BURES HAMLET PARISH COUNCIL
ANNUAL PARISH MEETING 24th March 2025

FINANCIAL REPORT

Balance as at 24th March 2025   13,441.64
Includes
Retention Fund   5,000.00
NHP final balance   0.00

Parish precept to Braintree District Council for financial year 2024/25: £32,817.00
Remains the same as previous financial year.
Parish Element of Band D Tax Rate (2024/25: £98.21)   2025/26: £98.04

Allocation of Parish Budget:

	2024/25	2025/26
Cemetery Authority `	£5,500	£5,500
Sportsground	£8,000	£8,000
Clerk's salary	£7,800	£8,650
Lighting	£500	£500
Insurance	£660	£600
Training	£500	£500
Hall hire	£175	£200
Auditors	£450	£550
Administration	£1,000	£1,250
Subscriptions	£500	£500
Elections	£1,000	£1,000
Donations/parish items	£500	£500
Repairs	£500	£500
Projects	£1,500	£2,000
Grounds Maintenance	£5,000	£6,000
Gritting/flooding	£500	£500
Jubilee Grove maintenance	£1,000	£1,000

The parish council receives a BDC Street Cleansing grant £881.70 ,an Eastlight Community Housing grant £690.26 and ECC Rights of Way grant £435.73. These grants are to offset ground maintenance costs met by the parish council.
The Christmas Lights fund is held in Bures St Mary Parish Council accounts and currently stands at £840.06 when VAT claim received.
Administration figure includes changeover of HMRC finances from Clerk to Out sourced plus use of Dropbox for security of files.
£2,000 has been earmarked in 2025/26 for future lighting improvements at Parsonage Hill.
The Bures NHP fund is held in the Bures Hamlet Parish Council accounts. A preliminary grant of £3,942 was received during 2021/22. A further grant of £3,695 received in July 2022. A third and final grant of £10,000 received in 2023/24. All monies have now been spent.
£5,000 grant from the BDC Community Garden Fund received to cover further improvements to the Station Hill garden project. All monies have been spent with a grant end date 31st March 2025.
Thank you for the donations received from residents to sponsor the upkeep of the garden for the coming year.