

	2023 / 2024	2024 / 2025	2025 / 2026E	2025 / 2026F Estimated Year End	2026 / 2027F	2027 / 2028F	2028 / 2029F
Expenditure	Budgeted						
Blding / Equipment Maintenance	26,349	34,120	25,364	23,770	41,582	32,731	26,996
Alexander Pavillion	0	585	1,000	0	2,200	6,800	1,500
Kingsdown Road Pavillion	8,215	1,920	3,000	4,540	12,350	1,500	1,500
CCTV	335	492	750	0	500	300	300
King George V (Field & Pavillion)	800	2,251	1,000	396	2,000	1,500	1,500
Cleaning - KGV Pavillion	807	1,026	1,030	1,102	1,140	1,140	1,140
Playground Maintenance	0	1,865	3,000	3,737	4,435	3,000	3,000
Playground ROSPA Inspection	0	180	300	290	305	320	336
Tennis Courts	8,130	15,991	1,500	0	3,267	3,467	3,267
Ponds x 2	0	500	500	420	500	500	500
Petanque Piste	0	0	0	0	0	-	-
Cleaning - Village Car Park Toilets	8,062	9,310	10,546	10,546	10,882	11,426	11,997
Blding / Equipment Maintenance Reserve	0	0	2,738	2,738	4,004	2,779	1,956
Courses / Training	180	834	2,000	126	126	1,250	1,250
Courses / Training - Councillors	180	714	1,000	126	126	750	750
Courses / Training - Clerk	0	120	1,000	0	0	500	500
Events	636	4,533	3,800	1,896	3,310	3,300	3,300
Christmas (Tree / Decorations etc)	459	1,781	1,750	1,369	1,750	1,750	1,750
Footpath Walk		63	150	28			
Defib Training				21			
Community Engagement Events				10	60	50	50
VE Day		350	1,900	468			
D-Day Celebrations	177	2,331					
Great British Spring Clean		9					
Village Event					1,500	1,500	1,500
Operating Costs	9,528	8,620	11,395	12,306	9,657	10,652	11,031
Audit Fee	504	504	420	504	420	420	420
Castle Water	1,693	1,068	1,200	1,711	2,122	2,228	2,340
Cloud Services / Website	855	1,195	825	2,191	1,281	1,345	1,412
Councillors' expenses	221	149	200	0	200	200	200
Equipment	16	1,325	500	108	500	300	300
Insurances	2,945	3,124	4,000	2,744	3,376	4,220	4,431
Office Expenses	1,712	588	3,000	3,601	200	300	200
Village Hall Hire	361	662	500	602	718	790	869
Elections 2028	226		750	750	750	750	750
Contingency	995						
Banking Charges & Credit Card Cash Back		4		96	90	99	109
Professional Fees	8,768	9,391	5,400	3,538	21,690	3,775	3,863
Planning & Legal Fees	7,413	8,053	4,000	1,799	20,000	2,000	2,000
Subscriptions	1,355	1,338	1,400	1,739	1,690	1,775	1,863
S. 137 Grants	5,310	8,053	6,100	8,625	6,000	6,000	6,000
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Employment Costs	25,087	23,122	30,180	28,561	31,783	33,372	35,041
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South Foreland Valley	16,371	16,384	22,475	14,343	24,533	25,185	25,869
Cattle Grids			1,500	2,094			
Maintenance	6,818	7,396	10,000	916	10,000	10,000	10,000
Security Services for SFV	3,553	2,988	3,500	2,858	3,000	3,150	3,308
WCCP Partnership	6,000	6,000	5,000	6,000	8,333	8,750	9,187
South Foreland Valley Reserve			2,475	2,475	3,200	3,285	3,374
Village Maintenance	22,283	31,329	20,815	26,555	29,226	33,993	35,693
Benches / Bins etc		26	600	472	1,555	1,633	1,714
Bin Collections (KGV and Alexander Playing Field)	350	380	350	577	0		
Grasscutting	644	4,739	2,000	2,401	2,291	2,405	2,525
Materials	474	509	400	198	400	420	441
Tree Cutting	345	2,642	1,500	1,741	2,000	2,100	2,205
Village Contractor	20,469	23,033	15,965	18,960	19,168	23,002	24,152
Bus Stops				208			
Memorial Benches		4,159		1,998			
Village Maintenance Reserve					3,812	4,434	4,656
Cemetery Maintenance	4,597	6,457	3,072	2,990	3,000	3,510	3,686
Cemetery Contractor	4,597	6,457	2,472	2,400	2,400	2,880	3,024
Cemetery Materials			600	590	600	630	662
Registrar	2,090	1,653	2,152	1,824	2,115	2,219	2,256
Registrar Fees	1,650	653	1,152	824	1,115	1,219	1,256
Registrar Retention Fee	440	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
Projects	0	60	12,000	6,038	0	12,500	17,500
Spirit of St Margarets		60	2,000	1,038	0	0	0
Petanque Piste			5,000	5,000	0	0	0
Layby Parking			2,500	0	0	5,000	7,500
Playground Resurfacing			2,500	0	0	7,500	10,000
Grand Total	121,199	144,556	144,752	130,571	173,023	168,488	172,485

Expenditure	Notes
Blding / Equipment Maintenance	
Alexander Pavillion	VMWG - £2k for gutters, £200 to move the Defib - put on hold £6k for Flooring includes donation of vinyl so cost will increase significantly when vinyl also included, £800 for deep clean, also needs to be redecorated
Kingsdown Road Pavillion	VMWG - £12,000 Verbal First Estimate for Barge Boards, £350 to move the defib as it is a bit more complicated
CCTV	VMWG - Need to keep a maintenance budget at least for cameras, Potential condensation in the cameras so some may need replacement.
King George V (Field & Pavillion)	VMWG - PAT Testing, Legionella Testing, Bin Store, Roof Maintenance, Sovereign £53k Accessible Path around the left hand field side of the field
Cleaning - KGV Pavillion	
Playground Maintenance	VMWG - Gazebo Roof - £300, Story Chair Repairs £150, 3 Benches Replacement £1,635, Refurb of Slide £350. £2k Annual Maintenance for Woodwork / Algae cleaning etc is typically £2k excluding exceptionals
Playground ROSPA Inspection	
Tennis Courts	VMWG - Pressure clean and moss treat the courts every two years (one at a time to avoid lack of any courts and prior to May when tennis matches starts) estimated at £1k, Binder / Colour Spray @ £2.8k every 7/8 years so Court 1 was resurfaced in 2024 needs a repaint in 2031 and a resurface in 2039, Court 2 resurfaced in 2015, repainted in 2023, so resurface due in 2027/2029. Net on court 2 needs to be change in 2027
Ponds x 2	VMWG - Alternated investment between the ponds, 2025 focussed on Chapel Lane, 2024 on Reach Road etc.
Petanque Piste	VMWG - are there any costs anticipated in addition to the installation costs which are in the Project costs we need include at this time?
Cleaning - Village Car Park Toilets	SLA 2026 / 2027 Received, 5% added for future years
Blding / Equipment Maintenance Reserve	May need to increase this look at what is likely to be left at year end. Currently not reserving for DDC Toilet Costs, with LGfT we may need to include
Courses / Training	Rollover March 2026 Year End Balance into Courses / Training for 2026/2027 year
Courses / Training - Councillors	What haven't we spent from last year - Roll over the reserve and top up to bring back to 1,000
Courses / Training - Clerk	What haven't we spent from last year - Roll over the reserve - Clerk uses a lot of the SLCC Free Training
Events	Rollover March 2026 Year End Balance into Christmas Lights Reserves for 2026/2027 year
Christmas (Tree / Decorations etc)	Leave at same level to allow for replacement lights and that includes allowing for any unspent event budget from last year to rollover - £1,800 at January 2026
Footpath Walk	Community Engagement Events - which will include Defib Training, Footpath Walk etc
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VE Day	
D-Day Celebrations	
Great British Spring Clean	
Village Event	
Operating Costs	
Audit Fee	£420 before VAT
Castle Water	Allow extra due to credit still on one account, increasing water costs and additional meter at Reach Road Pond
Cloud Services / Website	Aubergine and Google Workspace + 5% for Google Workspace Aubergine Costs known for next year then +5% for future years
Councillors' expenses	
Equipment	Covers Defib costs - £350 - 4 sets of pads expire in 2026, plus we sadly tend to need some spares, have allowed for 2
Insurances	Long Term Agreement Expires 1 June 2027 on Main Policy, so have included 25% extra to start planning for renewal. Tractor includes AP for Christmas Events and uplift at renewal
Office Expenses	Printing Costs have reduced, PC Mobile Phone added, reduction in stamps and general office costs.
Village Hall Hire	Assumes 11 PC Meetings, 6 Adhoc Evening Channel Room Bookings and 1 Main Hall Booking +10%
Elections 2028	Need to continue to reserve as elections going ahead in Kent
Contingency	
Banking Charges & Credit Card Cash Back	Lloyds introduced charge in late 2024 not budgeted for - Only need to budget for Current account the average is about £4.50, Credit Card is no longer Cash Back and costs £27 per annum
Professional Fees	
Planning & Legal Fees	Need to consider Lease Agreements for KGV and Alexander Pavillions, H/P, Glebe Field. The dates we gave to DDC iro Neighbourhood Planning are: Regulation 14 draft publication (Year & Quarter) – 3Q, 2028, Regulation 16 submission (Year & Quarter) – 2Q, 2029, Anticipated examination date - 2030
Subscriptions	KALC, CPRE, SLCC, ICO, KCC Playing Fields Association, DDC Small Lotto License - Consider Fields in Trust @ £65 2026 rates not yet published
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Employment Costs	Rollover March 2026 Year End Balance into Employment Costs Reserves
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South Foreland Valley	Rollover March 2026 Year End Balance into South Foreland Valley Maintenance for 2026/2027 year
Cattle Grids	
Maintenance	Tractor Service is £500 every 4 years, Equipment perhaps a £150 budget every year for servicing. Propose to reinstate this amount and use reserves towards Cattle Grids
Security Services for SPV	
WCCP Partnership	
South Foreland Valley Reserve	
Village Maintenance	
Benches / Bins etc	Biffa @ £535, Bin Collections @ KGV and Alexander Field £420, Bench Repairs £600
Bin Collections (KGV and Alexander Playing Field)	combined above
Grasscutting	Last years price + 4 extra cuts for Alexander Memorial Field and 5% uplift
Materials	
Tree Cutting	
Village Contractor	Current Maintenance Contract expires March 2027. In earlier years items were incorrectly allocated to budget - such as materials shown as 'contractor rates' for example. There is also the known budgeting error in 2025/2026 where contract addendums were not included. Extra 8 hours added for Grasscutting
Bus Stops	
Memorial Benches	
Village Maintenance Reserve	
Cemetery Maintenance	
Cemetery Contractor	
Cemetery Materials	
Registrar	
Registrar Fees	
Registrar Retention Fee	
Projects	Put £5,000 into future Reserves
Spirit of St Margarets	Boat was donated
Petanque Piste	First estimate received at £7k, Club will also look to fund raise
Layby Parking	£17,836.51 exc VAT cost quoted in Dec 2024, PC looked to route through Parking Services Review and H/P opportunities but were declined any central funding.
Playground Resurfacing	VMWG - Hope to get Grants, however, first estimates received were £147k for full resurface
Grand Total	

Receipts & Reserves*	2023 /	2024 /	2025 /				
	2024	2025	2026E	2025 /	2026 /	2027 /	2028 /
	2026F	2027F	2028F	2029F			
Precept	94,000	131,600	147,000				
Grazing Fees (Old Bottom Free Down)	1,100	1,100	1,250		1,250		Reviewed annually in April
UKPN Wayleave (Old Bottom Free Down)	7	7	7		7		Fixed for life
Cemetery Fees	1,305	546	1,440				
HMRC VAT Refund	3,685	10,373	4,364				
Credit Interest	850	1,033	688				