

West Auckland Parish Council

Annual Report

May 2024

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Chairman's Report 2023-2024

The Parish Council is now in its 20th year and continually strives to make improvements to the village wherever possible. The Parish Council is proud of this year's progress and that they have managed to keep the Parish Council's precept increase on your Council Tax to zero.

This year's Parish Council initiatives include:

- The Parish Council has worked in partnership with Towns & Villages to fund the Multi-User Games area at Oakley Cross school.
- With owners, DCC permission, a reflective area has been created at the cemetery to allow friends and family of deceased without a grave somewhere peaceful to remember their loved ones. The works are now complete and the project has received some positive feedback from residents.
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- The Parish Council continues to support the Village in Bloom volunteers who have worked tirelessly throughout to maintain and improve on their flower beds and tubs.
- Support was given with a £10,000 donation to a Memorial Hall replacement roof. As Trustees, the Parish Council continue to support the Memorial Hall with the Chairman and Clerk becoming involved with renovation and management of the venue to prevent closure in May 2023.
- Christmas hampers were provided to Devonshire House and Roslyn House by the Parish Council on behalf of the residents of West Auckland.

As Chairman to the Parish Council, I wish to thank the Parish Councillors, Clerk and volunteers for the effort and commitment they've shown for the benefit of the village.

Cllr George Smith, Chairman of West Auckland Parish Council

May 2024

West Auckland Parish Council Payments & Receipts for the Year End 31 March 2024

Receipts	£	£	
Bank Balance as at 1 April 2023 B/D	£33,165.60		
Allotment Rents	£1,300.00		
Christmas Pantomime DCC Councillors	£500.00		
DCC MUGA Grant match funding	£14,000.00		
HMRC VAT Reimbursed			
LCTSS Grant	£4,116.00		
Memorial Hall Roof contribution	£1,055.63		
Memorial Hall shed contribution	£1,166.67		
Memorial Hall soffit/facias contribution	£1,893.54		
Memorial Hall ceilings x 2 contribution	£3,320.00		
Memorial Hall coffee room furniture contribution	£2,580.80		
Memorial Hall worktops contribution	£1,780.00		
Memorial Hall toilet cubicles contribution	£2,630.00		
Memorial Hall Pozidry dehumidifiers	£773.00		
Precept DCC	£23,108.87		
Reimbursed Defib pads	£539.96		
Reimbursed overpayment to Simply Stripes	£56.26		
Village in Bloom planter	£449.00		
Group Hire Fees	£1,007.30		
Total	£93,442.63		
Payments			
Allotments	£660.00		
Bank Charges	£117.00		
Bus shelter cleaning	£450.00		
BT - Monteith 4 G internet	£374.39		
Broadband & telephone line rental	£360.00		
Cemetery	£12,000.00		
Christmas hampers	£140.14		
Christmas Illuminations	£3,809.52		
Clerk's Salary (Apr 23- Mar 24)	£4,800.00	£6,000.00	Inc PAYE
Cre8tive Design - Printing	£518.84		
Defibrillators and cabinets	£1,940.47		
Domestic - Monteith	£1,056.60		
Donations to local organisations	£12,533.97		
Environment -	£658.68		
Flowers	£55.00		
Football Monument replaced spot beam light	£654.00		
HMRC- PAYE Employee tax	£1,200.00		
Insurance - Zurich	£445.40		
Internal/ HLB External Audit	£478.00		
Landscaping & bollards	£1,101.85		
Memorial Service & wreaths	£373.29		
Memorial Hall Christmas pantomime	£1,665.66		
Memorial Hall Roof materials	£1,319.54		
Memorial Hall shed	£1,400.00		
Memorial Hall Soffets & Facias	£2,272.25		
Memorial Hall celings x 2	£3,984.00		
Memorial Hall Coffee Room Furniture	£3,096.96		
Memorial Hall worktops	£2,136.00		
Memorial Hall toilet cubicles	£3,156.00		
Memorial Hall Pozidry heaters	£928.48		
MUGA Oakley Cross School	£12,957.60		
Newsletter delivery	£200.00		
E-on electricity & gas	£1,399.06		
Parish Room	£809.12		
Postage, printer inks & stationery	£272.91		
Subscription - S&D Railway	£50.00		
Subscription - ICO	£35.00		
Subscriptions - CDALC	£326.25		
Village in Bloom	£600.00		
Water Rates	£251.24		
Website Abyte & LJ Media	£206.00		
Total	£80,793.22		
Bank Reconciliation (details attached)		£12,649.41	
Cash at bank as per statement represented by:		HMRC calc	
General Fund Current Asset	£12,649.41	Income	£37,168.16
		Expenses	£74,793.22

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.
Feb-Mar 2023		Eon Next (unclaimed VAT 22-23)		£147.10		£7.15	559097889
01/04/2023		Balance BD			£33,165.60		
03/04/2023	SO	Clerk's Wage		£1,200.00	£31,965.60		
03/04/2023	SO	Telephone & broadband		£30.00	£31,935.60		
03/04/2023	BP	Cllr Simpson - Parish Room planted area		£253.08	£31,682.52		
03/04/2023	BP	Simply Social Coronation Event		£300.00	£31,382.52		
03/04/2023	BP	Boxing Club Defibrillator		£839.99	£30,542.53	£140.00	760460346
04/04/2023	BP	CCTV signs		£4.99	£30,537.54		
05/04/2023	CR	DCC Precept & Grant	£27,224.87		£57,762.41		
10/04/2023	DR	Bank charges		£8.00	£57,754.41		
12/04/2023	BP	CDALC Annual Subscription		£326.75	£57,427.66		
13/04/2023	BP	Internal Auditor Bev S		£100.00	£57,327.66		
18/04/2023	DD	Eon Next		£44.44	£57,283.22	£2.12	559097889
21/04/2023	DD	EonNext		£22.96	£57,260.26	£1.09	559097889
24/04/2023	DD	HMRC PAYE		£300.00	£56,960.26		
25/04/2023	BP	B McGregor - bus shelter windows cleaned x 6		£150.00	£56,810.26		
25/04/2023	BP	LJdigital - annual website hosting		£116.00	£56,694.26		
24/04/2023	BP	Monteith cleaning		£112.50	£56,581.76		
27/04/2023	BP	LJdigital - annual website hosting - site update		£30.00	£56,551.76		
28/04/2023	CR	Allotment rents	£1,300.00		£57,851.76		
01/05/2023	BP	Monteith cleaning		£90.00	£57,761.76		
03/05/2023	SO	Telephone & broadband		£30.00	£57,731.76		
03/05/2023	BP	Monteith garden plants		£102.35	£57,629.41		
03/05/2023	BP	MUGA Groundworks J Robinson		£8,160.00	£49,469.41	£1,360.00	605620274
04/05/2023	BP	Memorial Hall Retirement Flowers, etc		£55.00	£49,414.41		
05/05/2023	DD	Information Commission Office (ICO)		£35.00	£49,379.41		
06/05/2023	CR	Sonia Robinson - Music Playgroup	£10.00		£49,389.41		
11/05/2023	CHG	Bank charges		£8.00	£49,381.41		
18/05/2023	DD	Eon Next		£21.18	£49,360.23	£1.01	559097889
24/05/2023	DD	Eon Next		£40.64	£49,319.59	£1.94	559097889
27/05/2023	BP	Amberol - Village in Bloom		£538.80	£48,780.79	£89.80	126641675
31/05/2023	BP	Monteith cleaning		£90.00	£48,690.79		

01/06/2023	SO	Telephone & broadband		£30.00	£48,660.79		
01/06/2023	CR	Village in Bloom planter Amberol	£449.00		£49,109.79		
02/06/2023	CR	Group hire cash	£270.00		£49,379.79		
06/06/2023	CR	Playgroup hire	£10.00		£49,389.79		
10/06/2023	CHG	Bank charges		£29.00	£49,360.79		
10/06/2023	CR	Go Sew hire fees June - Dec	£300.00		£49,660.79		
13/06/2023	DD	Anglian Water		£47.12	£49,613.67		
13/06/2023	BP	West Auckland in Bloom - cemetery watering		£600.00	£49,013.67		
19/06/2023	BP	T I Mowers - lawnmower repair - N Simpson		£23.50	£48,990.17	£4.00	883055609
19/06/2023	BP	Lawnmower petrol - 2 months - N Simpson		£17.74	£48,972.43	£2.96	258366724
19/06/2023	DD	BT first wifi payment		£72.53	£48,899.90		
19/06/2023	BP	Toilet handle and cistern		£123.73	£48,776.17		
20/06/2023	BP	Eon Next		£45.49	£48,730.68	£2.17	559097889
20/06/2023	BP	Eon Next		£20.62	£48,710.06	£0.98	559097889
27/06/2023	CR	Playgroup hire	£15.00		£48,725.06		
03/07/2023	SO	Clerk's Wage		£1,200.00	£47,525.06		
03/07/2023	SO	Telephones & braodband		£30.00	£47,495.06		
06/07/2023	BP	Monteith Cleaning		£112.50	£47,382.56		
11/07/2023	CHG	Bank charges		£8.00	£47,374.56		
12/07/2023	BP	Memorial Hall Roof materials-Trav Perk		£1,319.54	£46,055.02	£263.91	408556737
13/07/2023	CR	Memorial Roof Contrubution	£1,055.63		£47,110.65		
13/07/2023	BP	Blachere- Christmas illuminations		£1,211.52	£45,899.13	£201.92	651936618
13/07/2023	BP	Amberol - stones trough planters x 2		£658.68	£45,240.45	£109.78	126641675
16/07/2023	BP	Viking Stationery- paper, envelopes & postits		£104.85	£45,135.60	£17.47	536153357
18/07/2023	DD	BT Monteith wifi		£33.54	£45,102.06		
20/07/2023	DD	Eon Next		£48.27	£45,053.79	£2.30	559097889
21/07/2023	DD	Eon Next		£18.97	£45,034.82	£0.90	559097889
21/07/2023	CR	Playgroup hire	£10.00		£45,044.82		
24/07/2023	SO	HMRC PAYE		£300.00	£44,744.82		
24/07/2023	BP	BTL Memorial Hall shed		£1,400.00	£43,344.82	£233.33	928758862
24/07/2023	BP	Memorial Hall Contribution towards shed	£1,166.67		£44,511.49		
01/08/2023	SO	Telephones & braodband		£30.00	£44,481.49		
01/08/2023	BP	LJ Digital Media - webpage security update		£60.00	£44,421.49		
02/08/2023	BP	Monteith Cleaning		£90.00	£44,331.49		
03/08/2023	BP	Kalsi Plastic facias and soffets		£2,272.25	£42,059.24	£378.71	661034956
03/08/2023	BP	Memorial Hall facias and soffets	£1,893.54		£43,952.78		
10/08/2023	CHG	Bank charges		£8.00	£43,944.78		
12/08/2023	BP	Ceilings tiled Memorial Hall		£3,984.00	£39,960.78	£664.00	843123356

12/08/2023	CR	Memorial Hall contribuion to ceilings	£3,320.00		£43,280.78		
18/08/2023	DD	BT Monteith wifi		£33.54	£43,247.24		
18/09/2023	DD	Eon Next		£48.12	£43,199.12	£2.29	559097889
19/08/2023	BP	B McGregor - bus shelter windows cleaned x 6		£150.00	£43,049.12		
19/08/2023	BP	Mazars - External Audit		£378.00	£42,671.12	£63.00	839835873
22/08/2023	DD	Eon Next		£19.16	£42,651.96	£0.91	559097889
01/09/2023	SO	Telephones & broadband		£30.00	£42,621.96		
10/09/2023	CHG	Bank charges		£8.00	£42,613.96		
11/09/2023	BP	Memorial Hall Coffee Room Furniture	£2,580.80		£45,194.76		
12/09/2023	BP	Memorial Hall Coffee Room Furniture		£3,096.96	£42,097.80	£516.16	984907857
12/09/2023	DD	Anglian Water		£72.75	£42,025.05		
13/09/2023	BP	Christmas bags x 96		£31.96	£41,993.09		
13/09/2023	BP	Christmas Believe Bells x 96		£132.52	£41,860.57		
18/09/2023	DD	BT Monteith wifi		£33.54	£41,827.03		
19/09/2023	DD	Eon Next		£47.88	£41,779.15	£2.28	559097889
20/09/2023	DD	Eon Next		£19.15	£41,760.00	£0.91	559097889
27/09/2023	DD	Friends of SDR Annual Subscription		£50.00	£41,710.00		
27/09/2023	BP	Monteith cleaning		£90.00	£41,620.00		
27/09/2023	BP	Bollards x 4 Cllr Robinson		£140.00	£41,480.00		
02/10/2023	SO	Telephones & broadband		£30.00	£41,450.00		
02/10/2023	SO	Clerk's Wage		£1,200.00	£40,250.00		
03/10/2023	BP	Monteith cleaning		£112.50	£40,137.50		
04/10/2023	CR	DCC MUGA Contribution	£14,000.00		£54,137.50		
05/10/2023	BP	Zurich Insurance		£445.40	£53,692.10		
11/10/2023	CHG	Bank charges		£8.00	£53,684.10		
18/10/2023	DD	BT Monteith wifi		£33.54	£53,650.56		
18/10/2023	DD	Eon Next		£46.43	£53,604.13	£2.21	559097889
20/10/2023	BP	Pantomime chocolates		£40.11	£53,564.02		
23/10/2023	BP	Hamper bows		£8.44	£53,555.58		
23/10/2023	BP	Crea8ive Graphics - newsletters		£305.24	£53,250.34		
23/10/2023	SO	HMRC PAYE		£300.00	£52,950.34		
24/10/2023	DD	Eon Next		£19.09	£52,931.25	£0.91	559097889
29/10/2023	BP	Pantomime food boxes		£39.99	£52,891.26		
29/10/2023	BP	Pantomime stickers - Best wishes from WAPC		£12.96	£52,878.30		
29/10/2023	BP	Defibrillator pads x 3 PCLPCCP1 (returned 1/11)		£539.96	£52,338.34		
30/10/2023	BP	120 crosses and 3 wreaths		£180.00	£52,158.34		
31/10/2023	BP	Lest we forget flag		£6.55	£52,151.79		
02/11/2023	BP	Postage to return defib pads - wrong item rec.		£12.15	£52,139.64		

02/11/2023	SO	Telephones & broadband		£30.00	£52,109.64		
02/11/2023	BP	Monteith cleaning		£90.00	£52,019.64		
02/11/2023	BP	Replacement defib pads		£338.36	£51,681.28	£56.39	827639788
04/11/2023	BP	Reimbursed defib pads	£539.96		£52,221.24		
07/11/2023	BP	Dunhouse Quarry Cemetery Stone		£840.00	£51,381.24	£140.00	258705927
10/11/2023	BP	Bank charges		£8.00	£51,373.24		
10/11/2023	BP	Remembrance Food		£36.74	£51,336.50		
11/11/2023	BP	Residential home x 2 hampers supplies		£131.70	£51,204.80		
12/11/2023	BP	Ferryhill Band - Remembrance Service		£150.00	£51,054.80		
13/11/2023	BP	Boiler service and replaced loop		£157.85	£50,896.95		
14/11/2023	BP	J & S Robinson - cemetery Reflection area		£11,160.00	£39,736.95	£1,860.00	605620274
14/11/2023	BP	Scouts newsletter delivery		£100.00	£39,636.95		
17/11/2023	DD	Eon Next		£49.75	£39,587.20	£2.37	559097889
18/11/2023	BP	Costco napkins, plates, etc		£29.71	£39,557.49	£4.95	650186252
20/11/2023	BP	Dyson Hoover		£229.99	£39,327.50		
20/11/2023	BP	BT Monteith wifi		£33.54	£39,293.96		
21/11/2023	DD	Eon Next		£21.26	£39,272.70	£1.01	559097889
24/11/2023	BP	Hole punch, sellotape, etc		£48.08	£39,224.62		
24/11/2023	BP	Trevor Burns - Oakley Cross School		£4,797.60	£34,427.02	£799.60	431028734
30/11/2023	CR	DCC Pantomime - George & Rob	£500.00		£34,927.02		
01/12/2023	SO	Telephones & broadband		£30.00	£34,897.02		
01/12/2023	BP	CEF Football monument spot beam		£654.00	£34,243.02	£109.00	243901868
03/12/2023	BP	Pantomime including £500 from DCC councillors		£1,250.00	£32,993.02		
04/12/2023	BP	Monteith cleaning		£90.00	£32,903.02		
06/12/2023	BP	Printer ink cartridges		£119.98	£32,783.04		
07/12/2023	BP	G Smith Electrical - Christmas lights		£1,782.00	£31,001.04	£297.00	323277122
11/12/2023	CHG	Bank charges		£8.00	£30,993.04		
13/12/2023	BP	B McGregor Bus shelter windows		£150.00	£30,843.04		
13/12/2023	DD	Anglian Water		£67.00	£30,776.04		
19/12/2023	DD	Eon Next		£58.70	£30,717.34	£2.80	559097889
19/12/2023	DD	BT Monteith wifi		£33.54	£30,683.80		
21/12/2023	DD	Eon Next		£22.30	£30,661.50	£1.06	559097889
22/12/2023	BP	Monteith Cleaning		£90.00	£30,571.50		
30/12/2023	BP	Believe Bells payment made in error-refund requested		£56.26	£30,515.24		
30/12/2023	BP	Believe Bells x 48 (for 2024 Panto)		£56.26	£30,458.98		
02/01/2024	SO	Telephones & broadband		£30.00	£30,428.98		
02/01/2024	SO	Clerk's Wage		£1,200.00	£29,228.98		

09/01/2024	BP	G Smith Electrical - Christmas lights down		£816.00	£28,412.98	£136.00	323277122
10/01/2024	CHG	Bank charges		£8.00	£28,404.98		
16/01/2024	CR	Reimbursed over payment - Simply Stripes	£56.26		£28,461.24		
18/01/2024	DD	BT Monteith wifi		£33.54	£28,427.70		
19/01/2024	DD	Eon Next		£50.69	£28,377.01	£2.41	559097889
22/01/2024	SO	HMRC PAYE		£300.00	£28,077.01		
23/01/2024	DD	Eon Next		£616.76	£27,460.25	£102.79	559097889
30/01/2024	BP	Monteith Cleaning		£90.00	£27,370.25		
31/01/2024	BP	Allotments Pest Control		£660.00	£26,710.25		605643943
01/02/2024	BP	AO.com donated to WAMCA		£1,393.98	£25,316.27	£232.33	945698169
01/02/2024	SO	Telephones & broadband		£30.00	£25,286.27		
10/02/2024	CHG	Bank charges		£8.00	£25,278.27		
16/02/2024	BP	BA Worktops for WAMCA		£2,136.00	£23,142.27	£356.00	839084403
19/02/2024	BP	BT wifi		£33.54	£23,108.73		
16/02/2024	BP	Memorial Hall worktops	£1,780.00		£24,888.73		
19/02/2024	BP	Atlas Inv 9787		£3,156.00	£21,732.73	£526.00	764373314
19/02/2024	BP	Memorial Hall toilet cubicles	£2,630.00		£24,362.73		
19/02/2024	BP	Heartsine Defibrillator		£1,050.00	£23,312.73	£175.00	827639788
25/02/2024	BP	Eon Next		£55.29	£23,257.44	£2.63	559097889
27/02/2024	CR	Memorial Hall Pozidry heaters x2	£773.90		£24,031.34		
27/02/2024	BP	CEF Pozidry Pro Heaters x 2 WAMCA		£928.48	£23,102.86	£154.78	243901868
01/03/2024	SO	Telephones & broadband		£30.00	£23,072.86		
01/03/2024	BP	Scouts - Newsletter delivery		£100.00	£22,972.86		
01/03/2024	BP	Crea8ive Graphics - newsletters		£213.60	£22,759.26		
05/03/2024	CR	Go Sew hire fees - extra hours	£55.00		£22,814.26		
06/03/2024	BP	Food boxes - panto 2024		£45.60	£22,768.66		
11/03/2024	BP	Monteith cleaning		£112.50	£22,656.16		
12/03/2024	CHG	Bank charges		£8.00	£22,648.16		
12/03/2024	BP	Peterlee Fire - extinguisher checks		£48.00	£22,600.16	£8.00	225730718
15/02/2024	DD	Anglian Water		£64.37	£22,535.79		
17/03/2024	BP	Cllr Simpson - Parish Room& VIB plants		£128.23	£22,407.56	£21.39	633567434
18/03/2024	DD	BT wifi		£33.54	£22,374.02		
18/03/2024	CR	Groups donations deposit	£337.30		£22,711.32		
19/03/2024	DD	Eon Next		£61.91	£22,649.41	£2.95	559097889
29/03/2024	DR	Donation towards Memorial Hall roof		£10,000.00	£12,649.41		

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