

**Oswestry Rural Parish Council - Supporting Paper**  
**2024-25 Annual Return**

Line		31-Mar-24	31-Mar-25	Variance (£)	Variance (%)
1	Balance b/f	234,325	230,151	-4,174	-1.78%
2	Annual Precept	34,522	39,600	5,078	14.71%
3	Total other receipts	22,461	19,706	-2,755	-12.27%
4	Staff Costs	20,472	22,052	1,580	7.72%
5	Loan interest/capital repayments	0	0	0	
6	All other payments	40,685	52,229	11,544	28.37%
7	Balance c/fwd	230,151	215,177	-14,974	-6.51%
				0	
8	Total cash and short term investments	230,151	215,177	-14,974	-6.51%
9	Total fixed assets and long term assets	59,211	82,511	23,300	39.35%
10	Total borrowings	0		0	

**Explanation of Significant Variances of 15% or greater from 2023-24 Annual Return**

**Line 2:** Variation - Increase of Precept of **£5,078** due to the following:

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Increase in precept charged in 2025/26 including 1.82% increase on the tax base

**5,078**

**Line 6:** Variation increase in expenditure of **£11,544** due to the following items:

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Increase in Working from Home Allowance 2024/25 (part year effect)	56
Decrease in Clerks's Travel expenses in 2024/25	-67
Increase in postage costs in 2024/25 - increase in stamps and additional documentation	18
Increase in stationery including printing charges in 2024/25	187
Increase in staff mobile 2024/25	5
Decrease in bank charges in 2024/25 - dormant bank account	-56
Increase in website provider charges and additional website work in 2024/25	132
Decrease in license costs for 2024/25 (net )	-14
Increase in audit costs in 2024/25	61
No professional fees in 2024/25	-3,650
Increase in Insurance costs in 2024/25	17
Decrease in number of additional meetings in 2024/25	-286
Increased SALC membership fees in 2024/25	107
Increase membership of ICCM - Full year effect in 2024/25	20
Increase Clerk Training cost for CILCA in 2024/25	290
Increase in costs for Electricity charges in 2024/25	1,314
Decrease in repair costs in 2024/25	-515
No costs for pruning / additional cemetery works payable in 2024/25	-259
No pruning costs in 2024/25	-672
Increased general repairs / noticeboard work undertaken in 2024/25	460
No moss removal costs in 2024/25	-50
No repair works for closed cemetery in 2024/25	-395
Increased grant awards in 2024/25	1,700
Decrease in one off costs under section 137 in 2024/25	-1,254
No planning applications in 2024/25	-231
Increased AED grants in 2024/25	324
No newsletter costs in 2024/25	-107
Increase in expenditure and therefore VAT payable in 2024/25	1,693
Increase for capital works / assets purchased in 2024/25	12,714
	<b>11,544</b>

**Line 6:** Variation increase in capital expenditure of **£23,300** due to the following items:

£

Capital remedial works Feeder Pillar ,27 Pole brackets and 3 columns	13,448
Coed y Go Speed reduction scheme - final payment	9,825
Wireless keyboard and mouse combo	27
	<b>23,300</b>