

**Sydenham Parish Council**  
**Explanation of variances 2023/24**

**Explanation of significant variances:**

Box No:

2. Precept higher by £4,000  
The precept was raised to cover the increasing level of maintenance work undertaken by the Parish Council, particularly regarding footpath improvement and drainage works. An additional £2,000 was budgeted for a traffic calming scheme.
  
3. Total Other Receipts higher by £7,660  
Sydenham Fayre took place for the first time since lockdown, which resulted in additional income of £11,431. This is offset by no grant income for the current financial year whilst the preceding year included £3,400 of grants.
  
6. Total Other Payments higher by £15,375  
Sydenham Fayre accounts for expenditure of £8,744 above the preceding year, when it was not held. Maintenance expenditure was £3,694 higher than last year. There were also costs of £3,500 for the Neighbourhood Plan and a planning appeal.