



Annual Report

May 2026

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Chair Report 2025-2026

I would like to start the report by thanking you all for welcoming me into the Parish Council so warmly. I had huge shoes to fill however my hard working nature very much mirrors that of George. You really get a sense of the community spirit and it shows as the Parish Council has been going strong for 22 years.

I am working with Copeland Road school to ensure a garden marks the work he put into the whole community.

I would also like to take this opportunity to welcome new Councillors Cllr Foster and Cllr Swainston.

It's fitting as the lovely plants develop around the green in this Springtime that we thank the wonderful work of the Bloomers. It really makes a difference seeing their hard work and commitment to keeping the area look inviting and pretty.

The sad loss of our PC Scott Dobinson I hope his sabbatical is a fruitful time for him, may his hard work and dedication will be continued by Marcus and his fellow police officers. The PACT meetings over the last year have been a welcome addition to the parish and I continue to look forward to working with the local constabulary for the greater good of the community

Thank you for all your continued support and commitment in all the work you do for the Parish Council and wider into the community of West Auckland.

As chair I would like to thank our hardworking Clerk and volunteers for the effort and commitment they show for the community and for the benefit of the village

Cllr Kelly Guest,

Chairwoman of West Auckland Parish Council

West Auckland Parish Council Payments & Receipts for the Year End 31 March 2026

Receipts	£	£
Bank Balance as at 1 April 2025 B/D	£9,206.43	
Allotment Rents	£1,300.00	
Group Hire Fees	£707.50	
HMRC VAT Reimbursed	£7,981.26	
Openreach	£168.81	
WAMCA Contribution to internal doors	£2,333.00	
WAMCA contribution to fireplace removal	£2,300.00	
WAMCA contribution to Roller shutter	£1,295.00	
WAMCA contribution to Unblock drain	£145.00	
WAMCA contribution to replacement drain	£3,250.00	
WAMCA contribution to car park	£13,566.00	
WAMCA contribution to car park lines	£675.00	
LCTSS Grant	£2,864.00	
HMRC Other Receipts (excluding precept)	£45,792.00	
Precept DCC	£24,329.23	
Total Income		£70,121.23
Payments		
Allotments - Pest Control	£660.00	
Bank Charges	£42.00	
Bus shelter & picnic table cleaning	£420.00	
BT - Monteith 4 G internet	£541.30	
Broadband & telephone line rental	£360.00	
Christmas Illuminations	£3,445.02	
Clerk's Salary (Apr 25- Mar 26)	£4,800.00	
Cre8tive Design - Printing	£320.00	
Domestic - Monteith	£1,056.00	
Donations to local organisations	£3,575.00	
H&S Fire checks Churches	£50.40	
HMRC- PAYE Employee tax	£1,200.00	
Insurance - Zurich	£527.76	
Internal/ HLB External Audit	£378.00	
Lamppost stress tests for CCTV ROCH NDT	£540.00	
Landscaping & bollards	£88.99	
Memorial Service & wreaths	£1,490.60	
Memorial Hall roller shutter	£1,554.00	
Memorial Hall Internal Doors	£2,799.60	
Memorial Hall unblocked drain	£174.00	
Memorial Hall replacement drain	£3,900.00	
Memorial Hall fireplace removal and chimney blocked	£2,760.00	
Memorial Hall car park	£16,279.20	
Memorial Hall car park lines	£810.00	
E-on electricity & gas	£1,121.52	
Parish Room	£271.63	
Planning - pre-planning open spaces	£60.00	
Honours Board update & seat plaque	£41.60	
Postage, printer inks & stationery	£253.56	
Solicitor	£400.00	
Subscription - S&D Railway	£50.00	
Subscription - ICO	£47.00	
Subscriptions - CDALC	£427.36	
Village green miners' sculpture	£2,500.00	
Water Rates	£340.56	
Website LJ Media	£314.00	
Window cleaning	£15.00	
Total	£53,614.10	
Bank Reconciliation (details attached)		£16,507.13
Cash at bank as per statement represented by:		
General Fund Current Asset	£16,507.13	

Record of Bank Transactions For West Auckland Parish Council to date.

Date	Ref. No	Details of Transaction	Receipts	Payments	Balance	VAT PAID	VAT Reg No.
01/04/2025		Balance BD			£9,206.43		
01/04/2025	SO	Clerk's Wage		£1,200.00	£8,006.43		
01/04/2025	SO	Telephone & broadband		£30.00	£7,976.43		
02/04/2025	CR	Allotment rents	£1,300.00		£9,276.43		
02/04/2025	BP	Subscription CDALC		£427.36	£8,849.07		
03/04/2025	CR	HMRC VAT Reimbursed	£7,981.26		£16,830.33		
03/04/2025	CR	Precept & LTCSS	£27,193.23		£44,023.56		
03/04/2025	BP	Website annual LJ Media		£128.00	£43,895.56		
10/04/2025	CHG	Bank charge		£8.00	£43,887.56		
16/04/2025	DD	Eon Next		£49.71	£43,837.85	£2.37	559097889
22/04/2025	DD	Eon Next		£74.14	£43,763.71	£3.53	559097889
22/04/2025	DD	BT Wifi		£40.61	£43,723.10		
22/04/2025	SO	HMRC PAYE		£300.00	£43,423.10		
29/04/2025	BP	Picnic Tables varnish		£81.99	£43,341.11		
01/05/2025	SO	Domestic - L Lord		£88.00	£43,253.11		
01/05/2025	SO	Telephone & broadband		£30.00	£43,223.11		
07/05/2025	DD	ICO Subscription		£47.00	£43,176.11		
11/05/2025	CHG	Bank charges		£8.00	£43,168.11		
14/05/2025	BP	Ferryhill Band Donation		£100.00	£43,068.11		
16/05/2025	DD	Eon Next		£33.48	£43,034.63	£1.58	559097889
16/05/2025	DD	Eon Next		£51.67	£42,982.96	£2.46	559097889
18/05/2025	BP	Printer cartidges x 2 sets of 4		£129.80	£42,853.16	£21.64	250872112
19/05/2025	DD	BT Wifi		£48.17	£42,804.99		
19/05/2025	BP	Crea8ive Graphics - PACT newsletter		£160.00	£42,644.99		
28/05/2025	CR	Openreach	£168.81		£42,813.80		
28/05/2025	BP	Evans & Co Solicitors - Land Registration		£400.00	£42,413.80		
29/05/2025	BP	Cleaning materials Costco		£37.64	£42,376.16		
02/06/2025	SO	Domestic - L Lord		£88.00	£42,288.16		
02/06/2025	SO	Telephone & broadband		£30.00	£42,258.16		
09/06/2025	DD	Anglian Water		£69.02	£42,189.14		
10/06/2025	CHG	Bank charges		£8.00	£42,181.14		
17/06/2025	DD	Eon Next		£46.07	£42,135.07	£1.72	559097889

18/06/2025	DD	Eon Next		£36.21	£42,098.86	£2.19	559097889
18/06/2025	DD	BT Wifi		£48.17	£42,050.69		
01/07/2025	SO	Domestic - L Lord		£88.00	£41,962.69		
01/07/2025	SO	Telephone & broadband		£30.00	£41,932.69		
01/07/2025	SO	Clerk's Wage		£1,200.00	£40,732.69		
02/07/2025	BP	Bus shelters cleaned - PT Powerwash		£150.00	£40,582.69		
06/07/2025	CR	WAMCA Roller shutter	£1,295.00		£41,877.69		
08/07/2025	BP	Kitchen roller shutter		£1,554.00	£40,323.69	£259.00	151289315
09/07/2025	BP	Rapid Response - WAMCA Drain Unblocked		£174.00	£40,149.69	£29.00	2041362260
10/07/2025	CR	WAMCA Drain Unblocked	£145.00		£40,294.69		
11/07/2025	CHG	Bank charges		£10.00	£40,284.69		
16/07/2025	DD	Eon Next		£46.78	£40,237.91	£2.20	559097889
16/07/2025	DD	Eon Next		£17.76	£40,220.15	£0.85	559097889
16/07/2025	BP	Rapid Response - WAMCA Drain replaced		£3,900.00	£36,320.15	£650.00	204136260
16/07/2025	CR	WAMCA Drain replacement donation	£3,250.00		£39,570.15		
16/07/2025	BP	Donation to WAFA		£400.00	£39,170.15		
18/07/2025	DD	BT Wifi		£48.17	£39,121.98		
24/07/2025	DR	WAMCA car park - J & JG Gill & Son		£16,279.20	£22,842.78	£2,713.20	258413356
24/07/2025	CR	Car park - J & JG Gill & Son WAMCA contribution	£13,566.00		£36,408.78		
22/07/2025	DD	HMRC PAYE		£300.00	£36,108.78		
22/07/2025	BP	Cllr Simpson - garden		£7.00	£36,101.78		
29/07/2025	BP	PT Powerwash - cleaning faeces from picnic tables		£120.00	£35,981.78		
31/07/2025	SO	Domestic - L Lord		£88.00	£35,893.78		
01/08/2025	SO	Telephone & broadband		£30.00	£35,863.78		
10/08/2025	CHG	Bank charges		£8.00	£35,855.78		
11/08/2025	BP	MRC Road markings		£810.00	£35,045.78	£135.00	647550129
11/08/2025	CR	WAMCA car park lines	£675.00		£35,720.78		
13/08/2025	BP	DECO - remembrance printed crosses x 111		£1,065.60	£34,655.18	£177.60	257701847
18/08/2025	DD	BT Wifi		£48.17	£34,607.01		
19/08/2025	DD	Eon Next		£46.95	£34,560.06	£2.24	559097889
19/08/2025	DD	Eon Next		£22.34	£34,537.72	£1.06	559097889
01/09/2025	SO	Domestic - L Lord		£88.00	£34,449.72		
01/09/2025	SO	Telephone & broadband		£30.00	£34,419.72		
08/09/2025	DD	Anglian Water		£84.81	£34,334.91		
11/09/2025	CR	Room use Go Sew	£212.50		£34,547.41		
16/09/2025	DD	Eon Next		£41.87	£34,505.54	£1.99	559097889
17/09/2025	DD	Eon Next		£18.23	£34,487.31	£0.87	559097889
18/09/2025	DD	BT Wifi		£48.17	£34,439.14		
29/09/2025	SO	Subscription Friends SDR		£50.00	£34,389.14		

01/10/2025	SO	Domestic - L Lord		£88.00	£34,301.14		
01/10/2025	SO	Telephone & broadband		£30.00	£34,271.14		
01/10/2025	SO	Clerk's Wage		£1,200.00	£33,071.14		
07/10/2025	BP	Donation to WA Youth AFC		£1,000.00	£32,071.14		
07/10/2025	BP	Donation to WAMCA pantomime		£1,000.00	£31,071.14		
07/10/2025	BP	Zurich Insurance		£527.76	£30,543.38		
10/10/2025	BP	Newsletters Cre8ive		£160.00	£30,383.38		
16/10/2025	DD	Eon Next		£46.91	£30,336.47	£2.23	559097889
16/10/2025	DD	Eon Next		£17.00	£30,319.47	£0.81	559097889
20/10/2025	DD	BT Wifi		£48.17	£30,271.30		
22/10/2025	SO	HMRC - PAYE		£300.00	£29,971.30		
25/10/2025	BP	County Service - boiler service		£78.00	£29,893.30		
27/10/2025	BP	Remembrance wreath		£25.00	£29,868.30		
28/10/2025	BP	Remembrance food & Monteith windows cleaned		£250.00	£29,618.30		
31/10/2025	SO	Domestic - L Lord		£88.00	£29,530.30		
03/11/2025	SO	Telephone & broadband		£30.00	£29,500.30		
08/11/2025	BP	Stationery - inl cartridges		£107.82	£29,392.48		
08/11/2025	BP	Remembrance - Ferryhill Town Band		£150.00	£29,242.48		
08/11/2025	BP	Copeland Road School Pantomime		£425.00	£28,817.48		
18/11/2025	DD	Eon Next		£47.29	£28,770.19	£2.25	559097889
18/11/2025	DD	Eon Next		£58.70	£28,711.49	£2.80	559097889
20/11/2025	DD	BT Wifi		£48.17	£28,663.32		
20/11/2025	BP	Deco - Honours board		£21.60	£28,641.72		
23/11/2025	BP	Donation to WAJFC for speaker Cllr Simpson		£100.00	£28,541.72		
28/11/2025	BP	External audit - Forvis Mazars		£378.00	£28,163.72	£63.00	839835673
28/11/2025	BP	WAMCA internal doors		£2,799.60	£25,364.12	£466.60	350235925
28/11/2025	BP	WAMCA - chimney repair, seal & fireplace removal		£2,760.00	£22,604.12	£466.00	350235925
28/11/2025	CR	WAMCA internal doors	£2,333.00		£24,937.12		
28/11/2025	CR	WAMCA chimney and fire	£2,300.00		£27,237.12		
01/12/2025	SO	Domestic - L Lord		£88.00	£27,149.12		
01/12/2025	SO	Telephone & broadband		£30.00	£27,119.12		
06/12/2025	DD	Water rates		£101.92	£27,017.20		
16/12/2025	DD	Eon Next		£47.72	£26,969.48	£2.27	559097889
16/12/2025	DD	Eon Next		£52.65	£26,916.83	£2.51	559097889
18/12/2025	DD	BT Wifi		£48.17	£26,868.66		
20/12/2025	BP	Stationery		£15.94	£26,852.72	£3.60	257701847
29/12/2025	BP	Christmas lights on lamposts and tree dressing		£2,191.02	£24,661.70	£365.17	323277122
02/01/2026	SO	Domestic - L Lord		£88.00	£24,573.70		
02/01/2026	SO	Telephone & broadband		£30.00	£24,543.70		

02/01/2026	SO	Clerk's Wage		£1,200.00	£23,343.70		
03/01/2026	CR	L Farrington Go Sew Group Contribution	£375.00		£23,718.70		
05/01/2026	CR	West Auckland WI Contribution	£120.00		£23,838.70		
19/01/2026	DD	BT GROUP PLC		£48.17	£23,790.53		
20/01/2026	BP	Seat Plaque		£20.00	£23,770.53		
20/01/2026	DD	Eon Next		£49.73	£23,720.80	£2.37	559097889
21/01/2026	DD	Eon Next		£89.09	£23,631.71	£4.24	559097889
22/01/2026	SO	HMRC PAYE		£300.00	£23,331.71		
28/01/2026	BP	Thomas Craggs West Auckland PC		£2,500.00	£20,831.71		
29/01/2026	BP	Stuart Yorke Windows		£15.00	£20,816.71		
31/01/2026	BP	Christmas lights removal from lamp posts		£1,254.00	£19,562.71	£209.00	323277122
03/02/2026	SO	Domestic - L Lord		£88.00	£19,474.71		
03/02/2026	SO	Telephone & broadband		£30.00	£19,444.71		
03/02/2026	BP	PT Powerwash - 6 bus shelters		£150.00	£19,294.71		
04/02/2026	BP	Protech Direct Pest Control		£660.00	£18,634.71	£110.00	605643943
12/02/2026	BP	ROCH NDT lamp post services		£540.00	£18,094.71	£90.00	851257234
17/02/2026	BP	G Smith Electricals HIVE		£155.99	£17,938.72	£26.00	323277122
17/02/2026	DD	Eon Next		£49.86	£17,888.86	£2.51	559097889
17/02/2026	DD	Eon Next		£45.44	£17,843.42	£2.27	559097889
18/02/2026	DD	BT Wifi		£30.02	£17,813.40		
01/03/2026	BP	Sponsor Board West Auck AFC		£550.00	£17,263.40		
01/03/2026	SO	Domestic - L Lord		£88.00	£17,175.40		
01/03/2026	SO	Telephone & broadband		£30.00	£17,145.40		
04/03/2026	DD	Anglian Water		£84.81	£17,060.59		
09/03/2026	BP	DCC Pre-Planning Application Open Space Land		£60.00	£17,000.59		
12/03/2026	BP	Website annual LJ Media		£186.00	£16,814.59		
12/03/2026	BP	Churches Fire Security Limited		£50.40	£16,764.19	£8.40	275056495
17/03/2026	DD	Eon Next		£51.25	£16,712.94	£2.44	559097889
17/03/2026	DD	Eon Next		£80.67	£16,632.27	£3.84	559097889
18/03/2026	DD	BT wifi		£37.14	£16,595.13		
31/03/2026	SO	Domestic - L Lord		£88.00	£16,507.13		
						£5,846.81	