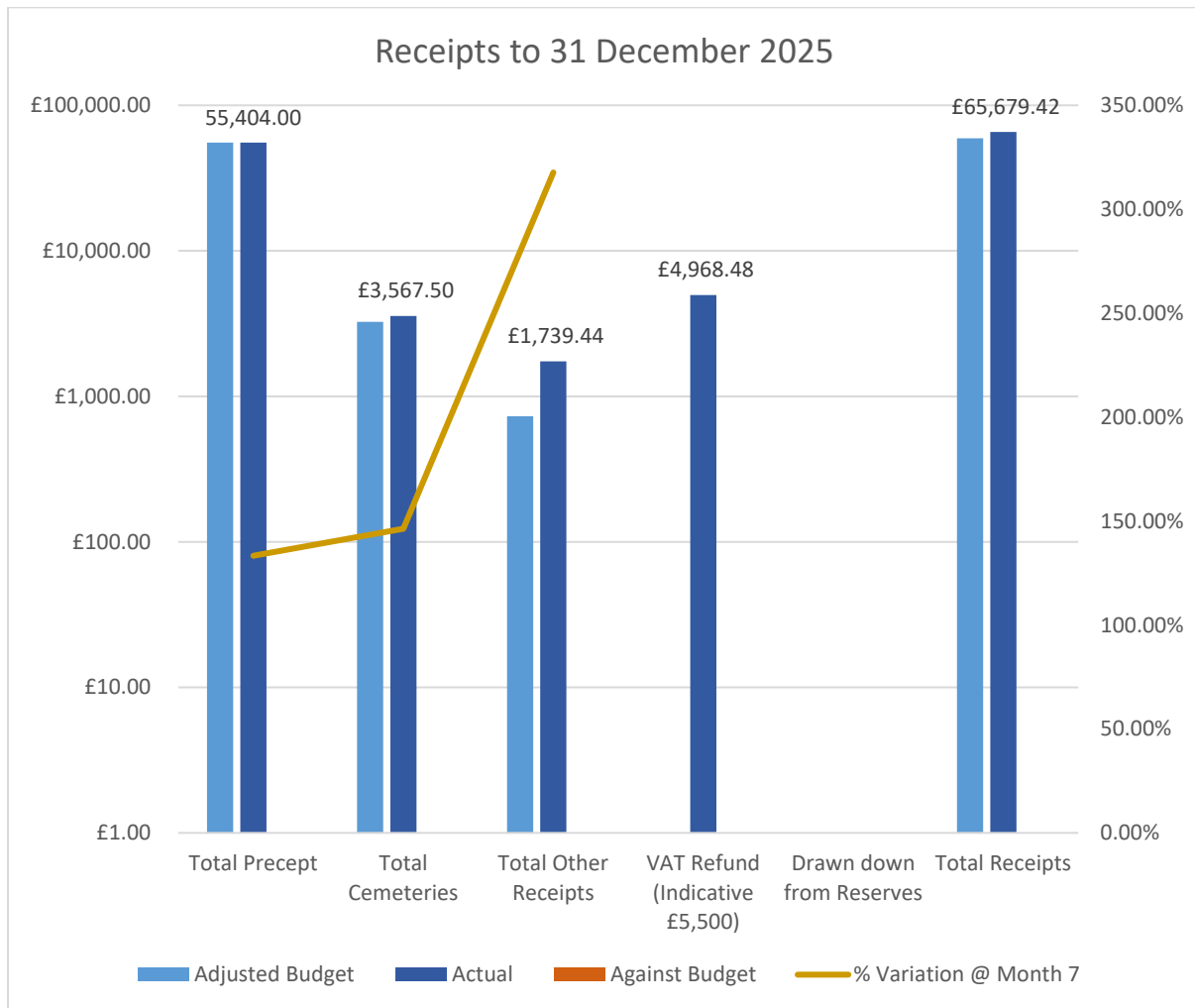


Budget Report to 31 December 2025

Income:



Notes:

Registration of Wayleaves over the past two years has yielded an income this year of £279.87 (this includes a recently applied for Wayleave at Attleton Green).

Cemetery receipts are currently above that estimated for the year (up 46% on anticipated receipts at Month 9).

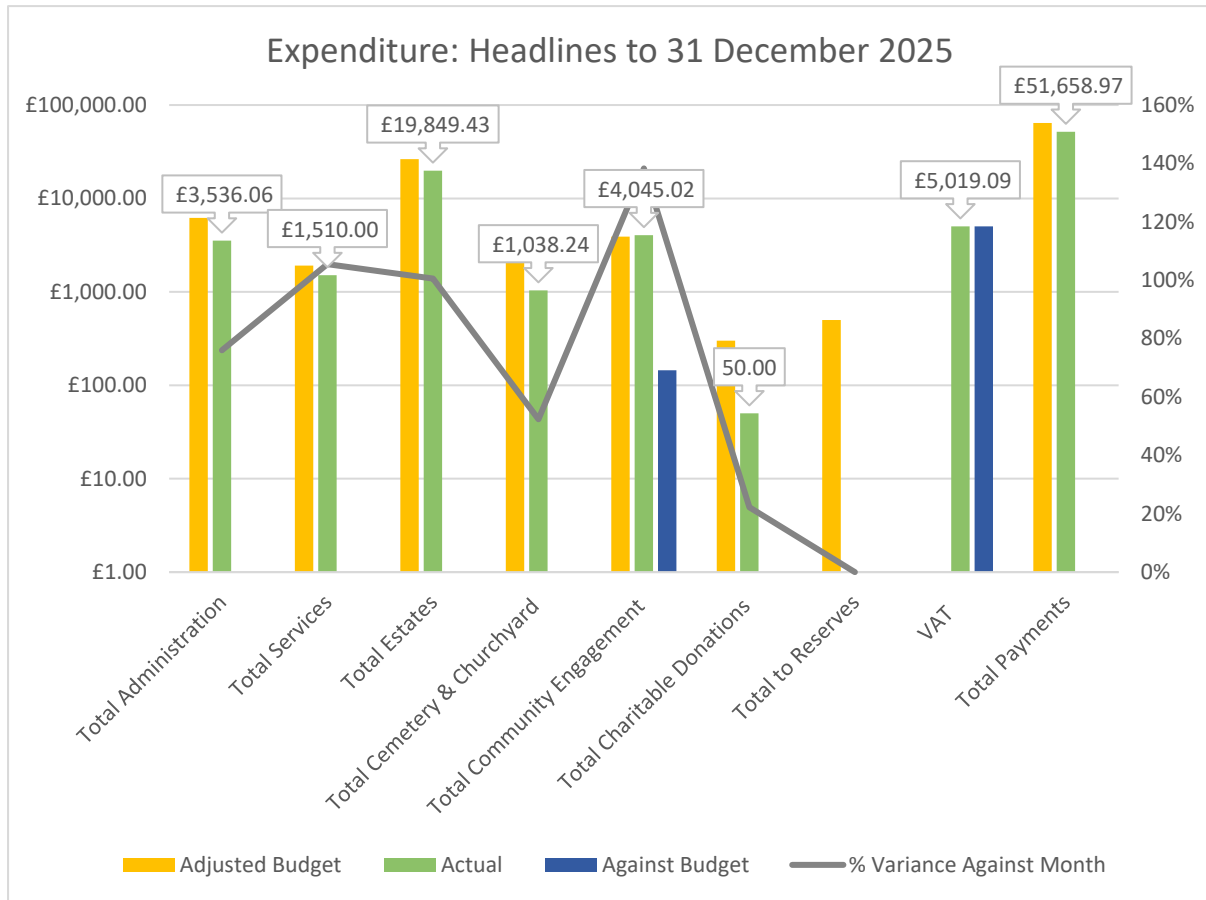
VAT claims are submitted monthly (where the total is above £100), a total of £4968.48 received to 31 December '25.

Interest on Savings is down due to reductions in the interest rate this year.

A locality grant has been approved by West Suffolk Council in the sum of £1000 (payment to be made in January) towards new noticeboards for the parish, with thanks to WS Cllr Sarah Pugh.

SC Cllr Bobby Bennett has kindly agreed to contribute £500 towards road planings to improve the track surface below Byeway 31 at Coltsfoot Green, for which the parish council extends its thanks.

Expenditure:



Notes:

Administration: The spending profile is skewed towards the first two quarters of the year, when most subscriptions fall due. Staff costs have been recorded separately to align with separate recording under AGAR.

Services: Profile is skewed to first half of year when most software subscriptions fall due.

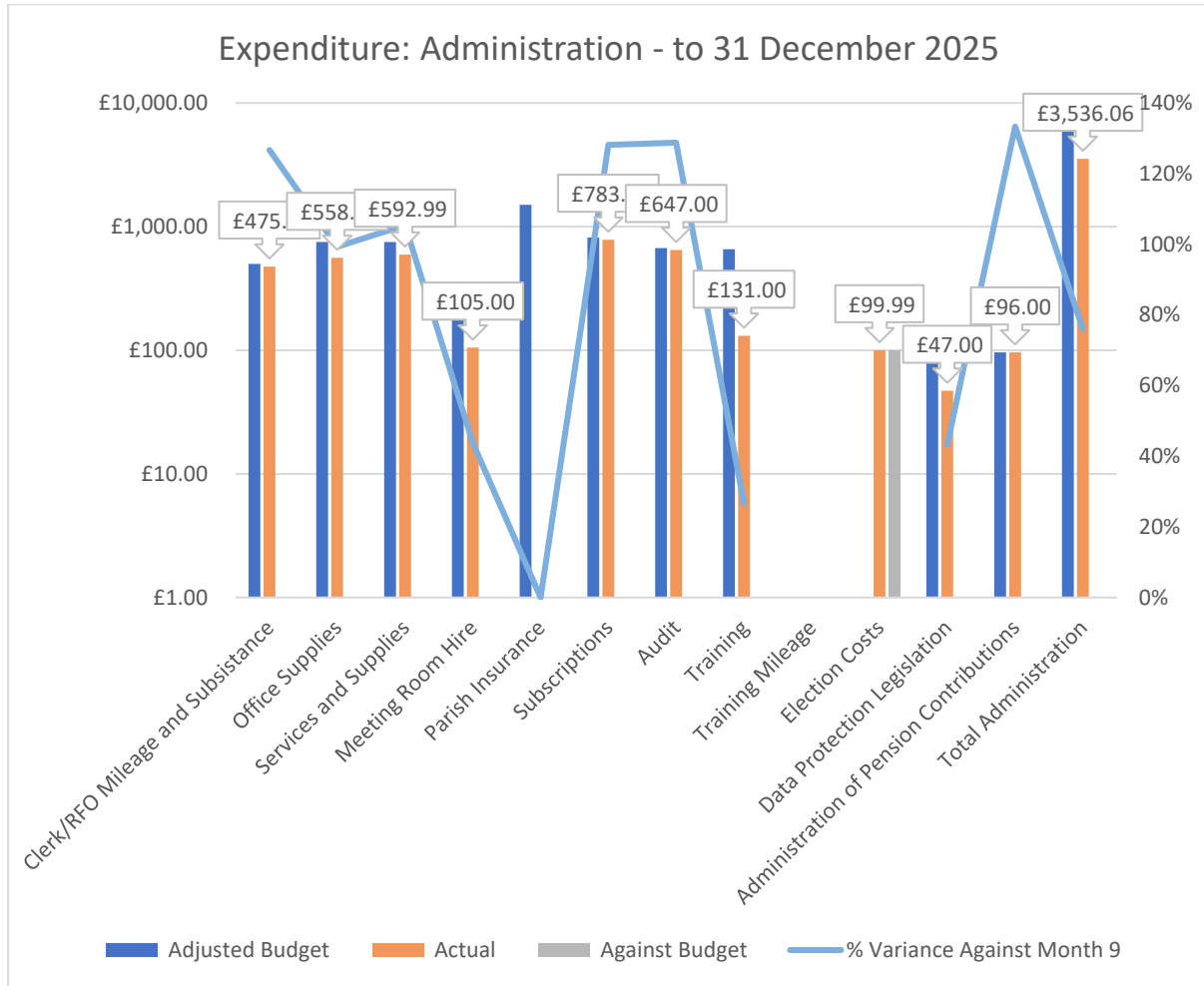
Estates: Grounds contract invoicing is now monthly, with the contract running from March to February. This has assisted in invoicing falling in the relevant financial year.

Donations & Grants: Expenditure under this heading from donations approved at the last meeting in the financial year (February '26).

Projects There has been underspend on the projects lines.

VAT income and expenditure is set as indicative levels and not included in precept calculation or budget lines.

Administration



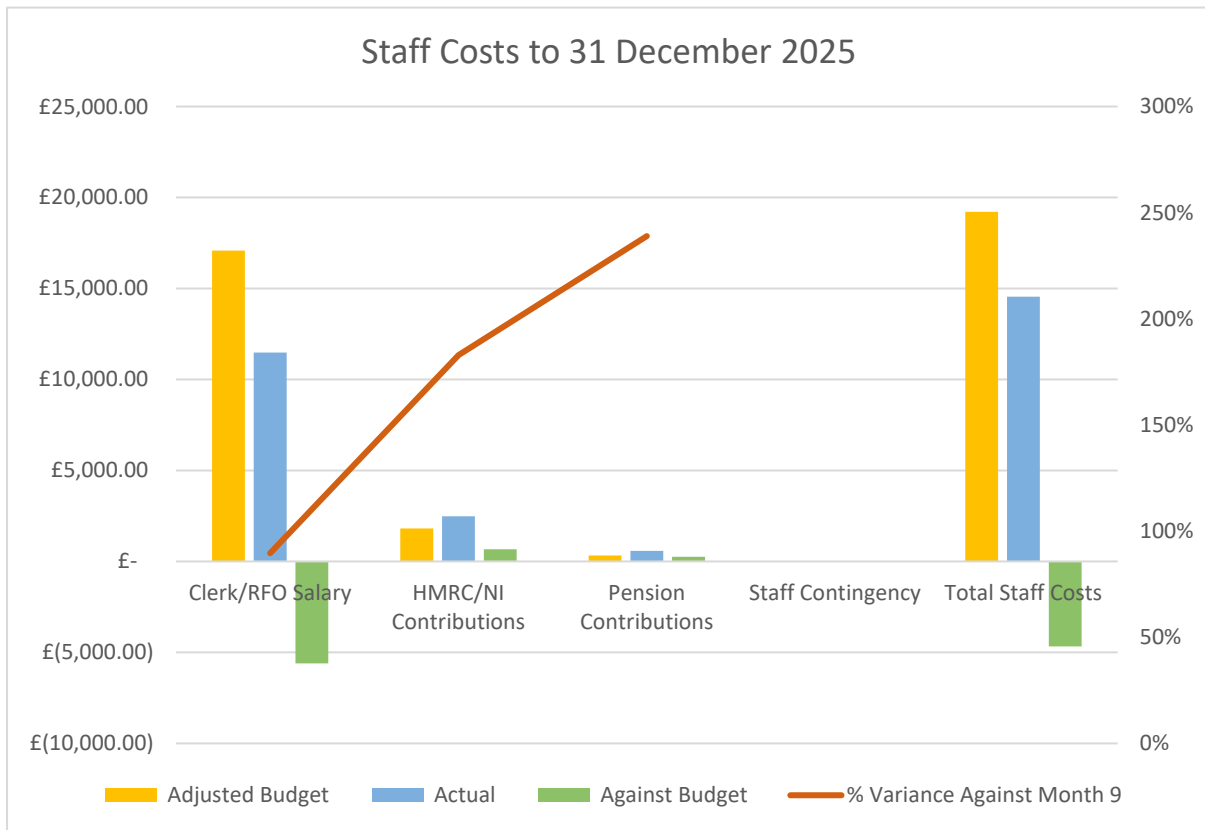
Notes:

Updates to the Asset Register to date have resulted in no additional adjustments to the premium. The recent Re-build Cost Assessment has resulted in no additional premium.

Clerk mileage has been higher this year, in part due to increased cemetery work (mileage for this is calculated when fees and charges are set, but currently cemetery mileage is not recorded separately).

Training budget is currently underspent – the clerk has been making use of the many free webinars available through SALC).

Staff Costs



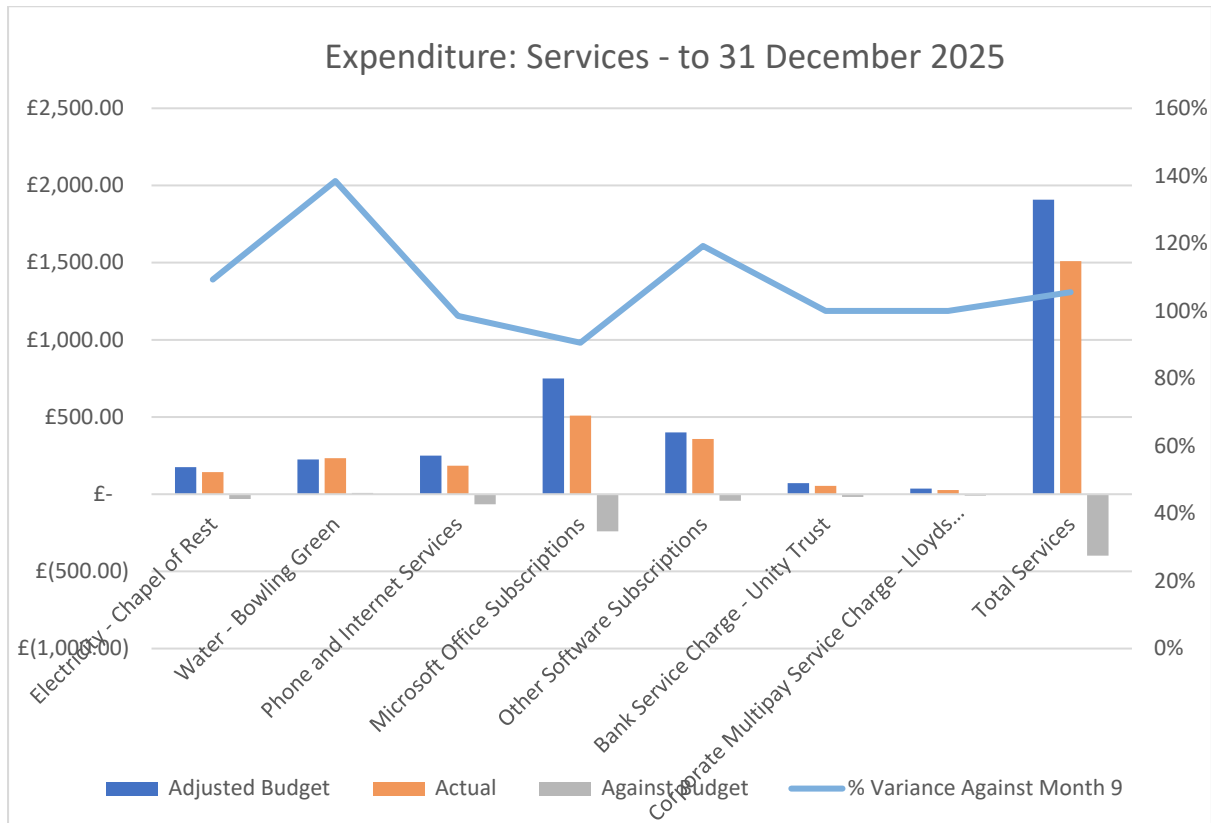
Notes

Despite the annual increment and uplift arising from this (which had been budgeted for), there is currently an underspend on salary of approximately 11%. This is offset by the overspend on Tax/NI and pension contributions.

This is the result of clerk salary recorded inclusive of deductions for clerk Tax/NI and pension contributions. The Tax/NI and pension contributions budgeted are for Employer contributions. Payments however are recorded against each budget line – an adjustment will be made between the budget lines towards year end.

Current overall staff costs are 100% of budget at month 9. There is not expected to be a significant variation on budget at year end.

Services



Notes:

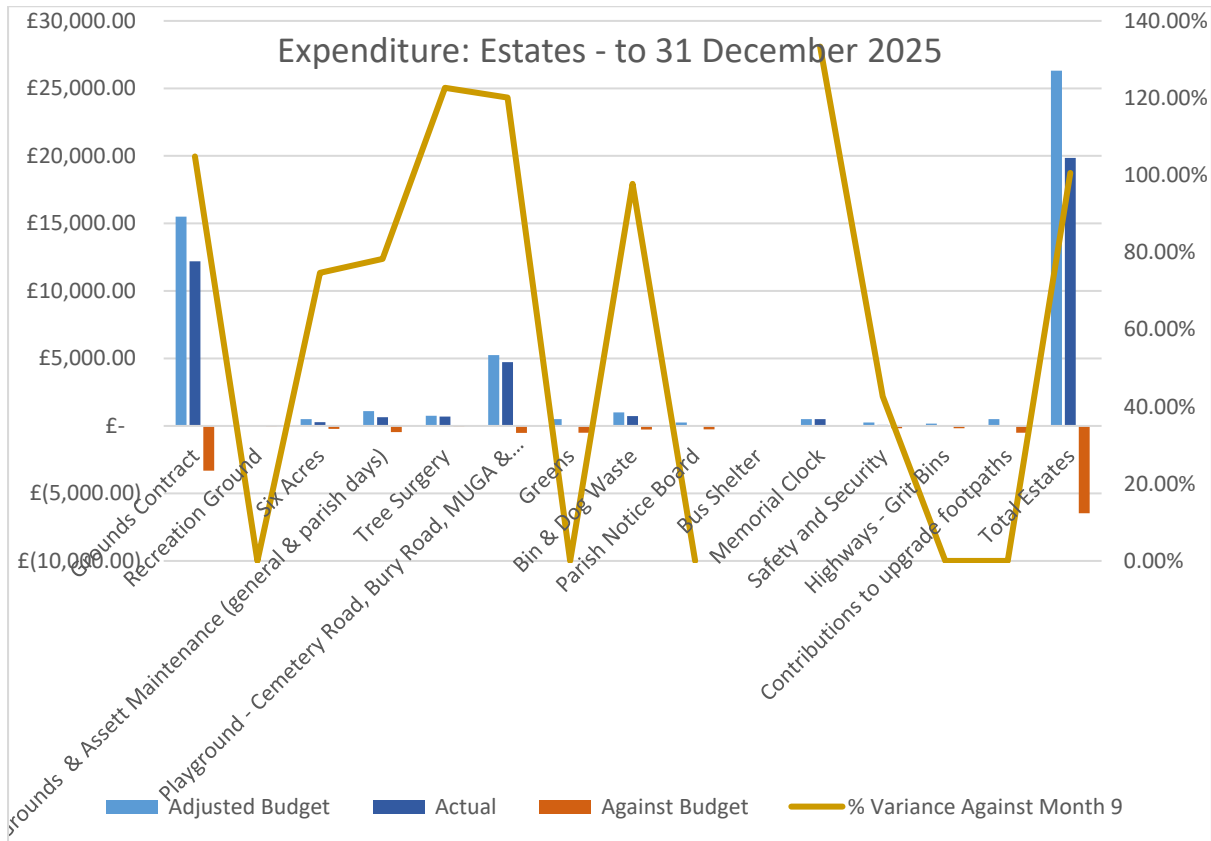
The electricity contract has been re-negotiated (the new contract taking effect on 24th September '25) with a move to Smart Energy and a contract with no standing charge, which should substantially reduce electricity costs.

There is currently an overspend on the water for the bowling green. When club fees and charges for Six Acres were reviewed in July, the parish council agreed to add a clause to the agreement for the Bowls Club that, from the FY 2026/27, any overspend against budget for water would be invoiced to the Bowls Club. The Bowls Club has since folded due to unsustainable membership.

It is anticipated however that although there is currently an overspend on the water budget, this will be offset over the next three months as wetter weather sets in. Everflow invoice in advance, which means that, with the regular meter readings provided, there future water consumption is likely to be offset by a credit on the account. There is currently a credit on the Everflow account of £69.48 (13/12/25) which is likely to last through to year end.

Microsoft Subscriptions are expected to come in under budget with the move to parish online and the zoho account.

Estates



Notes

Maintenance spending on play area equipment has been combined across all sites in the 2025-26 budget. Summer work, match funded by West Suffolk Council, has been completed to install at:

- Cemetery Road –
 - new grass matting under the swings
 - rubber mulch under the second gate; and
 - a new cargo net.
- Bury Road – replacement of swing feet with galvanised metal spike feet

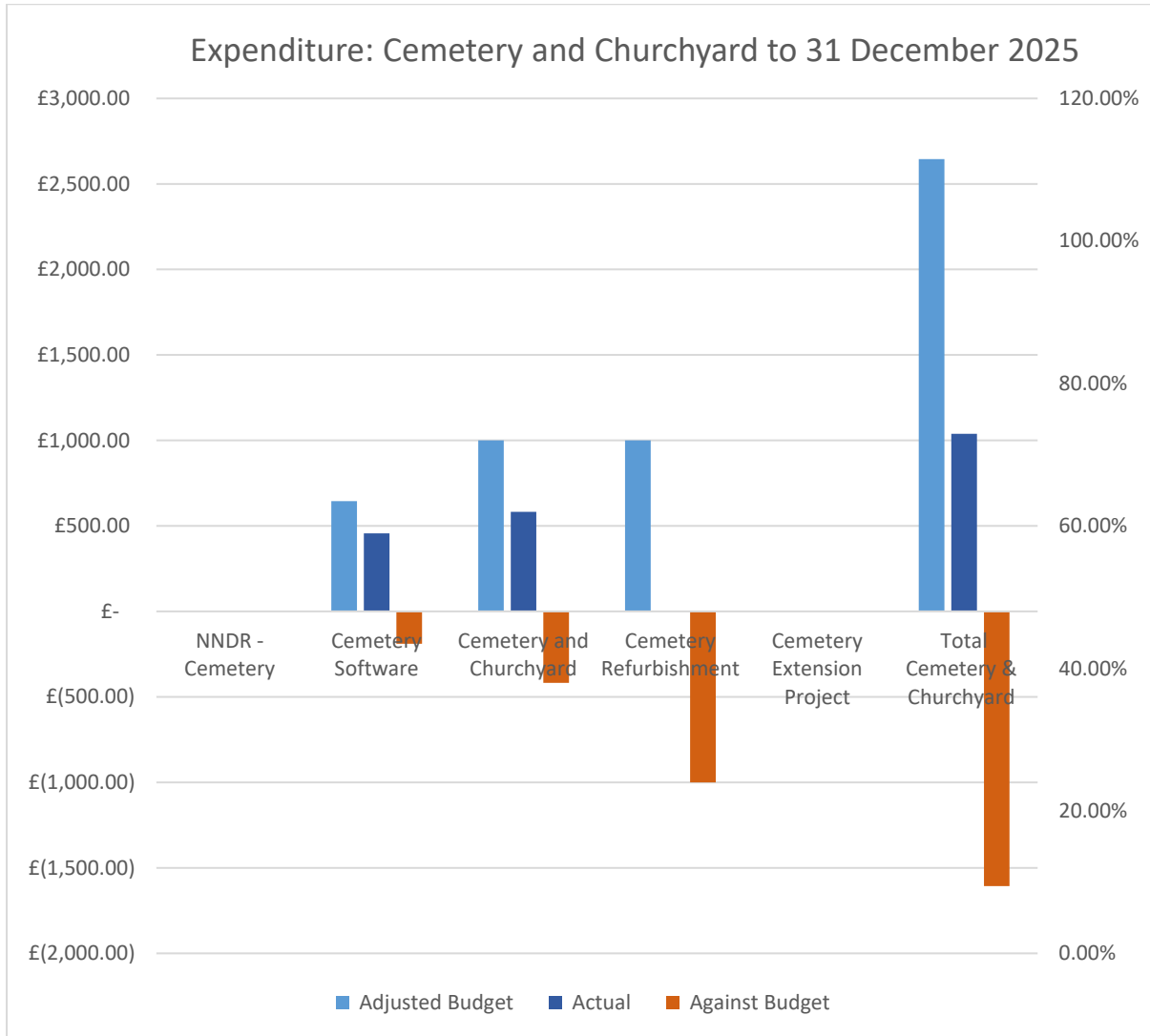
The total cost of these works was £4358.81 plus VAT, of which the parish council contributed £2108.81.

Following purchase of incidental items (signage, top soil etc to support volunteer maintenance), £520.78 remains in budget to year end for maintenance which will be allocated at the February meeting.

Taking into account the committed spend against the Ground Contract budget line for the November Cuts, there is an expected underspend on this budget of just over £1000.

There is a combined underspend on the Greens and Six Acres/Recreation Ground of £760.00.

Cemetery and Churchyard

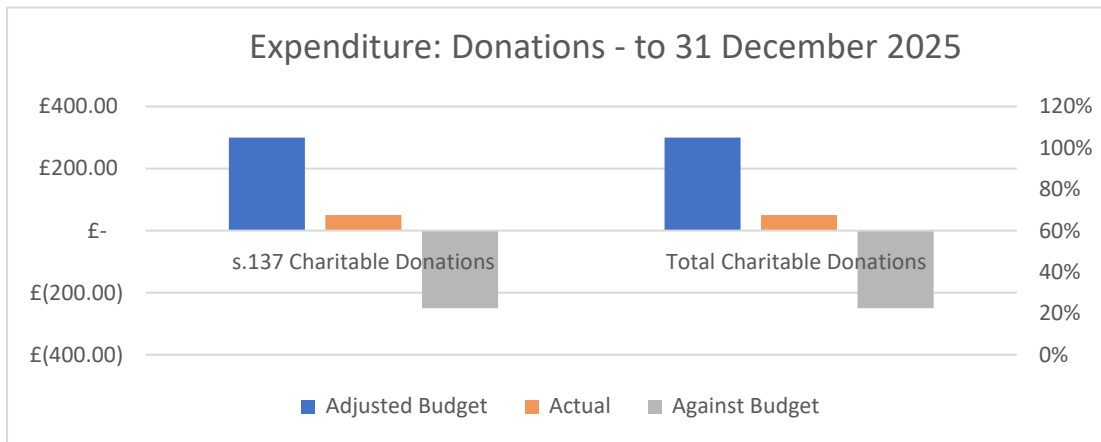


Notes:

No significant variations to date.

The cemetery refurbishment revenue line is unspent and may be used to address future works to memorials where deed holders cannot be contacted. There is currently an underspend of £1600 against the Cemetery and Churchyard budgets.

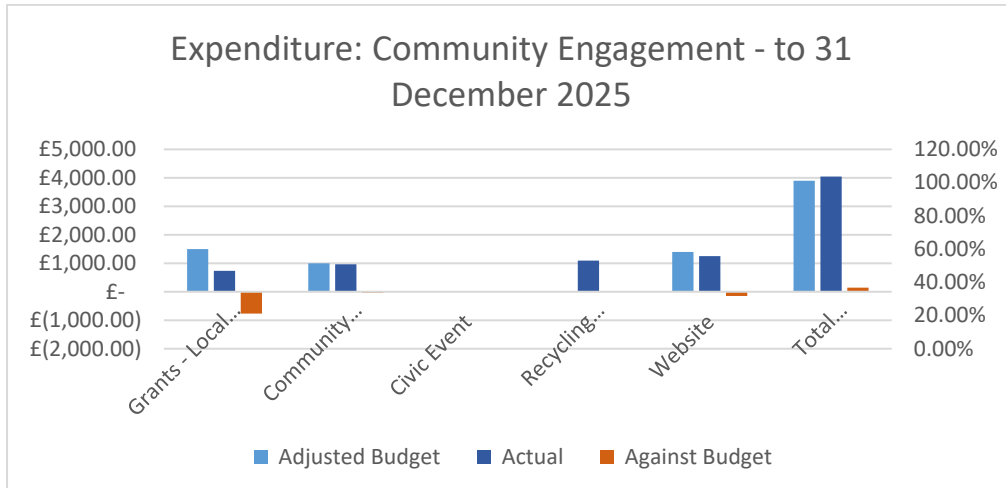
Charitable Donations & Grants



Notes:

Balance of £250 remains for disbursement (to be determined at February meeting).

Community Engagement



Notes:

No significant variations to date.

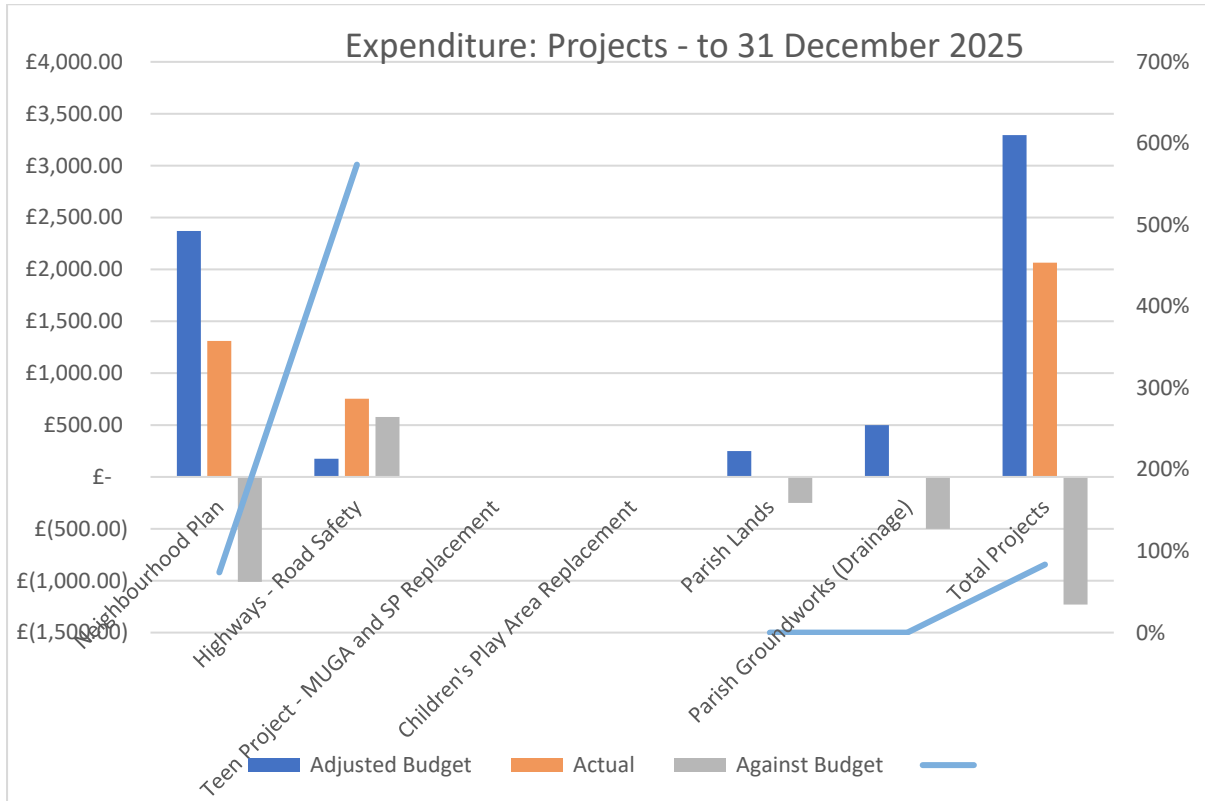
The recycling grant will draw to a close in 2027 – these funds are transferred direct to the Trustees of the Memorial Social Centre. The parish council has agreed to ask West Suffolk to pay these direct to the Memorial Social Centre in future.

The current arrangements for support of the website finished in December '25, with a move to a .gov.uk website supported by Parish Online.

There is an existing overspend on Community engagement arising from:

- An unanticipated refund arising from damage to a tyre at the fete and flower show; and
- Purchase of equipment supporting volunteer activities (£575.81 against a grant of £500 received in the 2024/25 financial year).

Projects



Notes:

Anticipated underspend on Neighbourhood Plan (which received a Yes vote on 13th November and will be made by West Suffolk Council on 16th December is £1000).

Transfer of funds from General to Earmarked Reserves

At December 31, the council's reserves were as below:

Movement in Earmarked Funds	01 April 2025	Changes to Reserves from Approved Budget	Movement	Current	
Staff Contingency	£ 1,600.00	£ -	£0.00	£1,600.00	
Training - line deleted	£ -	£ -	£0.00	£0.00	
Data Protection - line deleted	£ -	£ -	£0.00	£0.00	
Elections	£ 600.00	£ (500.00)	£-500.00	£1,100.00	
Insurance - line deleted	£ -	£ -	£0.00	£0.00	
Grounds & Asset Maintenance	£ 1,650.00	£ -	£0.00	£1,650.00	
Tree Surgery - line deleted	£ -	£ -	£0.00	£0.00	
Cemetery & Churchyard	£ -	£ -	£0.00	£0.00	
Play Equipment Replacement	£ 800.00	£ -	£0.00	£800.00	
Play Equipment Maintenance		£ -	£0.00	£0.00	
Playground Replacement	£ -	£ -	£0.00	£0.00	
Six Acres Development - line deleted		£ -	£0.00	£0.00	
Memorial garden - line deleted	£ -	£ -	£0.00	£0.00	
Legacy - line deleted *	£ -	£ -	£0.00	£0.00	
Day Club - line deleted *	£ -	£ -	£0.00	£0.00	
Neighbourhood Planning	£ -	£ -	£0.00	£0.00	
Safety & Security matters	£ 575.00	£ -	£575.00	£0.00	
Highways	£ 750.00	£ -	£-325.00	£1,075.00	
Grants - Local Support & Village Organisations	£ 1,855.00	£ -	£0.00	£1,855.00	
Civic Event/Community Engagement	£ -	£ -	£0.00	£0.00	
Charitable Donations - line deleted*	£ -	£ -	£0.00	£0.00	
Total		£ (500.00)			
Total Earmarked Reserves	£ 7,830.00	£ 8,330.00	£-250.00	£8,080.00	
Operating Reserve	£ 10,975.50			£24,745.94	% Operating Reserve to 46.56%
Total Reserves	£ 18,805.50			£ 32,825.94	

Operating reserve 45.56% (compared to 44.07% at same point in previous year).