

EWPC Budget Plans – 24/25





The Cost Drivers in 2023/24

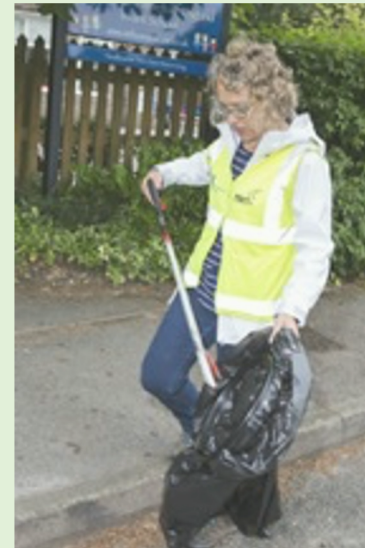
- Install and maintain equipment, including CCTV and manage land:
 - Woolton Hill Recreation Ground
 - Heath End Recreation Ground
- Maintain boardwalk
- Dropped kerb at Brownies Corner
- Develop and have approved, the Neighbourhood Plan
- Respond to, and influence, planning applications
- Introduce Speed Indicator Device
- Employ a Litter Picker
- Training for Clerk & Councilors
- Prioritise Lay By opposite the Surgery and Pedestrian Footpath on Tile Barn Row
- Influence Highways at Hampshire County Council
- Replace stiles on footpaths



EWPC Income

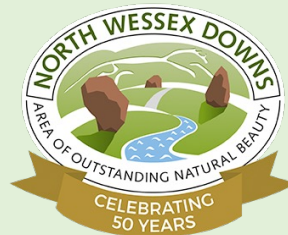
Total income in 2023/24 is £51K

- A band D property in the parish contributes £24.21 (2023/24)
- Grant to cover Litter Warden
- Grant for grass cutting
- Levy on Building work (CIL – Community Infrastructure Levy)
- Other grants have been sought to support investments e.g.
 - Footpath gates



Key influences on EWPC Spend?

- Classified as a Small Council
- Align to Transparency Code & Audit & Accounting Regulations
- Two Reserves
 - Working Reserve
 - Earmarked Reserves
- Asset Base of £300,000
 - 77% of asset base is 10+ years old (£230,000)
 - Ageing Asset base needing higher maintenance and replacement. e.g. boardwalk & playground
- Increase in scope of maintenance including Meadowbrook and hedges / ditches
- Labour and raw material costs increasing
 - Maintaining hedges, fences, trees, grass cutting
- Watermill Bridge development
 - Needs professional advice



EWPC Spend in 2023/24

- Essential maintenance and replacement costs on ageing assets
 - Included repairs on playground equipment
 - CCTV at Woolton Hill recreation ground
- Increase maintenance on
 - Grass cutting, hedges, trees
Meadowbrook, boardwalk etc.
- Administration costs
 - Clerk, Audit, Insurance, Subscriptions
- Planning
 - Watermill Bridge application



5 Deficit in income versus ongoing running costs
with expenditure exceeding annual income by £11.5 K

What EWPC needs to do in 2024/25

- Recreation
 - Continue to maintain parish assets
 - Community assets are very well used and need to be maintained or replaced at end of life (Boardwalk, Playground Equipment)
 - Meadowbrook land use and maintenance
 - Improve Biodiversity
- Planning
 - Respond to, and influence, planning applications
- Highways
 - Continue to influence Hampshire County Council on highways
 - Continue with Speed Indicator Device
- People
 - Continue with Litter Picker
 - Supporting EWPC Councillors and employees by professional training



Cost Efficiencies

- Aligning with others
 - CCTV joint approach with WH Church Hall & Infants School
 - Using B&D approved repairers for Playground Maintenance for cost efficiency
 - Shared approach with neighbouring parishes for planning consultant
- Utilising County Council resources
 - Hampshire employed parish volunteer to help with footpath strimming
 - Hampshire resources for some footpath repairs
 - Clearing sump at Brownies Corner saving £10k
- Pursuing & obtaining grants, including:
 - Litter Warden
 - Grass cutting
 - Footpath gates
 - Boardwalk
 - Biodiversity
- Using S106 and CIL money for highways & playground equipment
- Utilising Parish Council discussion forums & meetings to identify cost opportunities
- Best practice approach regularly discussed with Parish Council Auditor

EWPC Major Projects

Project Spend from Reserves	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	Total	Comments
Recreation		£5K	£5K	£10K	New & replace equipment
Boardwalk	£10K			£10K	Total project estimate £30K
Meadowbrook	£10K			£10K	Previously agreed
Project Scribbins	£5K			£5K	Legacy money given by resident (Scribbins)
Additional Income	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	Total	Comments
S106	£7K				From Highclere
CIL	£5K	£5K	£5K	£15K	Assumption

⁸ S106/CIL income to pay for projects in future years

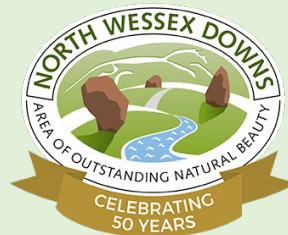


EWPC Reserves 2024/25

- Working Reserve £10K
- Earmarked Reserves for Projects £20K made up of:
 - £10K – Meadowbrook land utilisation
 - £5K – Legacy donation project
 - £5K – Boardwalk
- There will no unallocated reserves (audit practice)

Total Reserves in 24/25 are £30K

this is subsequent to the emergency maintenance costs (CCTV, recreation equipment) in 22/23



High Level Accounts 23/24 & 24/25

Start of Year Bank Balance 23/24 **£46K**

Precept / Rental / Interest £35K

EWPC Running Costs £46K

Running Costs versus Income **-£11K**

Start of Year Bank Balance 24/25 **£34K**

Forecast Running Costs £45K

Working Reserves £10K

Earmarked Reserves (for projects) £20K

Precept / Rental / Interest – required **£41K**

(precept is the money received from residents)
rental / interest = £0.5K



How to achieve this budget

To generate £40.5K from residents (precept) would mean an annual increase of £4.95 to £29.16 on band D property



Appendix - Detail Accounts



2024/25 Budget Proposal

INCOME SOURCE	ACTUALS	BUDGET	YEAR END ESTIMATE	PROPOSED BUDGET	VAR vs 2023/24 BUDGET
	2022/23	2023/24	2023/24	2024/25	
Precept	£ 31,720	£ 33,623	£ 33,623	£ 40,500	20.5%
Rental Income	£ 600	£ 650	£ 660	£ 660	0.0%
Bank Interest	£ 751	£ 800	£ 800	£ 900	12.5%
			£ 35,083	£ 42,060	19.9%
Litter Warden Grant	£ 4,940	£ 5,100	£ 5,418	£ 5,938	9.6%
CIL Grant	NEW BUDGET LINE FOR 24/25		£ 4,164	£ 4,164	0.0%
HCC Grants	£ 6,984	£ 1,984	£ 4,660	£ 2,000	-57.1%
BDBC Grant					
Grass Cutting Grant		£ 2,072	£ 2,072	£ 2,200	6.2%
Other Grant					
TOTAL INCOME	£ 44,995	£ 44,229	£ 51,397	£ 56,362	9.7%

2024/25 Budget Proposal

EXPENDITURE BUDGET					
	ACTUALS	BUDGET	PREDICTED YEAR END ESTIMATE	PROPOSED BUDGET	VAR vs 2023/24 BUDGET
PRECEPT RUNNING COSTS	2022/23	2023/24	2023/24	2024/25	
Clerk's Salary	£ 8,159	£ 12,452	£ 9,309	£ 9,775	5%
Pension			£ 843	£ 885	5%
Clerk's Expenses	£ 553	£ 700	£ 169	£ 200	18%
Litter Warden Expenses	£ 420	£ 500	£ 420	£ 420	0%
PAYE	£ 2,149	£ 2,000	£ 2,370	£ 2,500	5%
Payroll Admin	£ 154	£ 200	£ 190	£ 204	7%
Admininstration/Training	£ 600	£ 500	£ 1,490	£ 800	-46%
Insurance	£ 1,270	£ 1,350	£ 1,456	£ 1,800	24%
Audit	£ 540	£ 600	£ 635	£ 700	10%
Subscriptions	£ 902	£ 750	£ 1,019	£ 1,100	8%
Misc Maintenance	£ 10,087	£ 6,000	£ 13,929	£ 6,000	-57%
Playground maintenance		NEW BUDGET LINE FOR 24/25		£ 5,000	
Annual Maint Agmnt	£ 5,379	£ 7,000	£ 7,789	£ 10,500	35%
Footpaths	£ 2,636	£ 2,500	£ 2,652	£ 1,000	-62%
Highways	£ 1,125	£ 1,000	£ 860	£ 1,000	16%
Chairmans Allowance	£ 303	£ 300	£ 180	£ 100	-44%
CCTV Maintenance			£ 700	£ 700	0%
Planning	£ 1,996	£ 2,500	£ 2,500	£ 2,500	0%
			£ 46,511	£ 45,184	-3%
GENERAL RESERVES					
CCTV	£ 3,930	£ 1,700	£ 4,200	£ 700	-83%
EWPC Grants & Sec 137	£ 7,296	£ 1,500		£ 1,000	
GRANT SPEND					
HCC Grant spend			£ 2,618		-100%
BDBC Grant spend					
S106 spend/ CIL	£ 7,208	£ 4,164	£ -	£ 4,164	
Litter Warden Salary	£ 4,940	£ 5,000	£ 5,418	£ 5,689	5%
Grass Cutting	£ 166	£ -	£ 2,072	£ 2,072	0%
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	£ 59,812	£ 50,716	£ 60,819	£ 58,809	-3%