





**Christchurch Town Council**  
**ANNUAL RETURN - Section 2 : Statement of Accounts**

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Box No.	Description	31/03/2020 £	31/03/2021 £	Variance £	Variance %	Explanation Required?	Notes
6	Total other payments	82227.29	170839.57	88612.28	108%	Yes	£31k paid to community initiatives and charities following set-up of the Council's Community Grants Scheme. £15k for Christmas parking subsidy paid to Unitary. Election costs for incoming Cllrs circa £24k. Recharge to Unitary Council for events income held on Town Council land as part of the service level agreement for the Unitary to assist the Town Council in events management - circa £8.5k. Staffing pay awards in line with NJC increase and incremental increases in line with conditions of employment circa £5k. Construction of second website for Neighbourhood plan circa £1.6k. £2k for Health and Safety report on trees which failed during winter storms and the environs. Also £2k legal fees for report on title for a proposed asset purchase at auction (land).
7	Balances carried forward	194595.91	529598.51	335002.60	172%	No	
8	Total Cash and Short Term Investments	181664.71	574508.78	392844.07	216%	No	
9	Total Fixed Assets and Long Term Investments	0.00	2923.00	2923.00	N/A	No	
10	Total Borrowings	0.00	0.00	0.00	0%	No	

Rounding errors of up to £2 are tolerable

Variances of £200 or less are tolerable

BOX 10 VARIANCE EXPLANATION NOT REQUIRED IF CHANGE CAN BE EXPLAINED BY BOX 5 (CAPITAL PLUS INTEREST PAYMENT)

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