

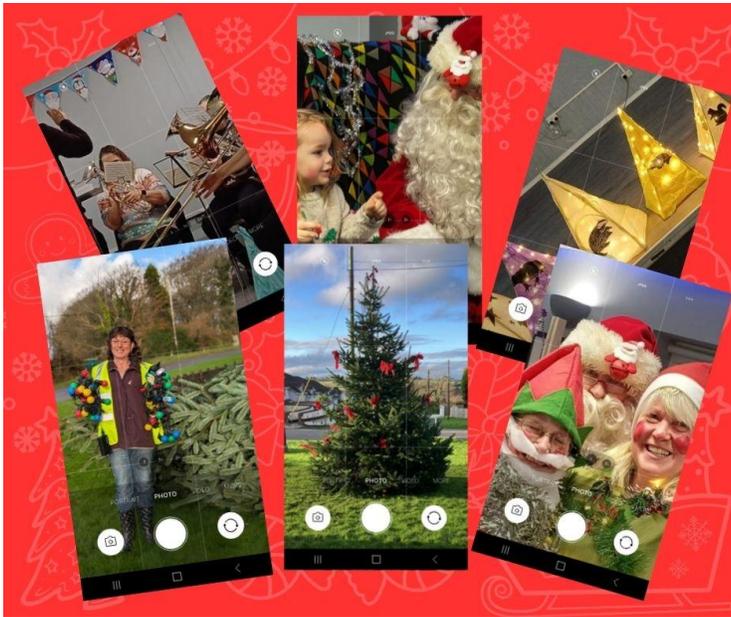
ST DENNIS PARISH COUNCIL

ANNUAL REPORT 2024/25

Looking back over the year

- Patching and lining at Trelavour Square
- Refurbishment of second toilet – now open to the public
- Remembrance Day Road Closure
- Tree planting (Playing Field & Freda's Triangle)
- Community litter picks
- First village Christmas tree event
- Speed signage funding secured
- Verge cutting agreement with Cornwall Council
- Grit bin added (Grose Meadows)

Christmas tree lights switch-on event



New memorial bench on
Trelavour Prazey

Tree planting with St Dennis WI



Staffing

The Council now employs 6 part-time staff:

- 3 in the office (Clerk, Senior Administrator, and Administrator)
- 3 grounds maintenance operatives (including 1 relief member of staff)

Litter-picking (4 hours per week) has significantly improved cleanliness on key streets like Fore Street, Trelavour Road, Hall Road, and Manson Place.

Looking Forward – projects already underway

- Hall Road play area refurbishment
- New Parish entrance signs
- New entrance signs for hamlets in the parish
- Five new benches around the village
- Dog walking area at Penny Darn
- Establishment of a community garden (Dunstan Close)
- Litter picking events



Overgrown land at Dunstan Close

Penny Darn



WHAT THE COUNCIL HAS ACHIEVED THIS YEAR

The St Dennis Playing Fields

The St Dennis Playing Fields is a registered Charity (number 300608) which holds the playing fields in trust to provide and maintain a recreational space for the residents of the parish. All Parish Councillors are Trustees of the Charity

- **Income:** £9,120
- **Expenditure:** £7,292.26
- **Bank Balance:** £9,657.53

Projects undertaken over the last year:

- Slide and gate repairs
- Basket swing and multi-play platform replacement
- Wildlife survey for proposed dog walking area
- Tree planting, tree removal, bug hotels and bird boxes installed.
- Scheduled: Penny Darn bank repair and tree height reductions

Education Bursary Scheme

This grant scheme is available to people of all ages, living in the area of benefit who are in education or training. The scheme helps with the cost of equipment such as computers, printers & software, and can help towards the cost of training courses.

- **Applications:** 23
- **Approved:** 20
- **Refused/Withdrawn:** 3
- **Total value of grants awarded this year:** £15,012.79
- **Total value of grants awarded to date:** £123,858.98
- **Admin Costs:** £167.10

Bank Balance at 31 March: £90,175.03



Community Grants

Applications received: 9

This year we supported:

- St Dennis Art Group
- Community fireworks display
- St Denys Craft Club
- Under-18s Darts Tournament
- Carnival Committee (grant towards the cost of holding the carnival)
- D-Day celebration event (St Dennis Parish Committee)
- Over-70s Christmas lunch
- Cornwall Air Ambulance (annual donation)
- Chestnut Appeal for Men's Health (£100)

Total Awarded: £2,832.66



Cemetery

- **Interments:** 7 (Garden of Rest), 17 (Grave Spaces)
 - **Plots Purchased:** 16 (8 Garden of Rest, 8 Burial)
 - **EROB (Exclusive Right of Burial) Transfers:** 15
 - **Income:** £14,260
 - **Expenditure (excluding wages):** £9,714.54 (including memorial testing and installation of an additional bin)
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Amenities & Footpaths

- **Footpath maintenance income:** £1,952.22 (from Cornwall Council)
- **Footpath maintenance expenditure:** £8,905.71

Improvements to the Parish - key items:

- Christmas tree lighting event: £1,066.29
- Trelavour Square resurfacing and markings: £2,500
- New grit bin (Grose Meadows)
- Three new benches on order

Speed signage grant has been secured. Awaiting delivery and installation. Once installed reports from the signage will be available online.



Public Toilets

- **Expenditure:** £16,426.67

including refurbishment of the second unit at a cost of £10,405.04



Planning

- **Applications:** 13
 - Approved: 10 (1 with conditions)
 - Objected: 2
 - Withdrawn: 1
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Financial Overview

Total Income (excluding The St Dennis Playing Fields): £216,185

Total Expenditure: £167,771

Bank Balances at 31 March 2025:

- Current: £187,511.88
- Saver: £124,582.87
- Education Current £34,630.39
- Education Saver £55,544.64
- Unity Current: £9,909.10
- Unity Saver: £72,792.78
- Petty Cash: £49.12
- Cash in Hand: £180.00
- Total: £485,200.78**

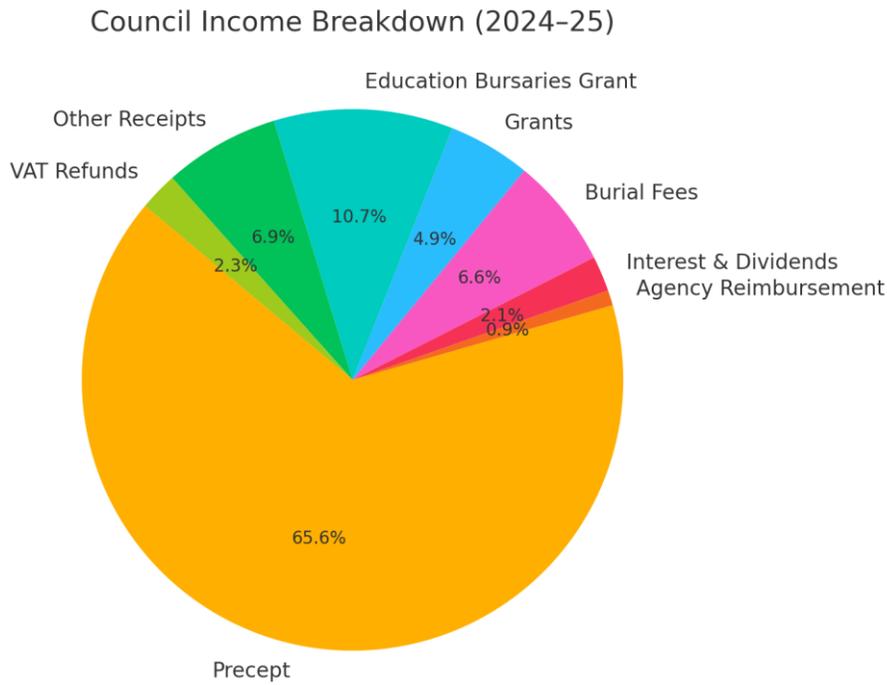
Fuller details on income and expenditure are at the end of this report, plus details of our earmarked reserves and the assets that the Parish Council owns on behalf of the community

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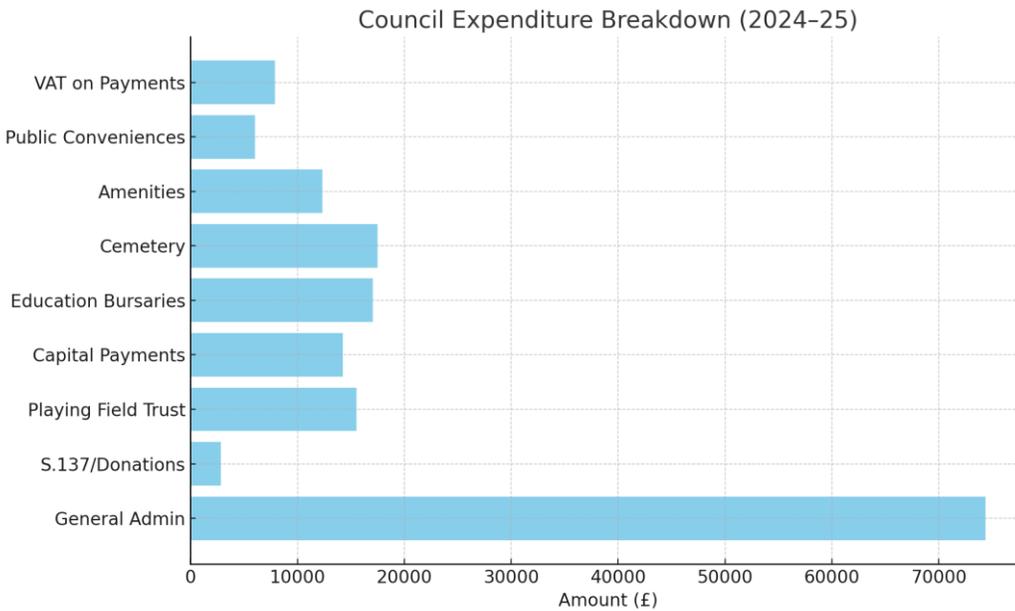
Receipts & Payments Account for Year Ended 31st March 2025

Year ended 31/03/24		Year Ended 31/03/25
£	<u>Receipts</u>	£
140026	Precept	141727
1882	Agency Service Reimbursement	1952
2929	Interest & Dividends	4569
15250	Burial Fees	14260
16	Rents & Wayleaves	16
	Grants	10640
13895	Council Tax Benefit Grant / CIL	0
22431	Education Bursaries Grant	23155
	Other Receipts	14913
2723	VAT Refunds	4953
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199152	Total Receipts	216185
	<u>Payments</u>	
65756	General Administration	74398
1670	S.137 Payments & Donations	2833
19496	Playing field Trust Payments	15518
-120	Neighbourhood Plan	
26341	Capital Payments	14257
10798	Education Bursaries & Costs	17039
23826	Cemetery	17483
17679	Amenities	12345
6013	Public Convenience	6022
7469	VAT on Payments	7876
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178928	Total Payments	167771
	<u>General Fund</u>	
106309	Opening Balance at 1st April 2024	124572
199182	Add Total Receipts	216185
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305491		340757
-178928	Deduct Total Payments	-167771
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126563		172986
-1991	Transfers to reserves	-31764
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124572	Closing Balance at 31st March 2025	141222

Income Breakdown



Expenditure Breakdown



\$ Earmarked Reserves (EMRs)

	Opening Balances at 01.04.24	2024-25			Closing Balances at 31.03.25
		Additions	Releases	Re-alloc.	
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Play equipment & Fencing	13,920	3,000			16,920
Office Equipment	2,765	500			3,265
Open Spaces - Provision of Seats	4,085	1,000			5,085
Cemetery - Headstone Safety Inspections	4,502				4,502
Cemetery - Headstones Remedial Work	6,070				6,070
Cemetery - Enhancement	8,993				8,993
Trelavour Square Tarmac	3,843		(2,500)	2,000	3,343
St Dennis Toilets	15,774	1,000	(10,405)		6,369
Neighbourhood Plan	5,398				5,398
Council Tax Benefit grant	32,452			(5,000)	27,452
Village Enhancements	10,390				10,390
Election Expenses	8,245				8,245
Tree safety work	5,350				5,350
Cemetery Extension Fund	73,550	4,000			77,550
Education Bursaries	80,418	23,155	(17,039)		86,534
Dunstan Close/ Hendra Prazey	11,500	14,913		(5,000)	21,413
Dog walking area				10,386	10,386
Bus Shelters	1,000	3,000			4,000
CIL Funding	13,895			(2,000)	11,895
Various small funds below £3000					10178
Mobile speed signage		10,640			10,640
TOTAL	312,214	61,708	(29,944)	0	343,978

	Opening Balances at 01.04.24	Receipt	Payments	EMRs	Closing Balances at 31.03.25
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<u>GENERAL FUND</u>					
Opening Balance	106,308				124,571
Receipts	199,182	216,185			216,185
Payments	(178,928)		(167,770)		(167,770)
Additions to EMRs	(36,326)			(61,708)	(61,708)
Releases from EMRs	34,335			29,944	29,944
TOTAL	124,571	216,185	(167,770)	(31,764)	141,222
TOTAL FUNDS	436,785				485,200

Parish Assets

As of 31st March 2025: Total Asset Value £381,627.30

Asset	Value (£)
Cemetery	52,758
Playing Fields	270,121
Freda's Triangle	7,549
Trelavour Prazey	9,415
Bus Shelters	11,248
Equipment	4,257
Benches	1,545
Tourist Boards	1,507
Hendra Prazey	138
Road Safety Equipment	1,507
Office Equipment	8,547
Church Road	150
Long Term Investments	180
Public Toilets	12,843

+ Additions in 2024–25:

- Hand washer & toilet unit
- Toilet building work
- Litter trolley
- Advance warning signs
- Grit bin (Grose Meadows)
- HP printer & office furniture
- New memorial bench

— Disposals:

- Old grit bin
- Outdated office and groundworks equipment (printer, blower, etc.)
- Hendra Prazey land

Get Involved

We currently have 5 vacancies on the Parish Council.

"This is your village. Your voice matters."

Do you want to make a real difference in your community?
Do you care about green spaces, local events, safety, and services?

Become a **Parish Councillor** and help shape the future of St Dennis.

Step up. Speak out. Stand for your community.

Contact us at the Parish Council Office or visit www.stdennisparishcouncil.gov.uk