to Destiny Cottage on Friday Lane. We are still awaiting the results of the Chestnut Farm Appeals.

Planning Enforcement (PE)

We are in regular contact with PE over various matters – the latest ones being tree removal on land near Mayfield on the Solihull Road, and tree removal on land down Old Station Road.

Other Planning related issues in 2024

- Grey Belt: In December the National Planning Policy Framework was revised and introduced the classification of Grey Belt within Green Belt areas. In simple terms Grey Belt is characterised as being poor quality Green Belt, e.g. scrub. Land of this type will not need very special circumstances to justify development. Obviously, this could have implications for us, and we are endeavouring to seek clarification from the council as to what land falls into this category or how land is being classified.
- Draft Solihull Local Plan: Following protracted discussions between the Council and the Planning Inspector a decision was made by the Council to withdraw the Local Plan rather risk having it found unsound. A new plan is currently being developed which included a recent Call for Sites exercise which ended January 31st and 46 sites being put forward for consideration for Development. These are currently being evaluated and the ones selected we believe will be the subject of a public consultation. Obviously, we will be keeping close to this. The Council not having a five-year land supply makes it extremely difficult to contest green belt development.
- The Planning and Infrastructure Bill: The recent introduction of this Bill which is aimed at speeding up and streamlining the delivery of new homes and infrastructure: This will have implication's but is currently going through the legislative process so is not yet on the statute book.

Cllr Dave Cuthbert

Neighbourhood Plan Review

Last Autumn SMBC decided to withdraw their Draft Local Plan after it failed to secure approval and resolved to begin the process again. In December 2024 the Government published a new National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) document, which imposed mandatory new housing targets for local councils to support their target of 370,000 a year and created the concept of Grey Belt to permit parts of the Green Belt to be repurposed for development. Solihull's housing target was increased by 52% and they will need to identify additional development sites. The initial responses to a new Call for Sites in Solihull have now been published, pending analysis and consultation.

These developments have once again necessitated a delay in the finalisation of the Parish Neighbourhood Plan which required further amendment. The updated version has now been submitted to Solihull MBC.

Cllr Peter Green

Communications Group

The past year has seen the Communication Group continue to keep the Parish up to date with important news, key issues and events of interest. We work hard to ensure that our residents are aware of what the Parish Council is working on and that any topics of interest to our community are communicated to all. This is achieved in two parts - through our Parish Council Newsletter and through our website and Facebook page.

Our Newsletter is published in February, May, August, and November and is delivered to over 1,200 homes across the Parish. It seeks to include local news, information on local societies/groups and dates of upcoming Council meetings and other important events in the Parish. Delivery of a hard copy of the Newsletter to every home ensures that everyone (including those without access to technology) are kept up to date of what is going on in our area. This would not be possible without our dedicated Councillors and volunteers who distribute these each quarter. We extend our thanks to them for their ongoing support with this task.

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. A huge thank to our wonderful Parish Clerk, Julie, for her continuing hard work in ensuring the website and Facebook page are kept up to date!

In March 2025, we took part in the annual Spring Clean (organised by the Communication Group in co-ordination with Solihull MBC and the Hampton Wombles). Our annual participation in Great British Spring Clean (a 'Keep Britain Tidy' initiative) was a success with over 50 bags of rubbish collected in Hampton-in-Arden and Catherine-de-Barnes. 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.

Cllr Catherine Sellars

Climate Change Committee

Achievements during the last year.

- I attended two online seminars to gather information on what possible actions a Parish Council can encourage to mitigate the effects of climate change.
- Together with other source material from SMBC and various online sources, a collection of useful information has now been made available.
- As a result of an appeal, two members of the community came forward to offer their support, knowledge, and expertise. Their brief is to take any beneficial suggestions or ideas forward, and to engage with the local community to implement such ideas. Both have submitted much useful documented data, and their thoughts as to what might be achievable.
- Two meetings have taken place, and it is now planned to publicise the concepts, ideally at the annual village festival. This seems the most appropriate occasion at which to gather support and generate further involvement from villagers. Initial ideas include the setting up of a Repair Shop facility within the village.

Cllr 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. Most of the funds raised in our area are held by 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 in March 2025, we received £186,850.00 of CIL funding from Solihull, bringing our current CIL reserves up to £255k. Of this, £106k is committed to approved projects, with a further £150k available for new proposals.

Since CIL was introduced in 2018, we have received £326k of funds and spent or earmarked £176k, committed as follows:

Categories of Spend

Traffic	£0	0%
Medical	£75,000	43%
Education & Play	£86,950	49%
Community	£14,293	8%
Footpaths	£0	0%
Total	£176,243	

Despite reserving considerable sums for traffic calming over the last few years we have managed to get all this work funded elsewhere. We anticipate receiving additional CIL funds over the next year from the new development adjacent to Lapwing Drive.

Our CIL funds are managed by a Parish Committee who must comply with tight regulations on how this money can be spent.

Cllr Peter Green

Remembrance Sunday Event

The Annual Remembrance Day service and parade was held on Sunday, 10 November 2024. The event proceeded as planned and was a great success. A heartfelt thank you to all the volunteers who generously dedicated their time to assist with marshalling and providing medical standby support, ensuring the safety of everyone in attendance.

Cllr David Sandells

Public Footpaths and Rights of Way Report

Achievements during the last year:

- The packhorse bridge boardwalk approaches on both sides have been substantially repaired and are now in good order.
- The path alongside the railway to the rear of the Crescent has been substantially cleared and is now easily passable.
- During the last year, the work on the M42 link road has regrettably prevented any practical use of several of the footpaths closed off as a result. I am in regular contact with Highways Dept of SMBC. I have, and continue to, pursue the restoration of all the paths affected as a matter of priority. I expect to walk them all this coming summer, but I am dependent upon SMBC and Skanska as to the timescale of improvements.

- The new permissive path towards Bickenhill, although not open yet, has had work completed in the woodland area, with improvements to a bridge and ditches. The access gate has been installed. All signs and posts are ready. Its completion and opening, is, however, dependent upon the factors stated in the previous item.

Cllr Roger Waring

Chairman's Closing

The Council continues to enjoy good working relationships with the many community groups in the parish especially the Conservation Group, The Gardening Club in Hampton in Arden, 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 Sleigh and Alison Rolf 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.

Cllr Tim Beresford
Chairman

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 2024/25 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 2025	
Opening bank and cash balances at 1 April 2024			
	Account number	£	
Fixed term high interest		41,703.98	
Investment account	7420002	115,779.86	
Current account	932717	2249.08	
Total		159,732.92	
RECEIPTS for 12 months ending 31 March 2025		Budget	Actual
		2024/25	2024/25
Precept		49273.14	49,273.10
SMBC Support Grant		0	0.00
Rental income:		-	-
Sports Club	3380		3,380.00
Scouts and Guides Supporters Association	100		100.00
Allotments (inc. Orchard Water Supply Reimbursement)	990		1365.00
Recreation Trust	670		670.00
Bank interest	500		4,054.46
Other Income:			
Football Training	0		350.00
Probus Remembrance Sunday Wreath	0		25.00
Hampton Society Sunday Wreath	0		25.00
Additional Cricket Cuts	0		920.00
G Fentham Trust Remembrance Sunday Wreath	0		25.00
G Fentham Trust Woodchip Contrib	0		342.50
Hampton Church Remembrance Sunday Wreath	0		25.00
Memorial Bench D Grimshaw G F Trust	0		452.06
Hampton Society Replacement Bench	0		493.98
Wayleave	0		3.55
Height Restricting Barrier Recharge	0		230.00
VAT refund from Customs and Excise	0.00		4783.77
PC INCOME LESS CIL	54,913.14		66,518.42
CIL INCOME	Solihull MBC - CIL Payment April	0.00	8,556.08
	Solihull MBC - CIL Payment November	0	178,294.20
TOTAL INCOME	54,913.14		253,368.70
PAYMENTS for 12 months ending 31 March 2025		Budget	Actual
		2024/25	2024/25
Section 137	0.00		0.00
Cricket Pitch **recharge**	0.00		920.00
Scout and Guide Barrier Open **recharge**	0.00		230.00
Grass Cutting Hampton in Arden Parish	4750.00		4,755.50
Grass Cutting & Maintenance Catherine de Barnes Common	1750.00		1,330.00
Grass Cutting Hampton Church	1400.00		920.00
Remembrance Sunday & Christmas Light Switch	1278		1,100.00
Tree Works	4000		1,965.56
Parish Maintenance Works	8500.00		8,458.51
Clerk's Salary/Tax/Nl and Pension	23000.00		24,995.42
WALC and NALC Subs	790.00		790.00
Office Expenses (inc. Email/Phone and Broadband)	1400.00		1,400.00
Website	150.00		110.00
Insurance	1600.00		1,541.24
Sundries and Parish Online	400.00		409.99

Audit and Legal Fees	550.00	315.00
Office Rental from the George Fentham Trust	1700.00	2,063.83
Additional Printing Costs	0.00	0.00
Parish Newsletter	2300.00	2,327.78
Training Expenses	200.00	38.68
GDPR fee	45.14	35.00
Neighbourhood Plan Amendments	500.00	0.00
Allotments (Maintenance Costs and Lease fee)	600.00	1,169.50
Election year expenses	-	-
VAT	0.00	4678.09
Unalloacted Expenditure Woodchip ** recharge Fentham Trust **	0.00	342.5
Unalloacted Expenditure Bench & Associated Costs Dave Grimshaw (recharge 50% to G F T		898.9
Unalloacted Expenditure Refund of Overpayment Allotment L Wa	0.00	20
Unalloacted Expenditure Bench ** recharge Society**	0.00	493.98
Expenditure Less CIL		61,309.48
CIL EXPENDITURE	0.00	2519.99
Transfer to allocated reserves	0.00	0.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	54,913.14	63,829.47
	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
TOTAL	54,913.14	63,829.47
Cash Book Reconciliation		
Opening Balance		159,732.92
Add receipts for 12 months to 31 March 2025 (including any CIL Payments)		253,368.70
Less payments for 12 months to 31 March 2025		63,829.47
Total		<u>349,272.15</u>
Bank Account Reconciliation		
Balance due from fixed term high interest a/c at 31 March 2025		42,741.25
Balance due from deposit a/c per bank statement at 31 March 2025		304,803.21
Balance due from current a/c per bank statement at 31 March 2025		1727.69
		<u>349,272.15</u>
REMAINING CIL MONIES HELD:		255,420.99
Reserves		93,851.16

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 2024 to 31 March 2025 was as follows:

Councillor	From	To
Hampton in Arden Ward		
Tim Beresford (Chair)	13 May 2015	PRESENT
Mike Blomer MBE	10 November 2010	PRESENT
David Sandells	11 September 2014	PRESENT
Catherine Sellars	12 March 2014	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

Catherine de Barnes Ward		
Dave Cuthbert	13 May 2015	PRESENT
John Eccleston	8 May 2019	PRESENT
Giles Cook (Vice Chair)	8 May 2019	PRESENT
Roger Waring	10 March 2021	PRESENT

CLERK 25 January 2017 PRESENT

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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 2024/ 2025

Hampton in Arden Parish Council

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

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

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 Greg Lakin
	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 2024 to 31 March 2025. Attendance was as follows:

Councillors	Attendance
Mike Blomer	6
Tim Beresford	5
David Sandells	4
Cat Sellars	5
Ken Blanch	5
Peter Green	6
Roger Waring	5
Alexander Clayson	6
Giles Cook	6
John Eccleston	6
Dave Cuthbert	6
Piers Reid	5

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 2024 TO 31 March 2025

DATE	PAYEE	£	DETAILS
08/04/2024	Dawsons Groundcare	1331.50	Footpath and Maintenance Works
19/04/2024	WALC	778.00	Yearly Subscription Fees
19/04/2024	West Midlands Pension	336.56	Employer and Employee Contributions
19/04/2024	JRB Enterprise	119.80	Dog Fouling Bags
20/04/2024	J Barnes	1,378.29	Clerk’s April Salary
20/04/2024	T Honeysett	120.00	Dog Fouling Bin Emptying
24/04/2024	HMRC	256.19	Tax and NI Contributions
17/05/2024	Dawsons Groundcare	£900.00	Grass Cutting and Maintenance
17/05/2024	P H Design	£170.00	Newsletter Design
17/05/2024	West Midlands Pension	£336.56	Employer and Employee Contributions
20/05/2024	J Barnes	£1,378.09	Clerk’s May Salary
22/05/2024	HMRC	£256.39	Tax and NI Contributions
24/05/2024	Inktree	£408.74	Newsletter Print Run
24/05/2024	Gorden Ellis & Co	£522.73	Bench for Under 7s Play Area.
10/06/2024	Dawsons Groundcare	£1,071	Grass Cutting and Maintenance
10/06/2024	M Power & Sons	£999.00	War Memorial Repair and Clean
14/06/2024	West Midlands Pension	£336.56	Employer and Employee Contributions
14/06/2024	Real Point	£250.80	Gold IT Support Package

20/06/2024	J Barnes	£1,378.29	Clerk's June Salary
20/06/2024	HMRC	£256.19	Tax and NI Contributions
27/07/2024	JRB Enterprise	£237.60	Dog Fouling Bags
20/07/2024	G Fentham Trust	£100.63	Complex Hire Annual Meeting
01/07/2024	Dawsons Groundcare	£2862.00	Grass Cutting and Maintenance
02/07/2024	Rofelo Forestry Ltd	£342.50	Conservation Group Woodchip
30/06/2024	Family Care Trust	£300.00	Catney Common Maintenance
11/07/2024	Dawsons Groundcare	£250.00	Bench Installation under 7s Play Area
20/07/2024	J Barnes	£1378.09	Clerk's July Salary
20/07/2024	HMRC	£256.39	Tax and NI contributions
20/07/2024	West Midlands Pension	£336.56	Pension Contributions
26/07/2024	P H Design	£170.00	Newsletter Design
01/08/2024	Dawsons Groundcare	£979.00	Grass Cutting and Maintenance
09/08/2024	DM Payroll Services Ltd	£120.00	Payroll from April to September 2024
08/08/2024	Inktree	£408.74	Newsletter Printing
20/08/2024	HMRC	£256.39	Tax and NI Contributions
20/08/2024	J Barnes	£1,378.09	Clerk's August Salary
20/08/2024	West Midlands Pension	£336.56	Pension Contributions
05/08/2024	T Honeysett	£160.00	Dog Bins from March to June 2024
09/09/2024	Moore UK	£315.00	External Auditor Fees
09/09/2024	T Honeysett	£343.99	Gym Equipment and Telephone Box
15/09/2024	Water Plus	£285.92	Eastcote Lane Allotments Water Supply
20/09/2024	HMRC	£256.19	Tax and NI Contributions
20/09/2024	West Midlands Pension	£336.56	Employer and Employee Pension
20/09/2024	J Barnes	£1,378.29	Clerk's September Salary
02/09/2024	Dawsons Groundcare	£1,071.00	Grass Cut and Maintenance
25/10/2024	PH Design	£170.00	Newsletter Design
22/10/2024	Rospa Play Safety	£258.00	Annual Play Area Inspections
30/09/2024	Family Care Trust	£300	Catney Common Maintenance
24/09/2024	JRB Enterprise	£239.60	Dog Fouling Bags
01/10/2024	Dawsons Groundcare	£1,132.00	Grass and Maintenance
28/09/2024	Parish Online	£120.00	Annual Subscription Fee
20/10/2024	West Midlands Pension	£336.56	Employer and Employee Pension Contrib
20/10/2024	J Barnes	£1,378.09	Clerk's October Salary
20/10/2024	HMRC	£256.39	Tax and NI Contributions
03/11/2024	T Honeysett	160.00	Bin Emptying Fees
13/11/2024	Robannas Studio	240.00	PA Set up Remembrance Sunday
31/10/2024	Family Care Trust	£300.00	Catney Common Gardening Services
20/11/2024	J Barnes	£1,798.37	Clerk's November Salary and Back Pay
20/11/2024	West Midlands Pension	£466.92	Employer and Employee Pension Contrib
20/11/2024	HMRC	£509.77	Tax and NI Contributions
03/11/2024	Dawsons Groundcare	£762.00	Grass Cutting
07/12/2024	Ebner Consultants	£650.00	Christmas Lights
02/01/2025	George Fentham Trust	£200.00	Annual Rent for Eastcote Allotments
20/12/2024	J Barnes	£1,417.27	Clerk's December Salary
20/12/2024	West Midlands Pension	£348.67	Employer and Employee Pension Contrib
20/12/2024	HMRC	£279.83	Tax and NI Contributions
22/11/2024	JRB Enterprise	£239.60	Dog Poo Bags
16/01/2025	DM Payroll	£120.00	Administration of Payroll and Pension
16/01/2025	Dawsons Groundcare	£409.00	Leaf Clearance and Hedge Cutting (Church and Clubhouse)

16/01/2025	Dawsons Groundcare	£510.00	Leaf Clearance and Hedge Cutting (Scout & Guide and further Clubhouse)
20/01/2025	J Barnes	1,417.27	Clerk's January Salary
20/01/2025	HMRC	£279.83	Tax and NI Contributions
20/01/2025	West Midlands Pension	£348.67	Employer and Employee Contributions
10/02/2025	George Fentham Trust	£2,553.60	Office Rental/Meeting Room Hire/Printing Costs/Broadband
06/02/2025	PH Design	£170.00	Newsletter Design
06/02/2025	Dawsons Groundcare	£320.00	Edge Pathways and Clear Tree Catney
20/02/2025	Inktree	£421.56	February Newsletters Print.
20/02/2025	HMRC	£280.03	Tax and NI Contributions
20/02/2025	West Midlands Pension	£348.67	Employer and Employee Contributions
20/02/2025	J Barnes	£1,417.07	Clerk's February Salary
01/03/2025	Dawsons Groundcare	£1,630.00	Broadwalk Repair & Access Ramp
14/03/2025	Dawsons Groundcare	£350.00	Bench Installation
14/03/2025	JRB Enterprise	£239.60	Dog Poo Bags
19/03/2025	Zurich Insurance	£1,541.24	Parish Council Insurance Cover
06/03/2025	T Honeysett	£160.00	Dog Bin Emptying fees.
01/03/2025	Realpoint	£110.00	Web Hosting Fees.
20/03/2025	HMRC	£279.83	Tax and NI Contributions.
20/03/2025	J Barnes	£1,417.27	Clerk's March Salary
20/03/2025	West Midlands Pension	£348.67	Employer and Employee Pension Contrib.

**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
April 2024	8,556.08	£147,770.77	April 2029
November 2024	178,294.20	326064.97	November 2029
TOTAL		£326,064.97	

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
27/03/2025	Catherine de Barnes Village Hall Survey	£2,500
27/03/2025	Village Tidy Equipment (£650 awarded)	£19.99 (to date)
TOTAL		£70,643.98

Remaining CIL total:

£255,420.99