

Barton Bendish Parish Council
ANNUAL RETURN - Section 2 : Statement of Accounts

Explanation of variances

This is prepared based on information in "Governance and Accountability for Local Councils : a Practitioner's Guide"

Important note: These figures have been prepared on a RECEIPTS and PAYMENTS basis.

Box No.	Description	31/03/2024 £	31/03/2025 £	Variance £	Variance %	Explanation Required?	Notes
1	Balances brought fwd	14684.45	12530.52				BALANCE B/F AGREES
2	Annual precept	5443.00	5900.00	457.00	8%	No	
3	Total other receipts	679.74	453.07	-226.67	33%	Yes	2023-24 - VAT reclaimed was higher than usual £319.74, reason new laptop
4	Staff Costs	3420.90	3755.31	334.41	10%	No	
5	Loan interest/capital repayments	0.00	0.00	0.00	0%	No	
6	Total other payments	4855.77	2649.07	-2206.70	45%	Yes	2023-24 - Village gateways purchased £1,789.36 and locum staff costs £1,244.00
7	Balances carried forward	12530.52	12479.21	-51.31	0%	No	
8	Total Cash and Short Term Investments	12530.52	12479.21	-51.31	0%	No	
9	Total Fixed Assets and Long Term Investments	7052.00	7052.00	0.00	0%	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)