

Finance Report – Tiffield & Caldecote Parish Council 2025/2026

The parish council ended the year with a very healthy carry forward of just over £24,500.

This was a significant improvement on last year, when the carry forward was £16,910.

It should be noted that the grant from Northampton Community Fund of £1935.00 is included in the funds carried forward, giving a realistic carry forward of £22,550.

The budget for the current financial year was partly based on a carry forward of £21,052 so we started the year in a slightly better position than was estimated.

Last year saw overspends in a number of budget areas but especially in respect of the work done on Claydon Field, the Clerks expenses (new laptop), grass cutting (the council took on the cutting of the grass at both Caldecote and the church land), Insurance, Lamp Maintenance, Training & Development (this was over double the amount budgeted for but this was due to the number of new Councillors that joined the council).

However, these were offset by underspends in respect of audit fees, election costs (£1100 put aside but a fee of just £64.50 as the election was uncontested), the fireworks evening costs were some £500.00 less than anticipated, no work was carried on the play equipment on Claydon Field or on maintenance of the Pocket Park. The Council spend on items under the General Power of Competence was down to £327.00 when the budget allowed for £1500.00. Lastly, monies paid out for the 100 Club were just £67.00 with a budget of £420.

All of the above means that the council starts the 2026/27 year in a healthy financial position.