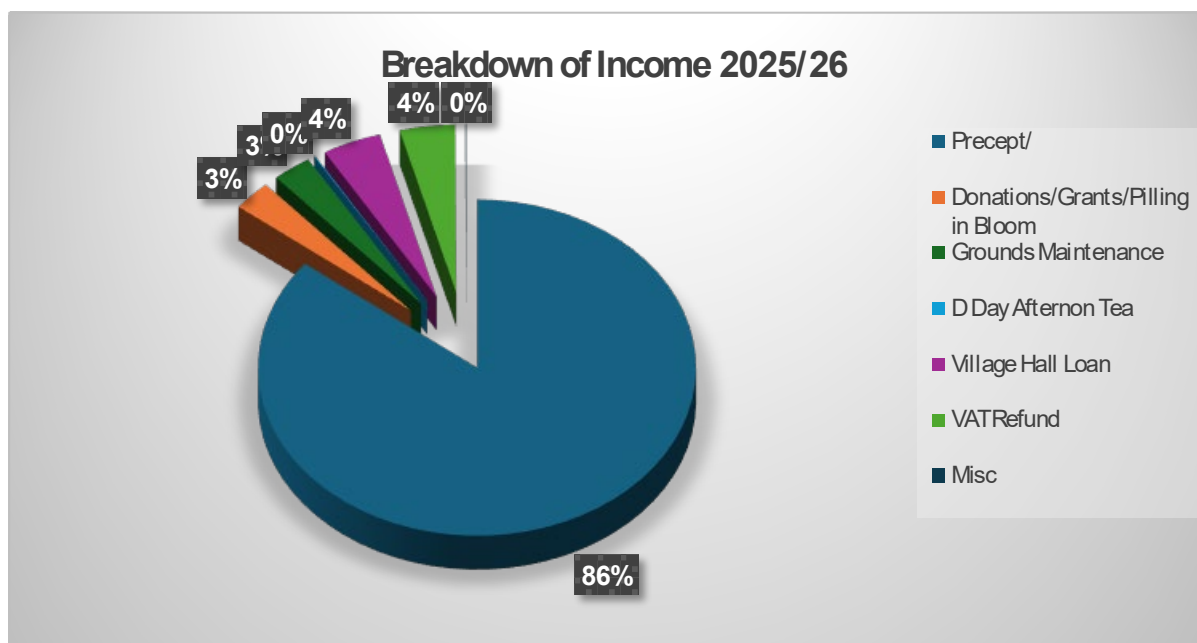


PILLING PARISH COUNCIL
Finance Report from the Responsible Financial
Officer
Year Ending 31st March 2026

Brought forward 24/25		Year End 25/26	
Unity Trust	£ 6,593.38		£ 5,913.28
Furness Building Society	£ 84,488.51	Hinckley & Rugby Building Society	£ 60,458.47
Redwood Business Savings A/c	£ 1,000.00		£ 42,283.73
Total(s)	£94,023.15		£108,655.48

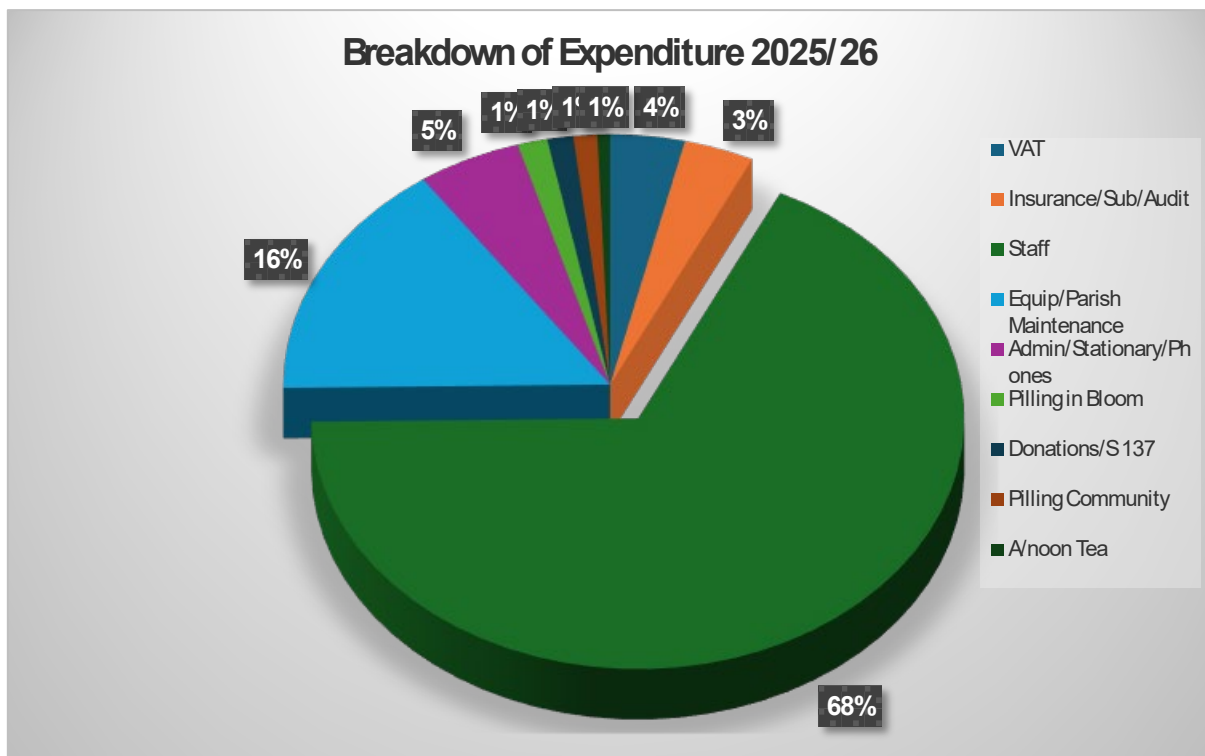
Income:

The Council received slightly less overall income than in previous years due to cuts in local authority funding for Public Rights of Way (PROW) and also non-participation in the NW in Bloom competition.



- **Precept:** (86%)
- **Grant Income/Donations (Pilling Bloom) :** (3%)
- **Grounds Maintenance Contracts:** (3%)
- **Loan Repayments (Village Hall):** (4%)
- **VAT:** (4%)

Expenditure:



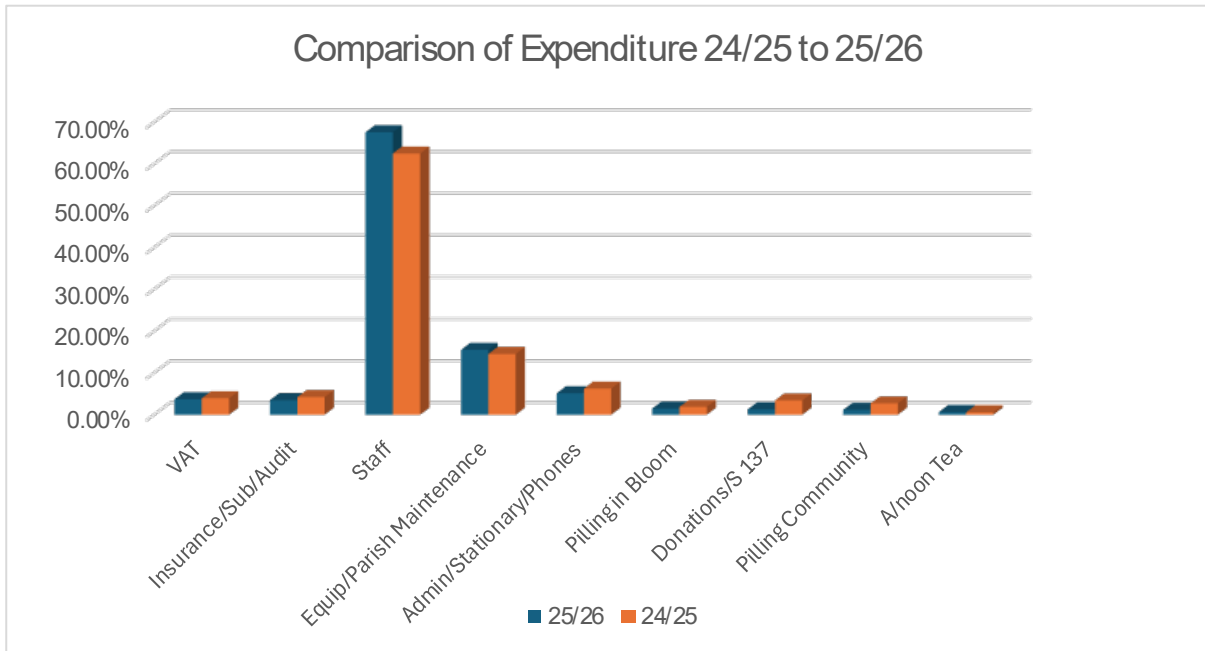
- Staffing: (68%)
- Insurance/subscriptions/audit fees (3%)
- Equipment/Parish Maintenance (16%)
- Administration costs: (5%)
- Pilling in Bloom: (1%)
- Pilling Community Action: (1%)
- S137/Donations: 1%
- Afternoon Tea (1%)
- VAT: (4%)

Staffing accounts for the greatest portion of expenditure with the Parish Council employing a part-time clerk on 17 hours and a Parish Lengthsman on 35 hours. Staff costs have also increased slightly with a new pay deal of 3.2% (which was more than originally budgeted) together with the subsequent increase in Employers NI contributions.

Comparison with last year

In terms of comparison with previous year, expenditure is very much on a par with 2024/25. However, this year, the Parish Council have invested in purchasing 2 new Speed Indicator Devices (SPIDs) which are deployed on Garstang Road and Lancaster Road respectively. Funding was obtained from Grantscape for the purchase of the SPID on Garstang Road (located at Jarvis Carr).

Additionally, the Parish Council have purchased 2 new defibrillators, one to replace the current one located at Pilling Pottery, and the other to be located at Scronkey, taking the number of defibrillators within the parish to 10.



Reserves:

The Parish Council seeks to get the best possible return from investing its Reserves.

Currently the Parish Council has the following amounts held in reserve accounts:

- Hinckley & Rugby Building Society: £60,458.47 (2.8% interest)
- Redwood Bank: £42,283.72 (3.8% interest)

Looking forward to 26/27

Precept: As the Parish Council have undertaken not to increase the precept in the current economic climate but to fund any capital expenditure from Reserves the precept has been maintained at £80,000

Overall, the Council is in a sound financial position for 2026/27.

Julia Brewer
Parish Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer