

**Eynsham is a
'great place to belong'**





Our Achievements

**Upgrading
the Village
Hall**

**Christmas
lights**

**Bus stop
provision
and needs
review**

**Upgrading
parks and
play areas**

**Witney
Radio
FM**



**Supporting
The Jolly
Sportsman
/HGV
incidents**

**New
clerk**

**Old
Witney
Road
traffic
calming
measures**

**New staff
volunteering
policy**

**Establishing
Eynsham
Parks
Charity**

**Educating
residents on
how to curb
anti-social
behaviour**



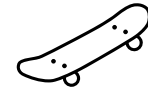
Achievement Highlights: Parks & Play Areas



Resurfacing and safety works at play areas



Repaired footbridge at Abbey Fishponds



A new footpath to Eynsham skatepark, funded by Balfour Beatty



Rotary Club of Eynsham donated a new bench. Thank you! It's ideally placed for watching football matches.



Achievement Highlights: Communications

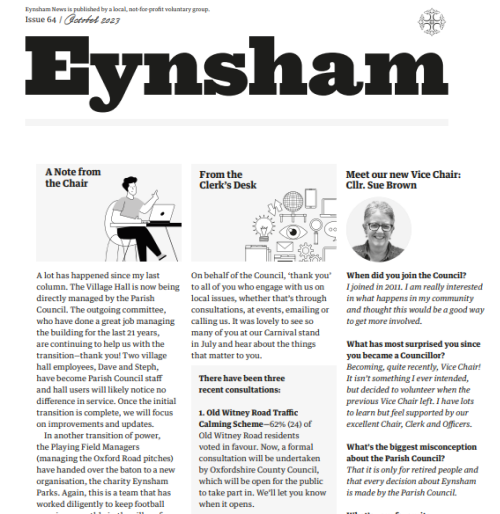


Our Facebook page:

- 459 followers
- 2,000 reach p/m
- 20,000 views p/m



1,100 website visits p/m



A double page spread in every Eynsham News



Did you get yours?



We have a monthly email newsletter



Working with Witney Radio FM to promote local events:

- Carnival
- Museum opening
- Annual Parish Meeting

Plus upgraded local broadcasting equipment for better coverage in Eynsham!

The latest news direct to your inbox.



Achievement Highlights: Transport



Supported the County Council's review of all 4,650 registered bus stops in the county. Reviewed Eynsham's 37 bus stops:

- 8 bus stops have shelters
- 5 have no markings

Feedback should drive improvements.

Mill Street



Traffic calming measures for Old Witney Road



Reduced traffic from new development and slowed speed for safety



Hanborough Road



Installed new signage to reduce HGV traffic and protect the Jolly Sportsman



Achievement Highlights: Upgrades at Village Hall



The Village Hall is one of the venues we manage and we're busy making improvements to our much-used and well-loved space



Installed energy-efficient lights



New flooring in the toilets



Need a venue? The Village Hall has all you need!

Small hall, large hall, equipped kitchen, toilets, fully-accessible venue, central location, close to car park, WiFi, removable walls
Visit www.Eynsham-pc.gov.uk/VillageHall



Next up...kitchen upgrade to professional catering standards



Why become a Parish Councillor?

Have a positive impact on the local community



"I joined because I wanted to make a positive impact on our community."

Stay informed on local issues and activities

Work alongside interesting, passionate people



"As someone who loves living in Eynsham, I think it's great to have a hand in helping to improve our community on behalf of residents."

Understand and influence upcoming developments

Help protect and preserve our green spaces



"As a Councillor my aim has always been to protect what is great about Eynsham."



✘ It's only suitable for retired people

Many of our Councillors also have jobs and caring responsibilities. Meetings are in the evening and Councillors get involved in other activities as much as they want.

✘ You have no power and can't achieve anything

Working closest to the community, the council can have a huge impact on its health, wellbeing, ecology, development and investment

✘ I don't have the time

You can commit as much or as little as you want and generally requires a couple of hours a week.

Busting the myths about being a

Parish Councillor

✘ I don't have the skills

The council works best with councillors with a wide range of skills and interests. Free training and support are available.

✘ It would be boring with too much paperwork

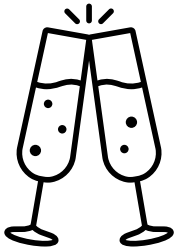
There are papers to read and meetings to attend, but there are also lots of fun activities to get involved in, like the Christmas Lights and Carnival.

✘ You have to be politically affiliated and stand for election

There are no political affiliations and currently you simply have to be approved by the existing Council to join. It's really straightforward!



New Clerk of the Council: Meet Michelle!



Former Clerk Katherine Doughty left us after 7 years to take on a larger role at Faringdon Town Council

Michelle Legg joined us in January 2025 – hurrah!

“

Making a difference is my main motivator. Getting to do so alongside committed colleagues, Councillors and community groups is then just the cherry on top for me!

”

**Michelle Legg
Clerk**



- **Michelle was formerly Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer at Wheatley Parish Council**
- **She has decades of experience working in local governance**
- **She has lived in Oxfordshire all her life**
- **When not working, she's studying for a Community Governance qualification, playing hockey, walking her dog or hanging out with her family.**



Eynsham Art Trail

What?

Local artists will create public artworks to be placed in 17 locations across our parish, creating an art trail which can be walked or cycled to enjoy the art that has been created in response to the specific site.

When?

The Art Trail will be completed by August 2027. We're accepting applications now, until 4 April. Successful applicants will be announced in May.

Who?

Ideally applicants will be local artists or community groups, but we'd also welcome those with an Eynsham connection.

How?

The funding is from a grant provided by the Thornbury Green developers. They had to make an investment in the community as part of getting their planning permission. We are custodians of the money and will oversee the creation of the Art Trail.

Our first artwork....



'Connected' by Andy Goodwin and the Willow Coppice Team

Calling artists and community groups to help us create a public art trail for Eynsham!



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Art Trail

We need local artists and the community to help create a new **Eynsham Art Trail!**

**Multiple locations,
incorporating
Thornbury Green**



**Showcasing
local artistic
talent**



**Involving
community groups
& residents**



**Creating a circular
route through the
village**

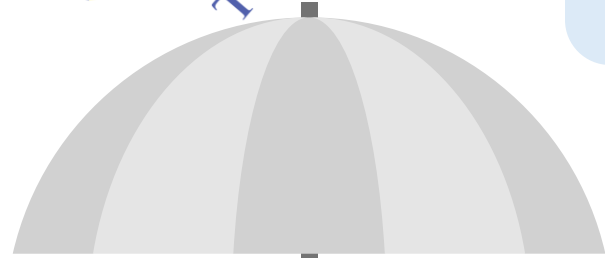
Do you want to be involved? , Visit www.eynsham-pc.gov.uk/ArtTrail, Email epc.clerk@eynsham-pc.gov.uk, scan the QR code
Applications deadline **4th April 2024**



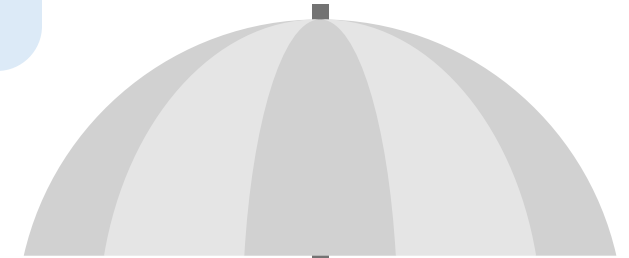
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Eynsham Parks



Fields in Trust



**Eynsham
Parish Council**

*Securing the future of
Eynsham's recreation space*



Eynsham Parks is a charity established by the Parish Council to take responsibility for managing Eynsham playing fields and the Abbey Fishponds



Our Budget & Precept 25/26

| | 24/25 Budget | 25/26 Budget |
|-------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Precept | £277k | £322k |
| Other Income | £122k | £72k |
| Total | £399k | £394k |
| Expenditure | £389k | £394k |
| Surplus/(deficit) | £10k | £0k |

| | 24/25 | 25/26 |
|---------------|----------|----------|
| Precept | £276,886 | £322,177 |
| Tax Base | 2,236 | 2,218 |
| Tax Band D | £123.84 | £145.26 |
| % Rise | 22.8% | 17.3% |
| Per week rise | | 41p |



Our Income & Expenditure 25/26

| Income £ | 2024-25 | 2025-26 | Expenditure £ | 2024-25 | 2025-26 |
|------------------------------|----------------|----------------|------------------------------|----------------|----------------|
| Precept | 276,886 | 322,177 | Play Areas & Open Spaces | 122,945 | 92,652 |
| Play Areas & Open Spaces | 46,107 | 23,698 | Admin | 234,472 | 254,346 |
| Admin | 4,000 | 5,000 | Pavilion & Bartholomew Room | 500 | 4500 |
| Pavilion & Bartholomew Room | 1 | 1 | Village Hall | 38,511 | 30,452 |
| Village Hall | 59,431 | 43,574 | Grants | 7,580 | 8,500 |
| Neighbourhood Plan & Traffic | 12,205 | 0 | Neighbourhood Plan & Traffic | 20,261 | 4,000 |
| TOTAL | 398,630 | 394,450 | TOTAL | 424,269 | 365,888 |



Staffing Costs

- Broadly no change to the Officer team
 - Clerk and Deputy Clerk
 - Bookings Clerk (part time)
 - Outdoor technician (part time)
 - Village Hall Caretaker (part time)
 - Comms Officer (part time)
 - Responsible Finance Officer (part time)
- Assumed 5% pay review, decided at national level
- Additional NI, £5.8k



Budget Key Points 25/26

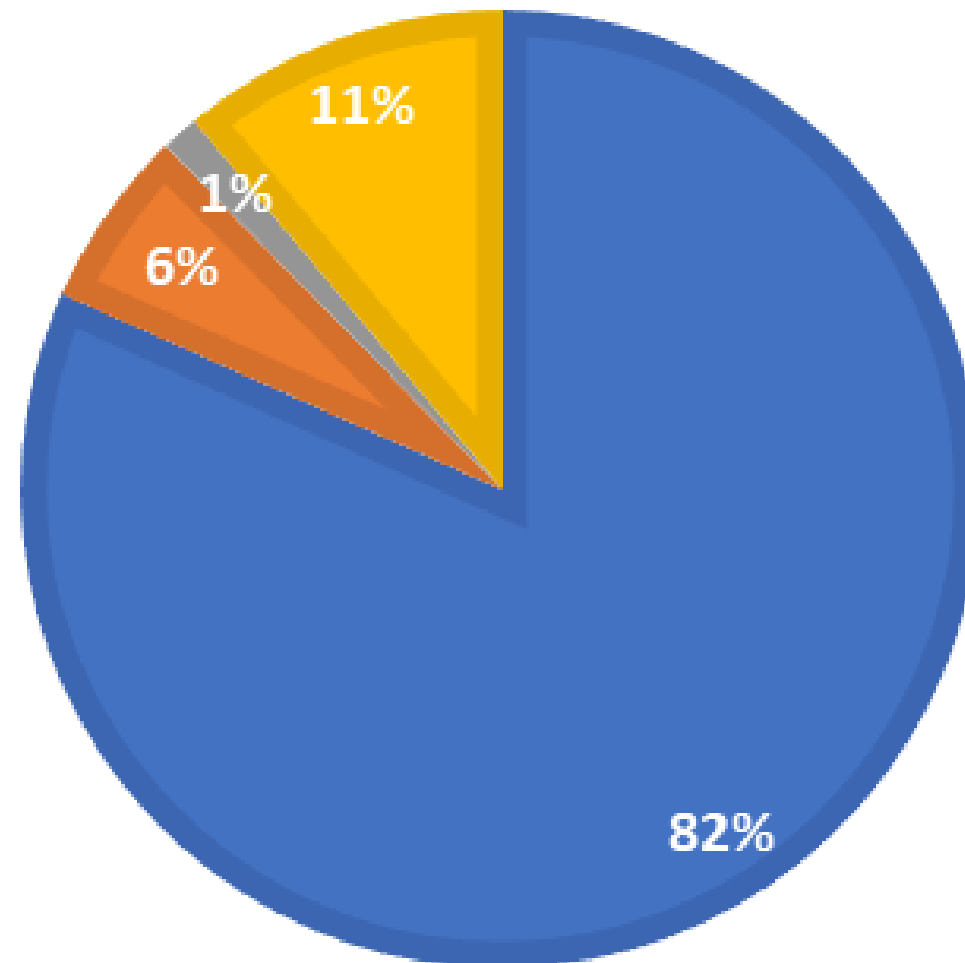
- Wage Inflation, wage increase, impact of increased NI
- Sub budgets for Village Hall and Eynsham Parks Charity
- Increased use of grants to funds projects
- Continue contractor grounds maintenance
- Increased software costs for Hallmaster booking system and GovMeeting council system
- Public works loan for Barthomew Room refurb continues
- Interest earned on council cash reserves
- Significant EPC grants budget including Eynsham Parks



Our Income & Expenditure 25/26

INCOME 2025-26

■ Precept ■ Play Areas & Open Spaces ■ Admin ■ Buildings

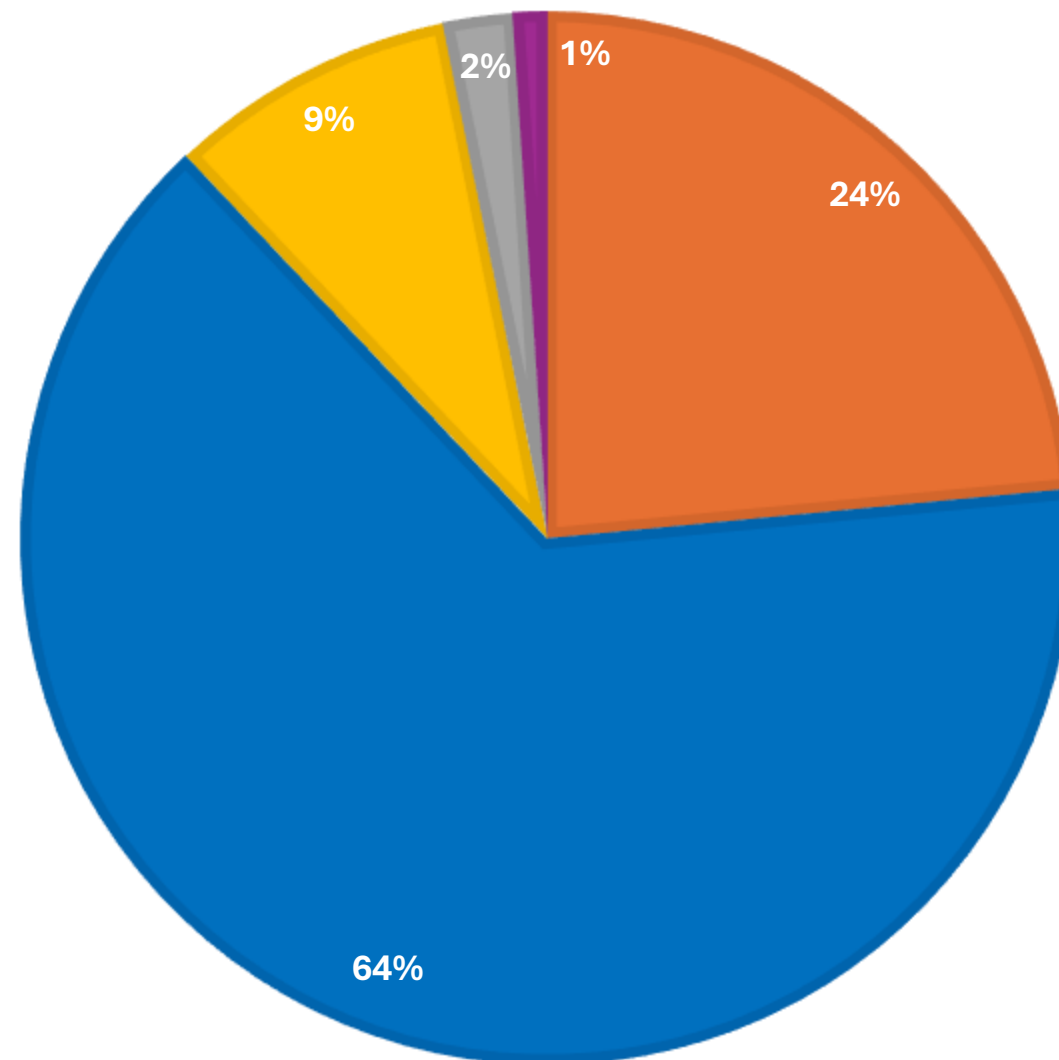




Our Income & Expenditure 25/26

EXPENDITURE 2025-26

■ Play Areas & open spaces ■ Admin ■ Buildings ■ Grants ■ Neighbourhood Plan





Village Hall Budget

| | Income | Expenditure | Loss |
|--------------------|---------|-------------|---------------|
| Hire | £43,574 | | |
| Rates | | £1,500 | |
| Water | | £1,400 | |
| Electricity | | £5,460 | |
| Gas | | £6,992 | |
| Cleaning Materials | | £1,400 | |
| Maintenance | | £8,000 | |
| Equipment | | £2,000 | |
| Waste | | £2,800 | |
| Licenses | | £900 | |
| Total Expenses | | £30,452 | |
| Staff | | £22,958 | 2 Staff @ 80% |
| EPC Use (nominal) | £2,804 | | |
| Total | £46,378 | £53,410 | (£7,032) |

Notes

- Hire rates increased by 3.6%
- Discounts created for regular users
- Village Hall is also supported by other EPC staff
- Doesn't include any upgrade costs as we try to fund these from grants
- Village Hall runs at a loss which is funded by the Parish Council



Eynsham Parks Budget

| | Income | Expenditure | Comment |
|---------------|--------|-------------|----------|
| Pavilion Hire | £8,509 | | |
| Expenses | | £14,277 | |
| | | | |
| Total | £8,509 | £14,277 | (£5,767) |

Note

- Deficit has to be funded by an EPC grant
- Eynsham Parks takes care of direct costs of running pavilion, EPC all else



Total Equity (as of 4th Mar)

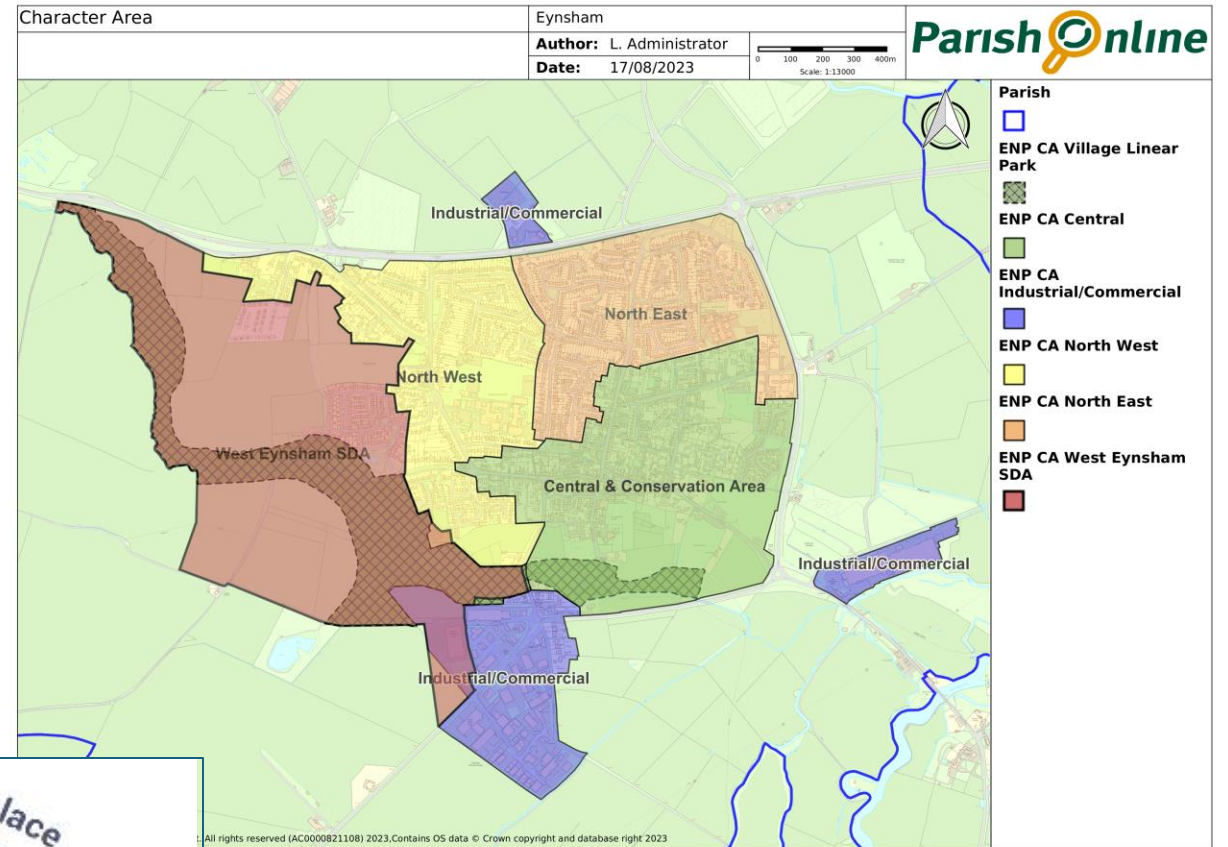
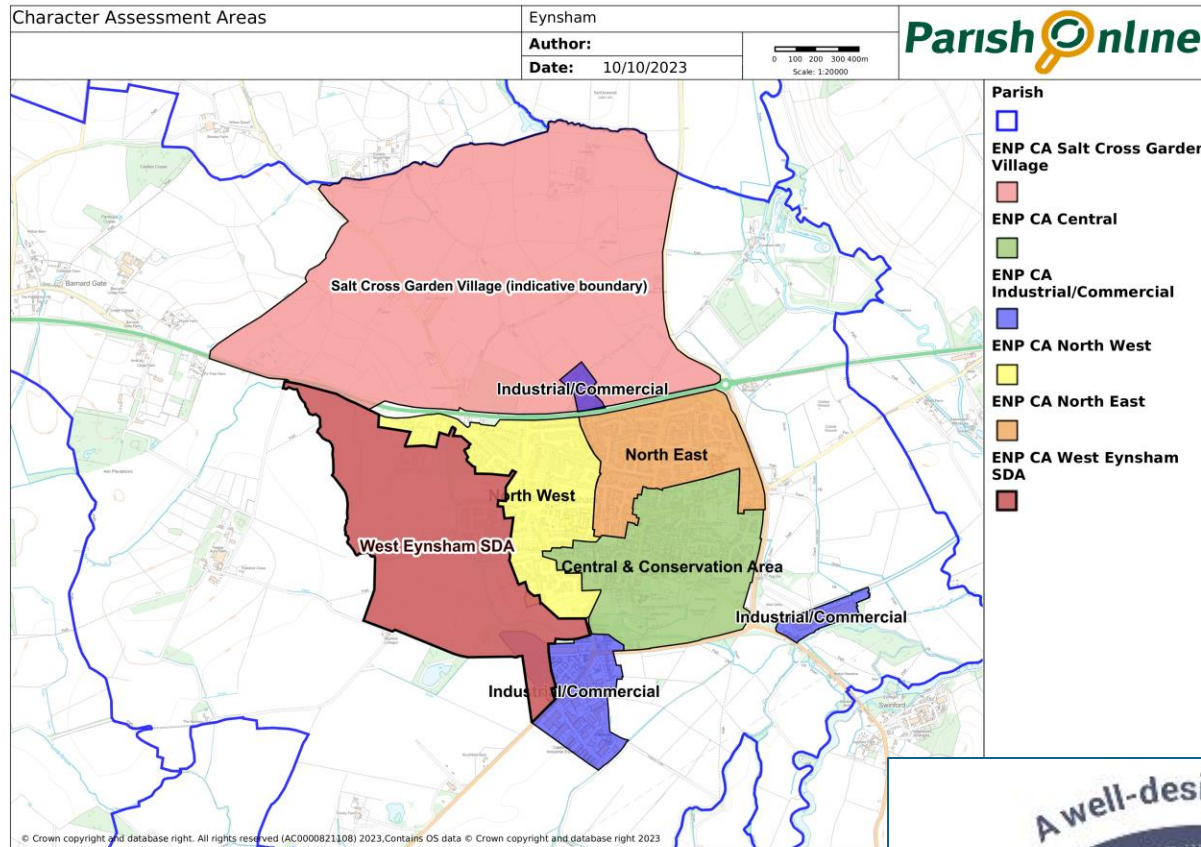
| | Reserves |
|---------------------------|-----------------|
| General Reserve | £120,579 |
| Ear Marked Reserves | |
| Pavilion | £44,000 |
| Village Hall | £14,078 |
| Allotment Trees | £10,000 |
| Buildings Maintenance | £20,000 |
| Community Grant | £1,331 |
| Vehicle | £2,237 |
| Solar Farm Grant | £30,000 |
| Play Area | £17,000 |
| Total EMR | £121,646 |
| Current Year Funds | £45,167 |
| Total Equity | £304,393 |

Notes

- General reserve target = 3 month of annual expense approx £100,000
- Current years fund will drop further as we reach year end
- Tree reserve reduced and building maintenance created
- Inherited reserve for Village Hall
- Money received from 12 Acre Solar farm is ring fenced via EMR



Neighbourhood Plan





12-acre Aurora Solar Farm Community Benefit = £30,000

**What type of
projects should
be supported
by this fund?**

**Pick up a post it and pop your
thoughts on one of the themes
below:**

**Community
Events**

**Community
Buildings &
Facilities**

**Community
Energy**

**Tackling
Climate
Change**

**Something
else?**



Like the hall? Hire it!

- **Main hall (with stage) and small hall, hired independently or together**
- **Office space**
- **Large kitchen and kitchenette facilities**
- **Hourly hall hire rates from £15.50**
- **Discounts for Eynsham residents, regular hirers and bookings over 6 hours**
- **Available seven days a week**
- **Licensed premises**
- **Check and manage your bookings on [Hallmaster.org](https://www.hallmaster.org) (coming Mar/April 2025)**



Suitable for classes, meetings, parties, weddings, performances, talks, filming and more!



Have you visited the sports pavilion?

- **Function room with access to and views of playing fields**
- **Kitchen, toilets and separate changing rooms**
- **Hourly hall hire rates from £13.50**
- **Discounts for Eynsham residents, regular hirers and bookings over 6 hours**
- **Available seven days a week**
- **Check and manage your bookings on [Hallmaster.org](https://www.hallmaster.org)**
- **Managed by Eynsham Parks Charity, owned by Eynsham Parish Council**



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**What do you think our
priorities should be for
2025 and beyond?**

**Write it on a Post-it note and stick
it below**



**What exciting projects
would you like to see
happen next year?**

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