

I attach the Financial Snapshot as at 19 February 2025. During the period since my last report we have paid £240 for the remaining tree work on the Green and £200 arrears of charges for Village Hall Hire . Our current cash balances amount to £7291 . We have just purchased 4 Saddle stones for use on the Olive Hill track verges amounting to £600 and we have now billed the Village Hall Rental charge ,as reviewed , of £100 for the present year . There is a substantial recovery of VAT to claim of around £1100. In light of the underspend on the Oxfordshire Lay By and delay in upgrading to our administrative capabilities we are holding £2500 in contingency funds . These less any VAT yet to be recovered will fall into reserves at the year end but will be earmarked to deal with the hang-over from long-term issues in 2025/6.

A precept of £7065 for 25/26 has been applied for being £79.12 at band D, a 2% increase on 2024/25.