

Aston Rowant Parish Council Precept 2025 / 2026

2024/2025 (Actual)	Description	2024-25 Budget	Proposed 2025/2026	
	EXPENDITURE			
8,518	Administration	11,000	11,000	
9,777	VAT			
5,091	Footpaths & Amenities Group (FAAG)	2,500	3,000	
-	Neighbourhood Planning		-	
-	Agency Services - Litter	400	400	
4,290	Grass Cutting & General Maintenance	4,000	4,000	
895	Dog bins emptying	1,000	1,000	
609	Subscriptions	485	485	
1,080	Traffic Calming	1,000	1,000	
207	Website and publicity	350	350	
-	Election Costs	400	400	
218	s.137	100	100	
60	Training	300	300	
-	Capital Expenditure	500	500	
2,250	Grants	2,500	2,500	
1,112	Hillwerke Trust	2,000	-	
2,086	Village Hall	2,000	2,000	
36,700	Play Area	4,000	500	
360	Parish Notes	500	250	
71	Bank Charges & Interest	72	72	
-	NEW: Salt Bins & Accessories			
62	NEW: Defibrillators			
73,386	TOTAL EXPENDITURE	33,107	27,857	
	Released from FAAG Reserve.	-	1,700	
			<u>31,407</u>	
	Less INCOME:			
29,400	Precept	29,400	29,400	
1,208	NSI & Reserves Interest		1,000	Rates reducing
36,777	Grants - Agency Services		-	
-	Other / Grants / Donations		-	
20	Village Hall Rent		20	
	Hillwerke Trust Grass Cutting Contribution	750	750	
3	Walks Booklet			
20	Wayleave (2025 pyt banked before Y/End	10	10	
190	Red Rose Bus Co & A.Bernstein for gas bottles			
8,771	VAT Reimbursed			
76,389	Total Income	30,160	31,180	
3,003	Net Income [- Expenditure]		3,323	Hold ICON *

(* FAAG, Play Area, KB defibrillator or Traffic Calming issues)

BANK & CASH POSITION : @ MAR'25

Unity Trust Current Account	£9,319.07
Unity General Reserve Account	£14,528.50
Unity Ear-Marked Reserves Account	£18,900.30
National Savings	£11,821.08
	£54,568.95

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Based on these figures, the council has made the decision to utilise some of the reserves held rather than increase the Precept for 2025/2026. **The figure will therefore remain at £29,400.**

We need to allow for general "cost of living" price rises for Admin costs (insurance, stationery, Staffing and audit costs), contributions towards printing costs for the Parish Notes magazine and a Village Hall Reserve to cover potential maintenance and other unexpected costs. We also need to ensure that maintenance outgoings for the new Play Area are factored in for future years on an increasing basis year-by-year as the current new equipments starts to age. Once Phase 2 has been completed and all grant monies have been received and invoices paid there will probably be a small surplus which will suffice for any immediate repairs which may be urgent during 2025/6.

Traffic calming measures in both Aston Rowant and Kingston Blount are now more or less complete, bar a few ongoing maintenance costs, so while there was no need to top up the reserve last year, we are now considering measures in and around Kingston Stert which is increasingly being used as a "rat-run" to avoid traffic calming measures in Chinnor and replacing damaged or stolen equipment from the existing schemes to ensure they remain effective.

The tax base figure for 2025/2026 is 431.60 based on 353 dwellings* and calculates as £68.11 per person per Band D household. This is a 3.29% increase on the £65.94 last year, but is only £1.30 per week to maintain your local services.

This equates to 9/9s. Other tax bands can be calculated using 5/9s for band A, 11/9s for Band E & 18/9s for band H etc.

*Figures supplied by SODC.

The usual annual grants are shown below. These are the same as last year, but we have also agreed two new grants to Oxfordshire Wildlife Trust and St John Ambulance using the £250 "spare" allocation in the grants budget seen in recent years.

The amounts allocated to top-up the various Ear-Marked Reserves are also shown below.

Grants break down:

Aston Rowant Churchyard	£1,000
Chinnor Village Centre	£1,000
Air Ambulance	£250
NEW: Oxfordshire Wildlife Trust	£125
NEW: St John Ambulance	£125
Total Grants	£2,500

Reserves Top-up:

Elections	400
Kingston Blount Village Hall	£2,000
Parish Notes	£250
Traffic Calming	£1,000
Footpaths and Amenities Group - FAAG	£3,000
Kingston Blount Play Area (Maintenance)	£500
Total	£7,150