

**Alston Moor Parish Council**  
**ANNUAL RETURN - Section 2 : Statement of Accounts**

**Explanation of variances**

This is prepared based on information in "Governance and Accountability for Local Councils : a Practitioner's Guide"

Important note: These figures have been prepared on a RECEIPTS and PAYMENTS basis.

Box No.	Description	Last Year £	31/03/2024 £	Variance £	Variance %	Explanation Required?	Notes
1	Balances brought fwd	106345.00	115535.53				BALANCE B/F AGREES
2	Annual precept	57587.00	56347.00	-1240.00	2%	No	
3	Total other receipts	22415.00	3865.10	-18549.90	83%	Yes	<p>22/23</p> <p>CTRS                   £ 1,253.00</p> <p>Tyne Willows       £ 3,959.52</p> <p>War Memorial       £ 265.00</p> <p>Town Hall           £ 9,310.11</p> <p>Grants               £ 4,259.85</p> <p>Rents                 £ 11.88</p> <p>Bank int             £ 262.60</p> <p>VAT</p> <p>£3,093.41</p> <p>Increase in 22/23 due to project works and grant income, as stated above</p> <p>Town hall recharges are not income and should have credited exp not increased income, corrected in the 23/24 year</p> <p>work being done to get town hall charged directly</p> <p>23/24</p> <p>3865.10 - only contains bank interest field hire &amp; christmas tree light donations</p>
4	Staff Costs	11615.00	12710.97	1095.97	9%	No	
5	Loan interest/capital repayments	0.00	0.00	0.00	0%	No	
6	Total other payments	59196.00	45602.56	-13593.44	23%	Yes	<p>£9239 in 22/23 where TH recharge costs that falsely increased the Expense and the income when received back</p> <p>£7482 tree works in 22/23</p> <p>£ 2285 Footway lighting 22/23</p>
7	Balances carried forward	115535.53	117434.10	1898.57	2%	No	
8	Total Cash and Short Term Investments	115535.53	117434.10	1898.57	2%	No	

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9	Total Fixed Assets and Long Term Investments	14395.00	16409.40	2014.40	14%	No	
10	Total Borrowings	0.00	0.00	0.00	0%	No	

This report is intended as a guide to the variances you may need to explain. The specific requirements vary between external auditors so please check the requirements shown on the pro forma provided to your council

Please note a breakdown of approved reserves will also be required if the total reserves (Box 7) figure is more than twice the annual precept value (Box 2)