



# Annual Parish Meeting

## 20 May 2025



Cllr Owen Ditch

Chairman

Ruskington Parish Council



Finance

Environment

Estate management and Planning

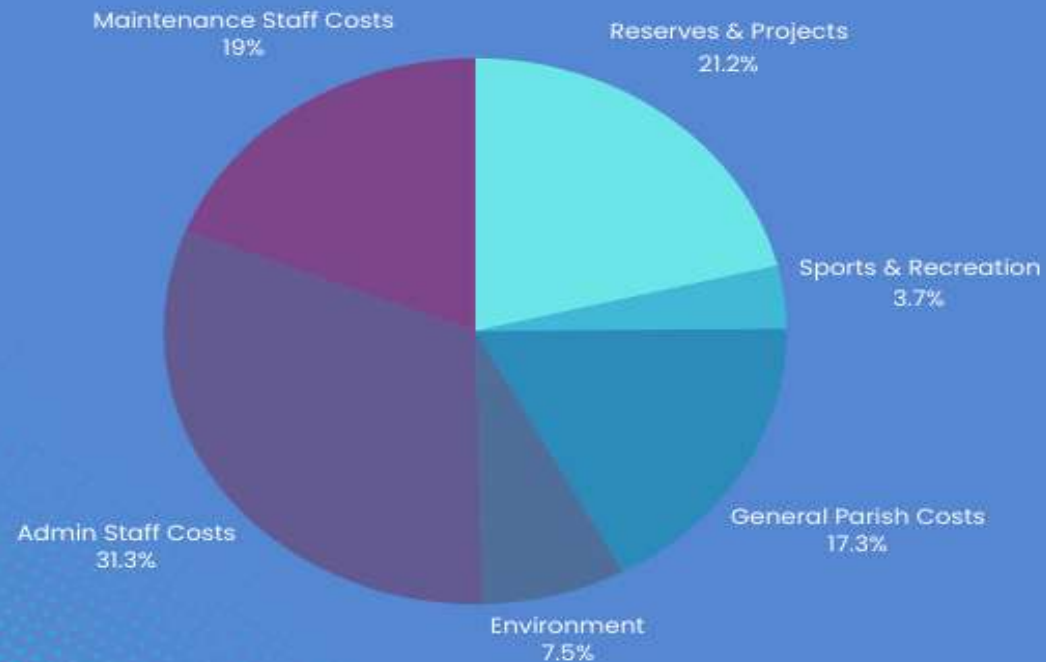
Recreation

New and Ongoing Projects



# Finance

# PARISH COUNCIL EXPENDITURE 2024-2025



## ■ Total Income £304,599

**Reserves & Projects:** Includes solar panels at Pavilion, Horseshoe Hollow bridge, part of the office refurbishment, toilet and office roof repairs, guttering for office and Pavilion.  
**£73,106**

**Sports & Recreation:** Including Pavilion, Changing Rooms & all play areas.  
**£12,828**

**General Parish Costs:** Including admin, audit, van costs, training and finance costs.  
**£59,728**

**Environment:** Including Horseshoe Hollow, allotments, cemetery & public toilets.  
**£25,802**

**Admin Staff Costs: £108,328**

**Maintenance Staff Costs: £65,833**

## ■ Total Expenditure £345,626

## **Grants and Donations**

### **Received in 2024-25**

CIL - £9149

LCC Grass Cutting Contribution - £4382

NDKC Litter Picking Grant - £1254

St Georges Academy – Flood Initiative Donation - £429

Planter Sponsorship - £171

Virgin Media – Christmas Lights - £500

Lottery Heritage Funding – Lychgate Renovation - £12,536

Total - £28,421

Other donations received include 60 paving slabs, Christmas lights, 1000 daffodil bulbs, various free trees and hedging.

## Budgeted Income and Expenditure for 25-26

Expenditure: £311,724

Income: £16,691

Precept: £295,033

Increase in precept of 5.29% which equates to £8.17 per year / 68p per month on a Band D property



# Environmental Issues



# Horseshoe Hollow

## What is Horseshow hollow?

This area is a seasonally flooded water meadow. By letting the beck flood here in winter, we reduce the risk of flooding elsewhere in the village.

## Making space for nature and people

This green space at the heart of our village provides access to natural areas for the community to enjoy. With careful management, we hope to encourage more wildlife to use this space too.

## Encouraging biodiversity

A range of habitats will provide homes for lots of different plants and animals. These include:

1. Hedgerows and areas of 'scrub'
2. Wildflower meadows
3. The beck and its margins
4. Woodland

### Woodland

Growing trees lock up carbon and provide roosting sites for birds and bats. A mature oak tree can support over 2300 species!

**What are we doing?** We are planting extra trees in the woodland areas and maintaining a walkway through them. We will create an interactive trail with information for the different tree species.



### Hedgerows and areas of 'scrub'

Hedges, scrub and tussocky grasses will provide shelter for small mammals, reptiles and birds. Hundreds of rare species of plants insects and birds in the UK rely on this habitat.

**What are we doing?** The hedges will be thickened by extra planting, while the scrub and tussocky grasses will develop naturally. These areas will only be cut every few years.



### Wildflower meadows

The UK has lost over 95% of its wildflower meadows, which provide homes for rare plants, support a huge variety of insects and attract insect-feeding mammals, reptiles, birds and bats.

**What are we doing?** We are only moving twice a year and removing the cuttings to reduce the vigorous grasses, making space for wildflowers.

### The beck and its margins

The limestone beck is home to water voles, which are an endangered species and protected by law. It also has water plants such as yellow flag iris and wetland margin species, such as ragged robin.

**What are we doing?** We are reducing access to the banks of the beck, allowing the plants to grow to provide food and shelter for the water voles.



# A look Back to October 2023







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# New Bridge over the Beck at Horseshoe Hollow

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# Future Plans for Horseshoe Hollow

- New Fences at all Entrances
- Ongoing Investigations to improve Flood Water Holding Capability
- Seeking Approval from NKDC for Nature Reserve Status
- Ambitions to become Green Flag Designated

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# Other Environment Initiatives

- Maintaining and further developing the Environment Management Plan
- Implementing an Ash Dieback Action Plan
- Ensuring all RPC Sponsored Projects meet or exceed the minimum Biodiversity Net Gain Criteria

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# St George's Academy Year 7 to 10 Students do their Bit for the Flood Effort







# Recreational Issues

# Parkfield Pavilion

North





# New Parish Office 7-9 High Street North



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# New Village Signs





# Dog Poo Poster Competition



# Refurbishment for the Cemetery Lychgate







# Future Projects



# Any Questions?