

Variance Explanations 2025/2026

Box 3				
Code Description	Variance £	Code	Centre	Variance Explanation
Room Hire	3,534	1000	210	Increase in bookings.
Cricket Club Rent	5	1060	104	Increase in rent.
Football Club Rent	60	1061	104	They paid rent this year and not last.
Cadet Hut Income	0	1063	104	No change.
Ellesmere Cricket Club Lease	70	1064	104	Miscoded last year.
Police Lease Income	44	1066	210	Increase in rent.
Pump Track Income	45,028	1067	104	We raised funds to deliver a pump track project.
Income Cemetery Interment	1,530	1200	300	Increase in interments.
Income Cemetery Headstones	-1,010	1201	300	Less headstoners were purchased.
Income Cemetery Rent	25	1202	300	Increase in rent.
Income Cemetery	-2	1204	300	Less interest received on the bank account.
Grants Received	-10,351	1700	300	The amount of a grant received was overpaid by £10,351 so it was paid back.
Donations Received	-20	1701	109	Less donations received.
Town Council Income	25,169	1801	110	We received S106 money from Shropshire Council.
Cross St Toilet Income	-264	1805	110	Less people used the public toilets.
Neighbourhood Fund	18,205	1851	112	Increase in Neighbourhood Fund money from Shropshire Council.
Interest Received	2,133	1870	101	Increase in Interest received.
Burial Loan Repayment	-11,264	1880	101	The loan was repaid in 2024/2025.
Total	72,890			

Box 5				
Code Description	Variance £	Code	Centre	Variance Explanation
Loan Interest payments	-562	4900	150	Reduction in payment.
Loan Capital Repayment	-940	4910	150	Reduction in payment.
Total	-1,502			

Box 6				
Code Description	Variance £	Code	Centre	Variance Explanation
Staff Expenses	116	4012	300	The Cemetery Co-ordinator did not claim all he was entitled to in 2024/2025
Training Expenses	471	4020	101	Additional training provided to Town Council Staff.
Training Expenses	41	4020	300	Additional training provided to Cemetery Co-ordinator.
Staff Travelling Expenses	189	4021	300	Increase interments equals increased milage to facilitate the funerals.
Printing & Photocopying	110	4100	101	Increased printing costs.
Stationery	-42	4101	101	Less stationery purchased for the Town Council.
Stationery	28	4101	300	More stationery purchased for Cemetery Co-ordinator.
Postages	-34	4102	101	Everything was sent by email so stamps purchased.
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Computer Expenses	979	4103	101	Increased licence subscriptions and backup fees.
Website Expenses	-96	4104	101	New website costing contract reduced the fees.
Telephones	-52	4105	101	Fewer calls made reducing the bills.
Telephones	8	4105	104	Coding error, this should have been coded to 4105/101.
Insurance	404	4106	101	Increase in insurance premium.
Licences	-520	4107	101	Reduction in PPL/PRS licence due to less chargeable events.
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Membership Fees	431	4109	101	Increase in SALC membership due to increase in properties.
Legal Expenses	-774	4110	101	No legal fees incurred in 2025/2026.
Professional Fees	2,823	4111	101	Payroll admin for 2024/2025 & 2025/2026 paid in 25/26 and we had a building survey completed.
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Audit/Accountancy Fees	-415	4112	101	Audit fee less than expected.
Office Equipment	3,122	4114	101	New computers purchased.
Bank Charges	231	4115	101	Increase in bank charges.
Estate Agent Fees	-41	4117	300	We were charged in 2024/2025 for some maintenance work that the agents arranged.
Cemetery Grounds Maintenance	-1,193	4119	300	Less maintenance work completed at the Cemetery.
Maintenance costs - Chapel	-108	4121	300	Less maintenance work completed on the chapel.
Maintenance costs - Lodge	-3	4122	300	No as much spent.
Cemetery Expenditure	4,140	4123	300	New path laid at the Cemetery.

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Rates	1,729	4130	201	Increase in Town Hall rates.
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Electricity	-513	4131	103	Reduction in energy used and energy price.
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Gas	2,135	4132	201	Increase in energy used at the Town Hall.
Water	167	4133	201	Increase in water prices.
Refreshments & Catering	20	4150	101	Increase in catering costs.
Mayor's Allowance	0	4200	102	No change.
Councillors' Training Expenses	-209	4202	102	Less training attended in 2025/26
Civic Costs	-2	4203	102	
Election Costs	125	4210	102	2025/2026 Election costs.
Awards/Gifts	100	4215	102	No Xmas window competition in 24/25 but one was held and awarded in 25/26.
Street Lighting Electricity	894	4300	103	Increase in Energy costs.
Street Lighting Maintenance	24,578	4301	103	New street lighting columns installed.
Bus Shelters	-5,130	4302	103	24/25 we had a new bus shelter and we did not require any in 25/26
Christmas lighting	571	4303	103	Call out charges for light faults.
Road Safety	343	4304	103	New batteried required for the Vehicle Activated Sign.
Grounds Maintenance	-10,835	4310	103	New contract in place.
CCTV	-26	4311	103	Less maintenance required on the CCTV.
Gardening Contract	1,417	4312	103	New contract.
Health & Safety	-868	4313	103	Legionella Risk Assessment in 2024/25 not required in 2025/2026.
Gardening Additional Costs	-860	4314	103	Less tree works carried out in 2025/2026.
Street Furniture	-622	4320	103	Bench maintenance carried out in 2024/25 and not in 2025/2026.
Planters	-198	4331	103	New reduced contract.
Public Conveniences	5,876	4333	103	Some payments for the 2024/25 SLA were paid in 25/26 and we had repairs made to the toilets due to vandalism.
VE Day Celebrations	30	4334	107	The celebrations cost less in 2025/26 than they did in 2024/2025.
Play Area Expenses	-6,121	4402	104	New equipment in 2024/25 and none required in 2025/26.
Youth Provision	-1,503	4403	104	The Youth Café did not run a full year in 2025/2026.
Tuesday Market Costs	-720	4404	103	New market managers, reduced costs to Ellesmere Town Council.
Pump Track	59,342	4405	104	New Pump track project delivered.
Tourism & Marketing	3,000	4500	106	Visit Ellesmere membership started.

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Grants	-14,127	4550	107	Less grants paid paid out in 2025/2026.
Remembrance Sunday	-6	4570	107	Remembrance Sunday event cost less in 2025/26.
Cleaning Materials	-129	4600	202	Less cleaning materials purchased.
Building Maintenance	843	4602	202	More building maintenance carried out in 2025/2026.
General Maintenance	-1,578	4603	202	Repairs to carpark in 2024/25 not required in 2025/2026.
Skip Hire	-134	4604	202	We pay by weight for collection and we had less waste in 2025/26.
Sanitary Disposal	70	4605	202	Increase in prices.
Town Hall Equipment	256	4606	202	New leaf blower, padlock for the shed & toaster.
Uniforms	-221	4607	201	No uniforms purchsed in 2025/26
Contingencies	580	4700	101	New media licence required which was not budgetted for.
Contingencies	255	4701	103	Had to start paying JC Dyke towards CCTV electricity which we never had to before and so it had not been budgetted for.
Total	57,452			