

DISLEY PARISH COUNCIL

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Finance Report for 2023/24 prepared by Cllr. Jean Windsor, Chair of the Disley Parish Council Finance Committee

The balance sheet and finance report for Disley Parish Council for 2023/24 (subject to audit) is presented in summary below. All income and expenditure has been accounted for.

Introduction

Since the inception of the present Council in 2023, in conjunction with Council Officers, we have updated the Parish Strategy to take us forward to 2027. By adhering to the Strategy, the Parish Council ensures that it still provides good value for money for residents.

An increase in the precept was unavoidable but ensures that the Parish Council can continue to provide all the services it does, including the ever-popular Christmas Extravaganza. The figures below show how we met our aims for 2023/24 and the full accounts appear on our website.

Income

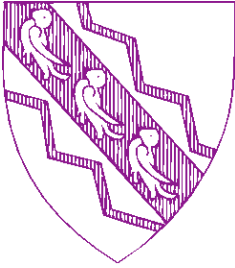
Total income from all sources (excluding reclaimed VAT) was **£234,093** and the main items of income were as follows:

- Parish Precept - £164,600 (Previous £161,520)
- Community Centre hire charges - £17,937 (Previous £18,275)
- Recharge to Cheshire East Council (for Library Utility and Maintenance Costs) - £6,311 (Previous £6,504).
- Community Transport Scheme – £10,421 (Previous £7,297)
- Land rental income - £6,135 (Previous £7,905)
- Electric Vehicle Chargepoints - £3,854 (Previous £3,517).

Expenditure

Total expenditure was **£238,675** with the main items comprising:

- Salaries and wages - £126,954 (Previous £115,806)
- Community Centre costs - £17,655 (Previous £15,808)
- Newtown Playing Fields and Play Area capital expenditure - £16,756 (Funded from Reserves)
- General office administration costs - £15,626 (Previous £19,375)
- Village Events - £11,526 (Previous £9,527)
- Community Centre capital expenditure - £6,567 (Funded from Reserves)



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- Media Services – £5,850
- Community Transport Scheme costs - £4,675 (Previous £5,701)
- CCTV contribution - £3,819 (Previous £3,819)
- Parish maintenance - £3,396 (Previous £7,532)
- Councillor Expenses - £0.00 (Previous £0.00)

Community Centre and Parish Offices

The net cost of running the Community Centre and Parish Offices (including building supervision) was £12,989. (£24,248 income less £37,237 expenditure).

Community Bus Scheme

The Community Bus Scheme made a net profit (including admin charges) of £3,946 in 2023/24.

Capital expenditure (major items)

Streetlight LED replacement programme - £4,750.

Newtown Play Area landscaping, resurfacing and fencing - £13,907.

Newtown Changing Rooms defibrillator unit - £920.

Community Hall floor refurbishment - £2,091.

Community Centre exterior benches and litter bins - £4,210

Reserves

Working balance reserve - £44,061

Unallocated capital reserve - £23,132

Community Centre Development - £21,785

Community Bus Depreciation - £18,000

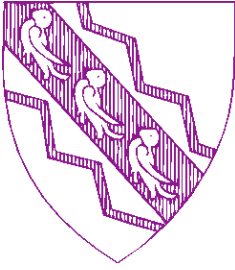
Arnold Rhodes Playing Fields improvements - £5,321

Plans and budget for 2024/25

The Parish Council has approved a Budget for 2024/25 which is available to view on the Council's website at: <https://disleyparishcouncil.org.uk/your-council/council-policy-documents/>. The Budget allocates resources to the Council's priority areas for the coming year.

If Disley and Newtown residents would like more detailed information on the Council's 2023/24 finances or the budgets for 2024/25, please contact the council offices on 01663 762726 or email admin@disleyparishcouncil.org.uk

Further financial information is available on the Parish Council website at www.disleyparishcouncil.org



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2024/25 Precept

Each year, Disley Parish Council sets a parish precept, as part of the Council Tax, to help fund the many services it provides to Disley & Newtown residents.

Over recent years, the Parish Council has tried to minimise the effects of higher inflation levels, but some of the Council's operating costs, particularly staff salaries, have increased significantly over the past 12 months. The Parish Council has also had to budget for the cessation of some Cheshire East Council services, such as grounds maintenance of some green spaces.

The Parish Council appreciates that many Disley & Newtown residents are experiencing financial pressures, but after many years of zero or minimum increases, feels it has no option but to introduce an 8% precept increase for 2024/25.

This new precept figure equates to £85.22 per year for a Council Tax Band D home, or the equivalent of £1.64 per week.

The Parish Council believe that this still represents value for money, considering the many services it provides, including:

- Disley Community Centre.
- Disley Community Bus Scheme.
- Parks and play areas.
- Three allotment sites.
- CCTV monitoring in the village centre.
- Village Ranger service.
- Community Grants.
- The Council's website, Disley News magazine and eBulletins.
- Village events such as the Christmas Extravaganza.
- Electric vehicle chargepoints.
- Village streetlighting.
- Disley & Newtown hanging baskets and planting

The Parish Council acknowledges the generous help given by village volunteers and it should be noted that Disley Parish Councillors receive no form of salary or allowance and give their time for the benefit of the Disley and Newtown community.