

**Carlton Parish Council**  
**Approved budget for 2026-27**

**Report number 2026-05**

<i>Numbers in italics are estimates</i>	Actual audited 2023-24	Actual audited 2024-25	Actual & <i>projected</i> 2025-26	<i>BUDGET</i> <i>projected</i> 2026-27	Note
<b>Brought forward at start of financial year</b>	<b>53023.96</b>	<b>55785.84</b>	<b>55608.23</b>	<b>52495.34</b>	<b>a</b>
Group funds brought forward	1045.44	2606.39	2417.97	2197.97	<b>b</b>
<b>Available funds [A]</b>	<b>51978.52</b>	<b>53179.45</b>	<b>53190.26</b>	<b>50297.37</b>	
<b>Receipts</b>					
Precept on H&BBC	8575.00	9200.00	10000.00	16000.00	<b>c</b>
VAT refunds	197.89	555.58	666.40	1220.00	
PAYE refund	14.40				
Bank interest	678.38	675.47	1100.00	900.00	<b>d</b>
Rents	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	
Fee income	650.00	250.00	666.67	522.22	<b>e</b>
Street light column testing (Hugglescote)	164.58				
Jack Patston Charitable Trust	300.00				
Book sales		74.45			
H&BBC CEGF grant for kissing gates		400.00			
H&BBC CEGF grant for noticeboard		300.00			
H&BBC CEGF grant for defibrillator			814.64		
Carlton Charity Lands grant for defibrillator			500.00		
Grants for SID unit & posts			5243.00		<b>f</b>
Grants for churchyard wall project				10000.00	<b>r</b>
<b>Total receipts [B]</b>	<b>10581.25</b>	<b>11456.50</b>	<b>18991.71</b>	<b>28643.22</b>	
<b>Total funds [A]+[B]</b>	<b>62559.77</b>	<b>64635.95</b>	<b>72181.97</b>	<b>78940.59</b>	
<b>Recurrent payments</b> <i>These figures exclude VAT</i>					
Clerk salary (gross)	1800.00	2250.00	3400.00	3400.00	<b>g</b>
Clerk's costs (excludes costs charged to groups)	559.12	829.15	650.00	650.00	<b>h</b>
Payroll administration	132.00	132.00	132.00	150.00	
Bank charges	129.00	131.00	60.00	60.00	
Cemetery & churchyard maintenance	1398.43	1440.38	1483.59	1520.68	<b>i</b>
Village greens & Little Lane maintenance	516.71	532.21	548.17	561.87	<b>i</b>
Diamond Jubilee Orchard maintenance	374.45	385.68	477.25	492.18	<b>i</b>
Toddlers Play Area annual inspection	82.50	90.25	90.25	96.50	
Toddlers play equipment maintenance	159.69	0.00	50.00	50.00	
Benches and signs maintenance	49.50	66.40	25.00	25.00	<b>j</b>
Insurance	389.17	415.17	370.50	400.00	
Internal & external audit	85.00	85.00	90.00	300.00	<b>k</b>
LRALC annual subscription	220.50	323.82	334.85	350.00	
Room hires	130.00	180.00	228.00	180.00	
s137 donation Community First Responders	250.00	250.00	250.00	250.00	<b>l</b>
ICO Data Protection Act registration	35.00	35.00	47.00	50.00	
Training	50.00	317.55	50.00	50.00	<b>m</b>
Stationery / administration / sundries	0.00	11.45	20.00	20.00	
s137 donation to PCC for Christmas event	40.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	<b>l</b>
Printing annual report	23.40	24.00	28.00	30.00	
Information kiosk electricity & maintenance	70.27	110.48	126.22	150.00	
Donation to Horticultural Show	40.00	20.00	50.00	50.00	<b>n</b>
<b>Total recurrent payments [C]</b>	<b>6534.74</b>	<b>7679.54</b>	<b>8560.83</b>	<b>8886.23</b>	

**Non-recurrent payments**

Play bark for Toddlers Play Area	1200.00		1080.00		o
CDJO gateposts	57.80				
Street light column testing	576.00				
H&BBC election charges	77.40				
Grant - church clock repair	200.00				
Planting trough for CDJO	60.00				
Pensions regulator declaration	120.00				
Reproduction lamp for church gate		365.00			
Church gate repair		80.00			
Replacement fencing in Cemetery field		1000.00			
Replacement of stile by kissing gate		747.94			
Noticeboard for Main St/Barton Rd		906.81			
Printing schedule for Horticultural Show			28.00	30.00	p
Replacement batteries for SID			175.50		
Defibrillator			1309.99		
Defibrillator sign			25.00		
Defibrillator connections			294.28		
Dog fouling signage			66.00		
HMRC penalty			100.00		
Mounting posts for SID & licence			1485.00		f
Replacement SID			4500.00		f,q
Churchyard wall architects fee			500.00		
Churchyard wall initial structural inspection			250.00		
Churchyard wall surveys			945.00		
Churchyard wall designs			1050.00		
Churchyard tree survey			295.00		
Churchyard wall rebuilding				30000.00	q,r
<b>Total non-recurrent payments [D]</b>	<b>2291.20</b>	<b>3099.75</b>	<b>12103.77</b>	<b>30030.00</b>	
<b>Total VAT on all payments</b>	<b>554.38</b>	<b>666.40</b>	<b>1220.00</b>		
<b>Total payments [C] + [D] + VAT</b>	<b>9380.32</b>	<b>11445.69</b>	<b>21884.60</b>	<b>38916.23</b>	
<b>Total funds [A]+[B] carried down</b>	62559.77	64635.95	72181.97	78940.59	
<b>Total payments [C] + [D] + VAT subtract</b>	9380.32	11445.69	21884.60	38916.23	
<b>End of year balance [E]</b>	<b>53179.45</b>	<b>53190.26</b>	<b>50297.37</b>	<b>40024.36</b>	
<b>Group funds</b>					
Carlton Footpath Group (CFG) Fund	57.01	57.01	57.01	57.01	
Carlton Gardening Group (CGG) Fund	59.67	48.85	48.85	48.85	
Keep Carlton Tidy Group (KCTG) Fund	151.53	151.53	151.53	151.53	
Parish Amenities Fund (PAF)	2338.18	2160.58	1940.58	1720.58	s
<b>Total group funds [F]</b>	<b>2606.39</b>	<b>2417.97</b>	<b>2197.97</b>	<b>1977.97</b>	
<b>Reconciliation</b>					
<b>Total funds at year end [E] + [F]</b>	<b>55785.84</b>	<b>55608.23</b>	<b>52495.34</b>	<b>42002.33</b>	t
<b>Carried forward in R&amp;P account book</b>	<b>55785.84</b>	<b>55608.23</b>			t

**Reserve funds**

Recreational land reserve	40025.00	40825.00	42000.00	29000.00	r
PC election reserve	2000.00	2000.00	2000.00	2000.00	
Contingency reserve	4000.00	4000.00	4000.00	4000.00	
Fixed Asset Fund (FAF)	5829.00	6479.90	3043.90	4043.90	o
<b>Total reserve funds [G]</b>	<b>51854.00</b>	<b>53304.90</b>	<b>51043.90</b>	<b>39043.90</b>	

<b>Funds not allocated [E]-[G]</b>	<b>1325.45</b>	<b>-114.64</b>	<b>-746.53</b>	<b>980.46</b>
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**Notes**

- a End of year balance carried forward from previous year. Must agree with balance in Receipts & Payments account book.
- b Group funds include donations from members of the public and are accounted for separately
- c Precept to be decided
- d Barclays Business Premium account was closed and Hinckley & Rugby Buidling Society 45 Day Notice account opened in Jan 2025
- e Cemetery fee income is estimated as mean of previous three years (p.1891/15 refers)
- f Estimate is worst-case scenario of zero funding from Police and 50% funding for posts only from H&BBC
- g Clerks salary increased to £3,400 from 2025-6: minutes p.1965/15a
- h Includes £300 internet service provider (website & email), £240 broadband subscription
- i Quotations for 2026-7 & 2027-8 accepted Nov 2025: minutes p.1994/6. CDJO quote includes mowing of highway verge from 2025-6
- j 2023-4 QR code signs; 2024-5 painting materials for Rotary volunteers
- k 2026-7 internal audit fee will not be payable until audit is completed in 2028. External audit fee expected to be £210 in 2026-7.
- l s137 donations to charities subject to limit; resolved at Annual Finance meeting in Jan (p.1964/13a, 13b refer)
- m 2024-5 Playground Inspection course; bespoke PC training course: minutes p.1946/3a, 1956/3e
- n Proposed grant excludes schedule printing costs - see note p
- o Playbark costs £1296 in 2025 charged to Fixed Asset Fund; £2,790 transferred to general funds: minutes p.1999/4
- p Horticultural Show schedule printing costs were paid from grant in 2023, 2024; will be paid directly by PC from 2025
- q Real costs not known. Project will only go ahead with significant grant support and may be deferred
- r Rebuilding cost estimate £30k, grant support £10k, virement of £13k from recreational land fund: minutes p.1999/4
- s Carlton News printing costs are charged to the PAF, estimated at £220 pa, not budget of £300: minutes p.1928/12e, 1965/13f
- t This is calculated from the figures above. It must reconcile with the relevant figure in note a

**Abbreviations**

CDJO - Carlton Diamond Jubilee Orchard	CEGF - Community Equipment Grant Fund
H&BBC - Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council	ICO - Information Commissioners Office
LCC - Leicestershire County Council	LRALC - Leics & Rutland Association of Local Councils
PCC - Parochial Church Council	P&CIF - Parish & Community Initiative Fund
RoW - Rights of Way	SID - Speed Indicator Device

This budget was approved by Carlton Parish Council on 14 January 2026

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