

**St Mary Bourne Parish Council**  
**ANNUAL RETURN - Section 2 : Statement of Accounts**

**Explanation of variances**

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Box No.	Description	Last Year £	31/03/2023 £	Variance £	Variance %	Explanation Required?	Notes
1	Balances brought fwd	62806.00	47582.88				BALANCE B/F AGREES
2	Annual precept	30916.00	35725.00	4809.00	16%	Yes	13% agreed on 25.01.22 Finance Committee Meeting. Error in percentage workings when setting precept for 22-23 year.
3	Total other receipts	15813.00	119564.27	103751.27	656%	Yes	£3000 Rent of Pavilion £26,000 CIL Payment from BDBC £3610 Grants £25,000 Cricket Nets £30,800 Lengthsman Grant x 2 years (not claimed in previous year) £5,000 VAT refund £10,000 Lottery Fund Grant for Wildlife Hide
4	Staff Costs	12743.00	13905.37	1162.37	9%	No	
5	Loan interest/capital repayments	0.00	0.00	0.00	0%	No	
6	Total other payments	49209.00	107166.17	57957.17	118%	Yes	£1,200 Cricket from Previous Year £2500 Treework £6500 Lake Fencing £27,448 Cricket Nets £1,000 Lapsed Subscriptions & Software £6,500 HR Consultant & Settlement £3000 Temp Clerk salary £2,000 Two months Grounds Maintenance Invoices - Missed payments from previous year.
7	Balances carried forward	47582.88	81800.61	34217.73	72%	Yes	Some income as seen from Receipts in Box 3 should have been collected during the previous two years and had not, although related invoices had been paid. Now any outstanding Receipts have been collected. Remaining Bank Balance much higher as a consequence.

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8	Total Cash and Short Term Investments	47582.88	81800.61	34217.73	72%	Yes	Some income as seen from Receipts in Box 3 should have been collected during the previous two years and had not, although related invoices had been paid. Now any outstanding Receipts have been collected. Remaining Bank Balance much higher as a consequence.
9	Total Fixed Assets and Long Term Investments	315267.00	343834.00	28567.00	9%	No	
10	Total Borrowings	0.00	0.00	0.00	0%	No	

This report is intended as a guide to the variances you may need to explain. The specific requirements vary between external auditors so please check the requirements shown on the pro forma provided to your council

Please note a breakdown of approved reserves will also be required if the total reserves (Box 7) figure is more than twice the annual precept value (Box 2)