

**DRAFT Minutes of Newton Annual Parish Assembly
held on Wednesday 29th April 2026 at Newton Village Hall**

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Those Present

Paul Presland	-	Chairman
Lee Parker	-	Babergh District Councillor
James Finch	-	Suffolk County Councillor
Dave Crimmin	-	Parish Clerk

19 residents, registered as local government electors in Newton.

2026/01 Welcome

The Chairman welcomed both guests and residents to Newton's 132nd Annual Parish Assembly.

2026/02 Apologies

No apologies received.

2026/03 Minutes

The minutes of the Assembly held on the 30th April 2025 were agreed by those present and the Chairman signed the minutes.

2026/04 Suffolk County Council Report

James Finch gave the Suffolk County Council report.

➤ **Suffolk County Council brought all 45 libraries back under its care and control.**

The decision, made at the Cabinet meeting, ensured continued access to high-quality, community-focused library services across the county. As part of this move, the council:

- Kept all 45 libraries open
- Maintained opening hours
- Created job security for all frontline staff
- Secure a sustainable future for Suffolk's library services

In addition to continuing its core library services, the council is invested £200,000 in mobile libraries, with a further £157,000 for new books and to replace public computers in libraries across Suffolk.

➤ **£8m funding for Bus Service improvements in March 25**

The funding from the Department of Transport's Local Authority Bus Grant can be used to create new bus services or enhance existing routes.

Following on from previous grants from the Department for Transport to improve bus services, totalling £3.7m of revenue funding between 2023 and 2025, the new grant announced in March comprises of:

- £2,805,076 revenue for delivering new or enhanced services.
- £5,229,805 capital for new and improved bus stops, bus stations, bus priority measures or vehicle upgrades.

Signed..... Dated.....

➤ **In addition, Suffolk secured nearly £27 million bus funding over three years in October :**

Millions of pounds of investment is to take place in Suffolk’s bus network over three years following allocation of Government funding. Services, ticketing, and infrastructure will all benefit under the package worth nearly £27 million between 2026 and 2029.

Suffolk County Council will receive a total of £26,813760 under the Local Authority Bus Grant (LABG). This funding will enable the continuation and expansion of new and improved services introduced over the past two years through LABG support and its predecessor, the Bus Services Improvement Grant (BSIP), many of which were shaped by community feedback.

Suffolk will receive:

- 2026/27 - £8,849,119;
- 2027/28 - £8,937,920;
- 2028/29 - £9,026,721

➤ **On 2nd October, Councillors approved a historic devolution deal, paving the way for major investment for Suffolk**

Suffolk County Council’s cabinet has voted in favour of creating a new mayoral authority for Norfolk and Suffolk - which will bring £1 billion to the counties in the next 30 years - following overwhelming support from councillors earlier today (Thursday 2 October).

The investment fund would enable the new mayor to support a wide range of long-term, locally-driven projects that will boost economic growth, improve infrastructure and enhance the quality of life for residents. This could include transport infrastructure, housing and education and skills.

The new mayoral combined county authority (MCCA) would have access to a starting annual investment fund of £37.4 million - funded by the government. This is in addition to devolved funding from Whitehall to deliver public services. Later in the year this was postponed to start from April 2028.

➤ **The Department for Education acknowledges progress - and sets clear expectations for Suffolk’s continued SEND improvement.**

In a stocktake visit in January 2026, officers from the DfE reported progress in governance, quality assurance and timeliness, leadership and multi-agency working. They praised a shared commitment to improving outcomes for children and young people with Special Educational Needs and Development (SEND) and laid out a number of recommendations for further improvement.

SEND services in Suffolk are delivered in partnership by Suffolk County Council, the NHS Suffolk and North East Essex Integrated Care Board (ICB) and NHS Norfolk and Waveney ICB, the Suffolk Parent Carer Forum and education settings.

The findings of the stocktake visit were published in a letter to Suffolk County Council, and the North East Essex Integrated Care Board. You can read the letter here:

<https://www.suffolklocaloffer.org.uk/news-and-developments/improving-send-in-suffolk/inspections-and-evaluations>

The DfE also acknowledged work to clear the backlog of Education Health and Care Plans (EHCP) by January and the fact that plans will be delivered above the national average for timeliness.

➤ **Council remains opposed to pylon projects, as applications have been submitted**

Primarily, the county council maintains that offshore and undergrounding solutions should be priorities for the scheme, not 114 miles of pylons cutting through countryside, sensitive landscapes and communities in Norfolk, Suffolk, and Essex.

Previously, SCC has formally and strongly requested that National Grid pauses the Norwich to Tilbury proposals, to allow for effective consideration of offshore alternatives.

➤ **The Government has announced the outcome of Local Government Reorganisation in Suffolk**

The government has announced its decision on Local Government Reorganisation (LGR) in Suffolk in 2028, opting for three unitary authorities – despite clear evidence that this is not the best outcome for Suffolk. This is a major milestone in the future of local government in the county and reshapes how councils are structured and how services are delivered across the county.

Each of the three new unitary councils will cover their own new geographical area: West Suffolk, East Suffolk, and South Suffolk and Ipswich.

The creation of three unitary authorities for Suffolk will mean the abolition of all Suffolk's councils:

- Suffolk County Council
- East Suffolk Council
- West Suffolk Council
- Babergh and Mid Suffolk Councils
- Ipswich Borough Council

While detailed boundaries are still being finalised, the creation of three unitary councils, **West Suffolk, East Suffolk, and South Suffolk and Ipswich**, means that from May 2028 the new councils will replace the existing councils listed above. Elections for the new shadow authorities will take place in May 2027, with the new councils formally taking over responsibilities from May 2028. This transition period will enable detailed work for reorganisation to take place, and services will be delivered as usual throughout the process.

Additionally, each new authority would be responsible for the delivery of the services previously undertaken by the County Council in their specific area. The new councils would have responsibility for delivering services including waste collection, planning, adult social care, children's services, highways and more.

➤ **Suffolk 2026–2027 budget protects frontline services amid rising costs and demand**

Demand pressures, particularly in adult and children's social care, are expected to add £32.2 million to the council's costs next year. As a result, around 77 pence of every £1 the council spends will go directly towards services for people, including public health.

The remaining 23 pence in every £1 will fund all other services, such as fire and rescue, highways and waste management, alongside the staff, infrastructure and technology that support service delivery across the council.

To deliver a balanced budget, councillors approved £46.5 million of savings. These will be achieved through service improvements, more efficient ways of working, and a reduction in employer pension contributions, made possible by the strong performance of the council's pension fund. This reduction in employer contributions will not reduce employees' pension benefits.

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Councillors also agreed a 4.99% increase in the county council's share of Council Tax, comprising a 2.99% general increase for county-wide services and a further 2% Adult Social Care Precept to help meet rising care costs.

For households, this means weekly Council Tax bills will increase by £1.23 to £25.90 for a Band B property – the most common in Suffolk – and by £1.58 to £33.30 for a Band D property.

Combined with a forecast 1% increase in the taxbase, the Council Tax changes will generate an additional £27.4 million for the council in 2026/27.

Alongside day-to-day spending, councillors approved a revised three-year capital programme, reduced from four years to reflect local government reorganisation planned for 2028. The programme will continue to fund essential projects such as school expansions and infrastructure improvements, while also investing in improvements to bus services, public rights of way, and cycling and walking infrastructure.

2026/05 Babergh District Council Report

Lee Parker gave the Babergh District Council report.

This report summarises key developments and announcements published by Babergh District Council during the past municipal year. It provides parish councils and residents with a brief overview of district-level activity which may affect local communities.

APRIL 2025

The Government consultation on Norfolk and Suffolk devolution proposals concluded. The consultation explored the creation of a Mayoral Combined County Authority covering both counties, transferring certain powers from central government to a regional authority. Babergh and Mid Suffolk District Councils considered their responses through Full Council meetings.

MAY 2025

Consultations were launched on a review of the Council's Licensing Policy and on revised Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) charging schedules. CIL is used to collect contributions from developers to fund infrastructure such as roads, community facilities and green spaces needed to support new development.

JUNE 2025

The Council approved updates to the Community Infrastructure Levy expenditure framework. This framework guides how CIL funds are prioritised and allocated to infrastructure projects across the district.

JULY 2025

Consultations continued on the revised Licensing Policy and proposed CIL charging rates, allowing residents and organisations to comment on the proposed changes.

AUGUST 2025

The five district and borough councils in Suffolk jointly launched the 'Three Councils for Suffolk' proposal for local government reorganisation, proposing three new unitary councils replacing the current two-tier structure.

Signed..... Dated.....

SEPTEMBER 2025

Work continued on the review of the Joint Local Plan with Mid Suffolk District Council. Evidence documents including the Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment identified potential sites submitted for possible future development.

OCTOBER 2025

A Schools Green Skills Summit brought together students from across Suffolk to debate climate change and sustainability challenges while promoting green careers.

NOVEMBER 2025

The Hitcham Neighbourhood Development Plan was formally adopted following a successful referendum. Neighbourhood plans form part of the statutory development plan and guide planning decisions locally.

DECEMBER 2025

Residents were encouraged to apply for Warm Homes Suffolk funding to improve home energy efficiency, including insulation, solar panels and heat pumps.

JANUARY 2026

The councils called on Government to strengthen regulation governing the spreading of sewage sludge on farmland due to environmental concerns. Babergh and Mid Suffolk also supported Ipswich's bid to become UK City of Culture 2029.

FEBRUARY 2026 – COUNCIL BUDGET 2026/27

In February 2026 Babergh District Council approved its 2026/27 budget, designed to maintain key services while responding to continuing financial pressures facing local government.

Council agreed a 2.99% increase to the Babergh element of Council Tax, which is the maximum increase permitted without a local referendum.

For a Band D property the Babergh portion of Council Tax will increase from £193.73 to £199.52 per year – an increase of £5.79 annually, equivalent to approximately 11p per week.

District councils receive less than 10% of the total council tax bill, with the majority going to Suffolk County Council, the Police and Crime Commissioner, and town and parish councils.

MARCH 2026

Plans progressed to deliver a new café and toilet facilities at Belle Vue Park in Sudbury as part of wider park improvements. Work also continued on the Community Governance Review which considers parish boundaries and governance arrangements.

CONCLUSION

Over the past year Babergh District Council has continued work on planning policy, environmental initiatives, community funding programmes and preparations for potential local government reorganisation in Suffolk. The Council remains committed to working closely with town and parish councils to support strong local communities.

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2026/06 Chairman's Report

The Chairman delivered the Annual Report on behalf of the Parish Council.

Another very busy year for our Parish Council.

Despite operating with only 6 councillors for most of the year, the Council achieved the majority of its targets. This has been possible because the Councillors worked as a team, as always took their responsibilities extremely seriously and focused on tasks set out in our Parish Infrastructure and Investment Plan and our current Neighbourhood Plan. Chair pleased to announce that at our April meeting we welcomed a new Councillor to the team Rebecca Major.

Councillors are looking forward to working with her and for her new perspectives.

Chair thanked District Councillor Parker for the guidance he has provided, for his insightful monthly reports and for supporting NPC's ambitions and projects.

Chair also extended special thanks to our County Councillor James Finch. For 17 years, he has provided informative perspectives on Suffolk matters. Always passionate about representing everybody in his constituency, it was a pleasure to welcome him to our meetings. Sadly, this will be James' last meeting and we wish him a very happy retirement.

Chair highlighted that our very experienced Clerk, Dave Crimmin continued to provide Councillors with expert guidance and direction. Thoroughly professional at all times, Dave's clerking skills are of the highest level. In the last twelve months he and James have worked tirelessly to secure the commitment from several different stakeholders and identifying different funding streams for our new crossing.

I am extremely pleased to announce that we have now secured the 330k necessary to install a crossing on the A134. This has been on the villagers' wish list for over 25 years. This will make crossing this incredibly busy road so much safer. I hope villagers will agree with me that this is an amazing achievement.

Planning applications

Our Neighbourhood Plan has been a very important document over the past 12 months. Councillors used it to evaluate every planning application received which helped them to make their decisions. Likewise, Babergh/ mid Suffolk refer to our Plan when they make their planning decisions relating to Newton.

Newton NP. Review.

With the Government's drive to build more houses in the UK, and revisions to the NPF it came as no surprise when Babergh/ Mid Suffolk informed the NPC that between now and 2045 approximately 80 new dwellings would need to be built in Newton. In response to this news and guided by further advice from Babergh, the Parish Council decided to start reviewing its current NNP to ensure it meets the new legislation. A working party of 7 villagers has been formed and initial meetings have taken place. Two Councillors sit on the group and they will report back to the Council every month. Dialogue with our community is key to this process and the group will regularly communicate with villagers to get their views on various topics. At the end of March, we held a very well attended public meeting to discuss Babergh's recent Call for Sites and to gather views about how our village might develop in the future without losing its special character.

Sale of Saracens Head.

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A special meeting was held in March to discuss the sale of the Saracens Head. Registered as a community asset by the village, the pub has been a landmark since the 1850's. Without exception villagers supported the view that they would like the pub to be sold as a going concern and to remain a place where food and drink was served. Unfortunately, at present the pub remains up for sale.

Our recreational facilities on the playing field continue to be well used and our maintenance programme keeps the equipment in good condition.

Maintaining and Protecting Diversity of species across our Green Spaces.

Councillors have been liaising with the Trust and villagers to ensure this remains a priority for the village. The highlight so far is the regeneration of the Saracen's Pond and Trust's plan to restore the remaining ponds as soon as is practicable. More of that from the Trust in their annual report.

The chair thanked all villagers who helped with our March litter pick. A vote of thanks should also be given to villagers who regularly help to keep our village free of litter.

Finally, a huge thank you to all our volunteers who run clubs, sit on committees and organise many different activities. Our community is definitely a much better place to live in because of the time you give so generously.

2026/07 Newton Green Trust

Phil Taylor gave the NGT update on the ponds maintenance programme, the donation of £80,000 towards the Walking Infrastructure project and the finalization of all the easements relating to the Green.

2026/08 Parish Assembly's Newton Green Trust Representative

Shona Shipp was unanimously elected as the Parish Assembly's Newton Green Trust representative.

2026/09i Village Hall

Alan Vince gave the Village Hall report.

Having given up most of my responsibilities on the Village Hall committee I didn't think I would be making this report this year. However I was persuaded to stay on as chairman so I've still got the job.

The accounts prepared by Fergie are there for your perusal; by the time of this meeting they should have been audited. Fergie has done a grand job as treasurer, but unfortunately has had to relinquish the post for personal reasons. I would like to express my thanks to him for all his efforts, and also to welcome Richard Anthony who has agreed to take over as treasurer.

Alongside everything else that she does, Janet has taken on the village hall bookings and has updated the system which is running very smoothly. Thank you Janet.

Income from lettings was up slightly for the year, and after expenses a surplus of £3347 was made. The cost of electricity was high because of catching up on the previous year's problems. Following Santander closing our bank account last year we resorted to the ombudsman who awarded us £300 compensation. There have been various expenses incurred on maintaining the village hall including replacing some of the heaters and carrying out redecorations.

We had hoped to progress the project to have the car park resurfaced with tarmac, but because of all the red tape involved and the need to do some substantial fundraising we have had to abandon this for the time being.

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Newton Fireside Club continues to be supported within the community having a total membership of 28 villagers with 25 actively contributing to our club and joining in activities.

We generally have between 6-8 sessions each term with subs of £25 being collected termly, however, members can pay for individual attendance at meetings as can any visiting guests. Charges vary between £5 and £10 depending on the activity.

We endeavour to provide a stimulating and varied programme of events and this year we have had interesting talks on medical detection dogs, the history, renovation and maintenance of Marks Hall and the story of Lavendar Blue wool.

Unfortunately, we have had to cancel the film shows due to licencing costs which has given Dave a reprieve from helping with the technical side of things but adversely given the committee a headache of providing other cost friendly activities.

We enjoyed a boat ride to the Henny Swan in the summer for our end of year celebratory meal. During this year we have also enjoyed a Christmas meal and fish and chips lunch at the golf club along with various lunches held in the village hall. Any food related activity is very popular and there is always hot drinks, snacks and cakes which are provided by our members.

Our major fundraising events this year was a coffee morning last May and the Open Gardens Day where club members ran the refreshments 'concession' and supplied many of the cakes enjoyed by the numerous visitors.

The club is in a fair financial position at present and we hope to continue to provide a varied programme of activities for all our members.

2026/10 Questions to the Chair

the issue of bus shelter cleanliness was raised.

The meeting closed at 8.55 pm.

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**Newton Parish Council
STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS**

	RECEIPTS	PAYMENTS
Opening Balance		
Balance at Bank	37,365.79	
Cash in Hand		
Precept Demand	26,479.94	
CIL Receipts	17,915.75	
Footpath Cutting Grant	213.00	
SCC Locality		
BDC Locality		
Other Grants		
Glass	315.52	
Paper	53.30	
Textiles	192.00	
Bank Interest	905.87	
Allotment Rent	135.00	
Other Income		
Net Salary		10,313.64
Clerk Tax		2,578.20
Clerk NI		
Clerk Pension		
Employers NI		1,183.77
Employers Pension		
Clerk WFHA		312.00
Bank Service Charge		88.00
Office Expenses		582.07
Mileage Costs		
Election Costs		
Audit Fees		430.00
Insurance		1,739.51
Refreshments		77.09
Village Hall Hire		405.00
Training Costs		
SALC		294.59
Community Action Suffolk		
SLCC		190.00
ICO		47.00
Asset Purchases		
Asset Maintenance		
Litter, Dog & Grit Bin Maintenance		
Footpath Grass Maintenance		450.00
War Memorial Hedging Maintenance		100.00
Village Sign Hedging Maintenance		100.00
Christmas Parcels		100.00

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STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS**

	RECEIPTS	PAYMENTS
RBL Poppy Day	100.00	
Software Licences	757.57	
Website Hosting	55.00	
Email Hosting	42.00	
Domain Registration	72.00	
Laptop Maintenance	73.00	
Revenue Costs		
Community Warden Hours	682.50	
Community Warden Mileage Costs	50.70	
Community Warden Installation Costs		
Play Equipment Inspection	152.00	
Play Equipment Maintenance		
MUGA Maintenance		
Forever Fitness Maintenance	395.00	
Litter & Dog Bin Emptying	1,245.00	
Recreation Ground Grass & Hedge Main	540.00	
Dog Poop Bag Consumables	275.00	
Defibrillator Consumables		
SID Maintenance	159.92	
Allotments Maintenance	500.00	
Other Donations	718.00	
Legal Costs		
VAT Refund		
War Memorial Maintenance		
War Memorial		
Donation to Village Hall		
CIL Expenditure	3,158.83	
VAT	2,579.49	1,523.52
	48,789.87	29,490.91
Closing Balances:		
Balances in Bank Account		56,664.75
Cash in Hand		
TOTAL	86,155.66	86,155.66

The above statement represents fairly the financial position of the council as at 31 Mar 2026

Signed _____
Responsible Financial Officer

Date _____

Full NPC accounts can be found at www.newton-pc.gov.uk

Signed..... Dated.....

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Newton Green Trust

Registered Charity No 271085

Receipts & Payments Accounts as at 31st March 2026

	2025/26	2024/25
RECEIPTS		
COIF Interest	£1,330.17	£1,143.18
Bank Interest	£3,644.82	£0.00
NGGC Licence Fee	£33,210.95	£31,863.80
Parking Licence Fees	£250.00	£0.00
Easement Fees	£4,302.40	£200,000.00
Wayleave	£150.00	£0.00
Other Donations	<u>£0.00</u>	<u>£0.00</u>
	£42,888.34	£233,006.98
PAYMENTS		
Maintenance	£3,005.74	£1,122.00
Insurance	£845.40	£308.00
Donations	£450.00	£7,290.00
Christmas Parcels	£170.80	£66.43
Village Hall Hire	£95.00	£145.00
Bank Charges	£73.00	£71.40
Legal Fees	£0.00	£784.14
Professional Fees	£280.00	£930.00
Miscellaneous	<u>£0.00</u>	<u>£0.00</u>
	<u>£4,919.94</u>	<u>£10,716.97</u>
Surplus / Loss for year	<u><u>£37,968.40</u></u>	<u><u>£222,290.01</u></u>
Unity Trust Current Account		
Represented by Statement	£23,856.78	£241,163.37
Plus unbanked cheques / cash	£0.00	£0.00
Less unrepresented cheques	<u>£0.00</u>	<u>£0.00</u>
	£23,856.78	£241,163.37
Balance Sheet as at		
	31/03/26	31/03/25
Assets		
Freehold land at cost		
Village Green Sports Field	£7,670.34	£7,670.34
Investments & Bank		
CCLA COIF Account	£50,849.54	£24,219.37
Unity Trust Current Account	£23,856.78	£241,163.37
Unity Trust Fixed Term 6 months	£90,000.00	
Cambridge & Counties Bank	£120,000.00	
Unity Trust Savings Account	<u>£18,644.82</u>	
	<u><u>£311,021.48</u></u>	<u><u>£273,053.08</u></u>
Represented by		
Funds as at 31st March 2025	£273,053.08	£50,763.07
Surplus / Loss for year	37,968.40	222,290.01
	<u><u>£311,021.48</u></u>	<u><u>£273,053.08</u></u>

The above statement represents fairly the financial position of the Charity as at 31st March 2026 and reflects its receipts and payments during the year.

Signed:
Chairman

Date:

Signed:
Treasurer

Dave Curran

Date: 6th April 2026

Signed..... Dated.....

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NEWTON GREEN VILLAGE HALL

Income & Expenditure Account for the Year to 31 March 2026

INCOME

Lettings	£ 12,338	
Donations from Events	£ 2,177	
Deposit Interest	£ 656	
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Total Income		£ 15,171

EXPENDITURE

Electricity	£ 2,015	
Cleaning	£ 2,287	
Rates & Water	£ 765	
Insurance	£ 914	
Repairs	£ 4,271	
Other Services	£ 1,209	
Phone / WiFi	£ 363	
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Total Expenditure		£ 11,824

NET SURPLUS FOR YEAR

£ 3,347

Movement in Funds

		<u>Cash</u>	<u>Bank</u>	<u>Deposit</u>	<u>Total</u>
Opening Balances	01-Apr-25	£ 285	£ 5,545	£ 16,155	£ 21,985
Income/Expend in Year		-£ 285	£ 2,976		
Interest Received				£ 656	
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Closing Balances	31-Mar-26	£ -	£ 8,521	£ 16,811	£ 25,332

These Accounts have been prepared by me and are a true record of the transactions of Newton Village Hall for the year to 31 March 2026

Signed _____ G G FERGUSON Treasurer

Date _____

These Accounts for Newton Village Hall for the Year to 31 March 2026 have been audited and found to be correct.

Signed _____ Heather Heelis for Heelis & Lodge

Date _____

Newton Charities Accounts

NEWTON CHARITIES ACCOUNTS YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2025

An account of the William Alston Charity in the Parish of Newton for the year ended 31st December 2025, to be presented at the Annual Parish Assembly to be held on 29th April 2026

RECEIPTS			EXPENDITURE	
Balance b/f:			Flowers etc	188.38
Cash	20.59		Christmas Parcels	100.00
Natwest Bank	812.28	832.87		
Donation Newton Parish Council	100.00		Monies Distributed	230.00
Donation Newton Trust	200.00			
4 x Quarterly dividend COIF	315.55			
Coffee Morning	110.50		Cash in hand	16.12
			Natwest Bank Balance	1024.42
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		1558.92		1558.92
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The current capital of the Charity is represented by 556.18 units in C.O.I.F is £10,746.45

Approved by the trustees on 15th April 2026



JANET TAYLOR 15-4-26



ELIZABETH DEVLIN 15.4.26




SUSAN PRESLAND 15-4-26

Countersigned

Date: 29/4/26

Chair of Newton Parish Council



NEWTON P C C : Annual Accounts for Year to 31 December 2025

Management Commentary

Income

The 2025 total income of £7,472 exceeded the previous year by £1,861. This improvement came partly from the new sources of Open Gardens and Gift Aid Tax reclaim and partly from higher interest receipts generated by deposit balances.

Expenditure

Excluding Parish Share, overall expenses in 2025 amounted to £7,444, representing a reduction of £645 on the previous year.

Within expenditure, the apparent fall in 2025 Church expenses is explained by the previous year having borne the exceptional cost of engraving the notice board with the Rector's name. No equivalent cost arises in 2025.

Electricity was well down on the previous year's figure thanks to a refund from the supplier and to the impact of a new tariff.

The 2025 year carries the exceptional £965 cost of the Vestry upgrade.

Local Surplus / Parish Share

Notably, the 2025 Income & Expenditure Account, after local expenses, generated a small surplus of £28. With that point being close break-even, almost all of the Parish Share charge falls to the bottom line, explaining most of the total £8,686 deficit for 2025 year.

Balance Sheet

The year's deficit causes the end-2025 Bank Balances to fall compared to the opening position.

The insurance premium was paid after the year-end, and so the necessary adjustment to 2025 costs creates a rise in accrued charges on the Balance Sheet.

The end-2025 accumulated Bank and other balances of £58,657 must be seen against the trend of continuing deficits which, despite the improvement in 2025, have averaged around £10,000 annually in recent years.

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FIRESIDE CLUB

	Income			Expenditure	
Subs/Guests	1661.89			Food and Drink	341.74
				Speakers	160
Fundraisers				Miscellaneous Items	123.64
Coffee Morning May 2025	273.50			Hire of Village Hall	395.00
Open Gardens 2025	472.60				
Raffles	99.00			Contributions to Outings	
				Boat Hire	220.00
	2506.99			Henny Swan Lunch	234.00
				Crazy Golf	153.00
				Xmas Dinner	230.00
				Fish & Chips - Jan	101.00
				Marks Hall Trip Deposit	20.00
				Sudbury Walking Tour	149.50
Petty Cash	4.85				
Bank Account @ 1.4.26.	4698.94				2127.88

END OF APPENDICES

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