

**Hemingford Abbots Parish Council
Local Councils in England Annual Return
for the year ended 31st March 2016**

Explanation of Variances

Year Ended 31st March	2015	2016
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Total Box 3	5,285	7,021
<p><i>An increase in Other Income has arised due to the increased Community Infrastructure Levy received this year from HDC of £5,865.79 (2014/15 £2732.76) and the overall increase is less due a decrease in the VAT refunded, recycling credit, and interest received in the year compared to 2014/15.</i></p>		

Total Box 6	9,599	19,288
<p><i>Costs for 2015-16 have increased because:</i></p> <p><i>CIL Reserves and income has been spent on 2 vehicles activated signs to improve highways safety.</i></p> <p><i>General Village and HA Playing Maintenance costs for 2015/16 were not not as much as incurred in 2014/15 as 2014/15 substantial playground repairs to the wetpour was required and several trees needed tree maintenance, these costs were not incurred again in 2015/16.</i></p> <p><i>Street lighting maintenance and electricity costs for 2014-15 did not include any charges for maintenance due to late invoicing by Balfour Beatty, therefore 2015-16 costs include therefore annual maintenance charges for 2014-15 & 2015-16. Also a survey of our street lights was carried out at a cost of £500 to ascertain the condition of each column/lighting unit. The net effect is an increase from 2014/15 £2,435 to 2015/6 £4,390.56.</i></p> <p><i>Website hosting and maintenance costs in 2015/16 are reduced from 2014/15 as no agency software upgrade costs were necessary this year, and the maintenance of the website now maintained by a volunteer at minimum cost. Also costs for 2015/6 Parish Magazine were not received in 2015/16. Therefore, the net effect is a reduction in costs from 2014/15 £255.48 to 2015/16 £66.59.</i></p> <p><i>Another cost incurred in 2015-16 and not in 2014/15 was a contribution to community transport within the village.</i></p> <p><i>Vat recoverable has increased due to an increase in expenditure (2014/15 £893.13 - 2015/16 £2,466.40)</i></p>		

Box 7 Total	60,238	60,526
<p><i>Hemingford Abbots Parish Council own the heritage street lamps within the village and therefore have a Lighting Sinking Fund as a provision for replacement of these units in the next few years (£46,168). Other reserves equate to £14,358 which includes a Community Infrastructure Levy earmarked Reserve of £788.</i></p>		

Total Box 9	94,108	101,918
<p><i>The value of Fixed Assets has increased due to the purchase of 2 x vehicle activated signs for the village at a cost of £7,810.</i></p>		