

Stanton Upon Hine Heath 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	31/03/2025 £	31/03/2026 £	Variance £	Variance %	Explanation Required?	Notes
1	Balances brought fwd	30394.28	31340.12				BALANCE B/F AGREES
2	Annual precept	11910.00	12300.00	390.00	3%	No	
3	Total other receipts	1200.41	5340.48	4140.07	345%	Yes	We have received a donation of £1383 from the newsletter and £3589 from the County Community Infrastructure Levy.
4	Staff Costs	3960.00	4550.00	590.00	15%	No	
5	Loan interest/capital repayments	0.00	0.00	0.00	0%	No	
6	Total other payments	8204.57	5706.66	-2497.91	30%	Yes	In 2024/25 we had engaged the services of a web provider to design and manage a new website. In 2025/26 we only had the management fee to fund.
7	Balances carried forward	31340.12	38723.94	7383.82	24%	Yes	The additional income of £1383 (newsletter) and £3589 (CIL) plus the additional earmarked reserves £2400 is included in the higher balance to be carried forward.
8	Total Cash and Short Term Investments	31340.12	38723.94	7383.82	24%	Yes	The additional income of £1383 (newsletter) and £3589 (CIL) plus the additional earmarked reserves £2400 is included in the higher balance to be carried forward.
9	Total Fixed Assets and Long Term Investments	18281.59	18281.59	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

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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)