BURES HAMLET PARISH COUNCIL
ANNUAL PARISH MEETING 27th MARCH 2023

FINANCIAL REPORT

Balance as at 27th March 2023	**£9,648.38**
Plus NHP balance of £2,030.76	
Total balance	**£11,679.14**

Parish precept to Braintree District Council for financial year 2023/24: £31,817.00
An increase of £1,000 on the previous financial year.

Council Tax Collection Fund: Braintree District Council has ceased the Collection Fund distribution to the parishes and therefore the parish council will no longer receive an allocated sum.

Parish Element of Band D Tax Rate 2023/24: £96.60 (2022/23: (£95.08)

Allocation of Parish Budget:

	2022/23	**2023/24**
Cemetery Authority `	£6,500	£6,000
Bures Community Centre	£200	£200
Sportsground	£9,321.48	£8,321.48
Clerk's salary	£6,400	£7,000
Lighting	£500	£500
Insurance	£560	£625
Training	£500	£500
Hall hire	£220	£125
Auditors	£300	£300
Administration	£550	£700
Subscriptions	£500	£500
Elections	£1,000	£1,000
Donations/parish items	£500	£500
Repairs	£500	£500
Projects	£1,000	£1,000
Grounds Maintenance	£5,000	£5,000
Gritting/flooding	£500	£500

Earmarked Funds Minimum Retention funds £5,000

The parish council receives a BDC Street Cleansing grant £881.70 and an Eastlight Community Housing grant £152.48. ECC Highways Devolution £1,000 grant has ceased. These grants are to offset costs met by the parish council.
A VAT claim of £735.62 scheduled to be submitted early April.
The Christmas Lights fund is held in Bures St Mary Parish Council accounts and currently stands at £1,483.21.
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. If Government funding for NHPs is agreed then a 3rd grant will be applied for to give the project its £10,000 maximum funding.
£5,000 grant from the BDC Community Gardens Fund has just been approved to cover further improvements to the Station Hill garden project. Grants and donations received during 2022 allowed the project to progress.