

Local Councils, Internal Drainage Boards and other Smaller Authorities in England Annual return for the year ended 31 March 2016

Every smaller authority in England with an annual turnover of £6.5 million or less must complete an annual return at the end of each financial year in accordance with proper practices summarising its activities. In this annual return the term 'smaller authority'* includes a Parish Meeting, a Parish Council, a Town Council and an Internal Drainage Board.

The annual return on pages 2 to 4 is made up of three sections:

- Sections 1 and 2 are completed by the smaller authority. Smaller authorities must approve Section 1 before Section 2.
- Section 3 is completed by the external auditor.

In addition, the **internal audit report** is completed by the smaller authority's internal audit provider.

Each smaller authority must approve Sections 1 and 2 of this annual return no later than 30 June 2016.

Completing your annual return

Guidance notes, including a completion checklist, are provided on page 6 and at relevant points in the annual return.

Complete all highlighted sections. Do not leave any highlighted box blank. Incomplete or incorrect returns require additional external auditor work and may incur additional costs.

Send the annual return, together with the bank reconciliation as at 31 March 2016, an explanation of any significant year on year variances in the accounting statements, **your notification of the commencement date of the period for the exercise of public rights** and any additional information requested, to your external auditor by the due date.

Your external auditor will ask for any additional documents needed for their work. Unless requested, do not send any original financial records to the external auditor.

Once the external auditor has completed their work, certified annual returns will be returned to the smaller authority for publication or public display of Sections 1, 2 and 3. You must publish or display the annual return, including the external auditor's report, by 30 September 2016.

It should not be necessary for you to contact the external auditor for guidance.

More guidance on completing this annual return is available in the Practitioners' Guides that can be downloaded from www.nalc.gov.uk or from www.slcc.co.uk or from www.ada.org.uk

*for a complete list of bodies that may be smaller authorities refer to schedule 2 to Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014

Section 1 – Annual governance statement 2015/16

We acknowledge as the members of:

Enter name of smaller authority here:

Great and Little Kimbleton Marsh Parish Council

our responsibility for ensuring that there is a sound system of internal control, including the preparation of the accounting statements. We confirm, to the best of our knowledge and belief, with respect to the accounting statements for the year ended 31 March 2016, that:

	Agreed		‘Yes’ means that this smaller authority:	
	Yes	No*		
1. We have put in place arrangements for effective financial management during the year, and for the preparation of the accounting statements.	✓		prepared its accounting statements in accordance with the Accounts and Audit Regulations.	
2. We maintained an adequate system of internal control, including measures designed to prevent and detect fraud and corruption and reviewed its effectiveness.	✓		made proper arrangements and accepted responsibility for safeguarding the public money and resources in its charge.	
3. We took all reasonable steps to assure ourselves that there are no matters of actual or potential non-compliance with laws, regulations and proper practices that could have a significant financial effect on the ability of this smaller authority to conduct its business or on its finances.	✓		has only done what it has the legal power to do and has complied with proper practices in doing so.	
4. We provided proper opportunity during the year for the exercise of electors’ rights in accordance with the requirements of the Accounts and Audit Regulations.	✓		during the year gave all persons interested the opportunity to inspect and ask questions about this authority’s accounts.	
5. We carried out an assessment of the risks facing this smaller authority and took appropriate steps to manage those risks, including the introduction of internal controls and/or external insurance cover where required.	✓		considered the financial and other risks it faces and has dealt with them properly.	
6. We maintained throughout the year an adequate and effective system of internal audit of the accounting records and control systems.	✓		arranged for a competent person, independent of the financial controls and procedures, to give an objective view on whether internal controls meet the needs of this smaller authority.	
7. We took appropriate action on all matters raised in reports from internal and external audit.	✓		responded to matters brought to its attention by internal and external audit.	
8. We considered whether any litigation, liabilities or commitments, events or transactions, occurring either during or after the year-end, have a financial impact on this smaller authority and, where appropriate have included them in the accounting statements.	✓		disclosed everything it should have about its business activity during the year including events taking place after the year-end if relevant.	
9. (For local councils only) Trust funds including charitable. In our capacity as the sole managing trustee we discharged our accountability responsibilities for the fund(s)/assets, including financial reporting and, if required, independent examination or audit.	Yes	No	NA	has met all of its responsibilities where it is a sole managing trustee of a local trust or trusts.

This annual governance statement is approved by this smaller authority and recorded as minute reference:

Item 6 (06-2016)
dated 08/06/2016

Signed by:

Chair

dated

08/06/2016

Signed by:

Clerk

dated

08/06/2016

*Note: Please provide explanations to the external auditor on a separate sheet for each ‘No’ response. Describe how this smaller authority will address the weaknesses identified.

Section 2 – Accounting statements 2015/16 for

Enter name of smaller authority here:

Great and Little Kumble on Marsh Parish Council

	Year ending		Notes and guidance				
	31 March 2015 £	31 March 2016 £					
			Please round all figures to nearest £1. Do not leave any boxes blank and report £0 or Nil balances. All figures must agree to underlying financial records.				
1. Balances brought forward	16124	13295	Total balances and reserves at the beginning of the year as recorded in the financial records. Value must agree to Box 7 of previous year.				
2. (+) Precept or Rates and Levies	25000	30000	Total amount of precept or (for IDBs) rates and levies received or receivable in the year. Exclude any grants received.				
3. (+) Total other receipts	1285	8945	Total income or receipts as recorded in the cashbook less the precept or rates/levies received (line 2). Include any grants received.				
4. (-) Staff costs	4048	4216	Total expenditure or payments made to and on behalf of all employees. Include salaries and wages, PAYE and NI (employees and employers), pension contributions and employment expenses.				
5. (-) Loan interest/capital repayments	NIL	NIL	Total expenditure or payments of capital and interest made during the year on the smaller authority's borrowings (if any).				
6. (-) All other payments	25066	37597	Total expenditure or payments as recorded in the cashbook less staff costs (line 4) and loan interest/capital repayments (line 5).				
7. (=) Balances carried forward	13295	10427	Total balances and reserves at the end of the year. Must equal (1+2+3) – (4+5+6)				
8. Total value of cash and short term investments	13295	10427	The sum of all current and deposit bank accounts, cash holdings and short term investments held as at 31 March – To agree with bank reconciliation.				
9. Total fixed assets plus long term investments and assets	487880	498466	The original Asset and Investment Register value of all fixed assets, plus other long term assets owned by the smaller authority as at 31 March				
10. Total borrowings	NIL	NIL	The outstanding capital balance as at 31 March of all loans from third parties (including PWLB).				
11. (For Local Councils Only) Disclosure note re Trust funds (including charitable)	<table border="1"> <tr> <td>Yes</td> <td>No</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>X</td> </tr> </table>		Yes	No		X	The Council acts as sole trustee for and is responsible for managing Trust funds or assets. N.B. The figures in the accounting statements above do not include any Trust transactions.
Yes	No						
	X						

I certify that for the year ended 31 March 2016 the accounting statements in this annual return present fairly the financial position of this smaller authority and its income and expenditure, or properly present receipts and payments, as the case may be.

Signed by Responsible Financial Officer

Date

08/06/2016

I confirm that these accounting statements were approved by this smaller authority on this date:

08/06/2016

and recorded as minute reference:

Item 6 (06/2016)

Signed by Chair of the Meeting approving these accounting statements

Date

08/06/2016

Section 3 – External auditor certificate and report 2015/16 Certificate

We certify that we have completed our review of the annual return, and discharged our responsibilities under the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014, for the year ended 31 March 2016 in respect of:

Enter name of
smaller authority here:

Great and Little Kimble with Marsh Parish Council

Respective responsibilities of the body and the auditor

This smaller authority is responsible for ensuring that its financial management is adequate and effective and that it has a sound system of internal control. The smaller authority prepares an annual return in accordance with proper practices which:

- summarises the accounting records for the year ended 31 March 2016; and
- confirms and provides assurance on those matters that are relevant to our duties and responsibilities as external auditors.

Our responsibility is to review the annual return in accordance with guidance issued by the National Audit Office (NAO) on behalf of the Comptroller and Auditor General (see note below). Our work does not constitute an audit carried out in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK & Ireland) and does not provide the same level of assurance that such an audit would do.

External auditor report

(Except for the matters reported below)* on the basis of our review of the annual return, in our opinion the information in the annual return is in accordance with proper practices and no matters have come to our attention giving cause for concern that relevant legislation and regulatory requirements have not been met. (*delete as appropriate).

(continue on a separate sheet if required)

Other matters not affecting our opinion which we draw to the attention of the smaller authority:

(continue on a separate sheet if required)

External auditor signature

External auditor name

Date

Note: The NAO issued guidance applicable to external auditors' work on 2015/16 accounts in Auditor Guidance Note AGN/02. The AGN is available from the NAO website (www.nao.org.uk)

Annual internal audit report 2015/16 to

Enter name of smaller authority here:

Great and Little Kumble and Marsh Parish Council

This smaller authority's internal audit, acting independently and on the basis of an assessment of risk, carried out a selective assessment of compliance with relevant procedures and controls expected to be in operation during the financial year ended 31 March 2016.

Internal audit has been carried out in accordance with this smaller authority's needs and planned coverage. On the basis of the findings in the areas examined, the internal audit conclusions are summarised in this table. Set out below are the objectives of internal control and alongside are the internal audit conclusions on whether, in all significant respects, the control objectives were being achieved throughout the financial year to a standard adequate to meet the needs of this smaller authority.

Internal control objective	Agreed? Please choose only one of the following		
	Yes	No*	Not covered**
A. Appropriate accounting records have been kept properly throughout the year.	✓		
B. This smaller authority met its financial regulations, payments were supported by invoices, all expenditure was approved and VAT was appropriately accounted for.	✓		
C. This smaller authority assessed the significant risks to achieving its objectives and reviewed the adequacy of arrangements to manage these.	✓		
D. The precept or rates requirement resulted from an adequate budgetary process; progress against the budget was regularly monitored; and reserves were appropriate.	✓		
E. Expected income was fully received, based on correct prices, properly recorded and promptly banked; and VAT was appropriately accounted for.	✓		
F. Petty cash payments were properly supported by receipts, all petty cash expenditure was approved and VAT appropriately accounted for.	✓		
G. Salaries to employees and allowances to members were paid in accordance with this smaller authority's approvals, and PAYE and NI requirements were properly applied.	✓		
H. Asset and investments registers were complete and accurate and properly maintained.	✓		
I. Periodic and year-end bank account reconciliations were properly carried out.	✓		
J. Accounting statements prepared during the year were prepared on the correct accounting basis (receipts and payments or income and expenditure), agreed to the cash book, supported by an adequate audit trail from underlying records and where appropriate debtors and creditors were properly recorded.	✓		
K. (For local councils only) Trust funds (including charitable) – The council met its responsibilities as a trustee.			✓

For any other risk areas identified by this smaller authority adequate controls existed (list any other risk areas below or on separate sheets if needed)

Name of person who carried out the internal audit ROGER G. NASH

Signature of person who carried out the internal audit _____ Date 25/05/2016

*If the response is 'no' please state the implications and action being taken to address any weakness in control identified (add separate sheets if needed).

**Note: If the response is 'not covered' please state when the most recent internal audit work was done in this area and when it is next planned, or, if coverage is not required, internal audit must explain why not (add separate sheets if needed).

Guidance notes on completing the 2015/16 annual return

1. You must apply proper practices for preparing this annual return. Proper practices are found in the Practitioners' Guide* which is updated from time to time and contains everything you should need to prepare successfully for your financial year-end and the subsequent work by the auditor. NALC, SLCC and ADA have helplines if you want to talk through any problem you encounter.
2. Make sure that your annual return is complete (i.e. no empty highlighted boxes), and is properly signed and dated. Avoid making amendments to the completed return. Any amendments must be approved by the smaller authority, properly initialled and explanation provided. Annual returns containing unapproved or unexplained amendments will be returned and may incur additional costs. **Smaller authorities must approve the annual governance statement before approving the accounts.**
3. Use the checklist provided below. Use a second pair of eyes, perhaps a Councillor or Board Member, to review the annual return for completeness before sending it to the external auditor.
4. Do not send the external auditor any information not specifically asked for. Doing so is not helpful. However, you must tell the external auditor about any change of Clerk, Responsible Finance Officer or Chair.
5. Make sure that the copy of the bank reconciliation which you send to your external auditor with the annual return covers all your bank accounts. If your smaller authority holds any short-term investments, note their value on the bank reconciliation. The external auditor must be able to agree your bank reconciliation to Box 8 on the accounting statements (**Section 2 on page 3**). You must provide an explanation for any difference between Box 7 and Box 8. More help on bank reconciliation is available in the Practitioners' Guide*.
6. Explain fully significant variances in the accounting statements on **page 3**. Do not just send in a copy of your detailed accounting records instead of this explanation. The external auditor wants to know that you understand the reasons for all variances. Include complete analysis to support your explanation. There are a number of examples provided in the Practitioners' Guide* to assist you.
7. If the external auditor has to review unsolicited information, or receives an incomplete bank reconciliation, or you do not fully explain variances, this may incur additional costs for which the auditor will make a charge. **From 2016 onwards, you must inform the auditor of the date set for the commencement of the period for the exercise of public rights.**
8. Make sure that your accounting statements add up and the balance carried forward from the previous year (Box 7 of 2015) equals the balance brought forward in the current year (Box 1 of 2016).
9. Do not complete Section 3 which is reserved for the external auditor.

Completion checklist – 'No' answers mean you may not have met requirements		Done?
All sections	All highlighted boxes have been completed?	✓
	All additional information requested, including the dates set for the period for the exercise of public rights, has been provided for the external auditor?	✓
Section 1	For any statement to which the response is 'no', an explanation is provided?	✓
Section 2	Smaller authority approval of the accounting statements is confirmed by the signature of the Chair of the approval meeting?	✓
	An explanation of significant variations from last year to this year is provided?	✓
	Bank reconciliation as at 31 March 2016 agreed to Box 8?	✓
	An explanation of any difference between Box 7 and Box 8 is provided?	✓
Sections 1 and 2	Trust funds – all disclosures made if a Council is a sole managing trustee? NB: Do not send trust accounting statements unless requested.	✗
Internal Audit report	All highlighted boxes completed by internal audit and explanations provided?	✓

*Note: Practitioners' Guides are available from your local NALC, SLCC or ADA representatives or from www.nalc.gov.uk or www.slcc.co.uk or www.ada.org.uk.

BANK RECONCILIATION 2015/16

B/fwd from end 31/03/2015	13295.09
Plus receipts from Cash book	38941.10
Plus interest bank	3.66
Less payments	-41812.86
Bal end 2015 c/fwd to 2016	10426.99
LTSB Bal 31/03/16(Deposit Acc)	8038.47
LTSB Bal 31/03/16(Curr Acc)	2388.52
Total cash book 31/03/16	10426.99

Bank reconciliation

LTSB Bank 31/03/16	2388.52
PLUS Unpresented receipts 31/03/16	
Less unpresented payments	
Bank cash book balance 31/03/16	2388.52
Cleared balance 31/03/16	10426.99

Explanation of variances 2015/16						
		2015	2016	Diff	%%	Explanation for variances
Annual Return						
	Bal b/fwd	16124.36	13295.09			
	Annual Precept	25000.00	30000.00	-5000	-19.23%	Increase of £5K in precept to enable playground refurbishment Phase 1
	Other Receipts	1284.64	8944.76	-7660	-66.99%	Grant from BCC for MVAS £3500 Increase in WDC Support Grant £1542 VAT refund of £2916
	Staff Costs	-4048.22	-4215.60	167	-3.66%	
	Loan Int & Capital Repayments			0		
	Total Other Payments	-25065.69	-37597.26	12532	-52.54%	Playground Refurbishment of £12.5K
	Bal c/fwd	13295.09	10426.99	2868	18.84%	
	Total Cash and short term investments	13295.09	10426.99	2868	18.84%	
	Fixed Assets	487880	498466	10586	27.95%	New play equipment added £11.5K and MVAS £3K. Less removed play equipment £2.2

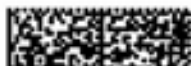
Great and Little Kimble cum Marsh Parish Council
Asset Register Compiled March 2016

Approx Date	Item Description	Cost incl VAT	VAT	Excl VAT	Notes
May-04	Slide and Tower	5478.37	815.93	4662.44	
Feb-05	Purmsell (Shelter for play area)	2409.93	358.93	2051.00	
Feb-05	Wickstead Leisuer Rope Walk	1103.33	164.33	939.00	
Mar-05	Swings	2239.00	373.00	1866.00	
Feb-16	Senior Goal mouth	2356.37	392.73	1963.64	
Feb-16	20m Zip Wire	9305.16	1550.86	7754.30	
		0.00			
2012/13	Bus Shelters x 5	21000.00	3500.00	17500.00	
		0.00			
	Marsh Notice Board	958.80	159.80	799.00	
	Gt Kimble Notice Board	1320.00	220.00	1100.00	
	KSH Noticeboard	1320.00	220.00	1100.00	
Aug-15	Movable Vehicle Activated Sign	3705.55	638.65	3066.90	
	Marsh Seat (Nr Noticeboard)	465.60	77.60	388.00	
	Seat on Playground	465.60	77.60	388.00	
	Rest and Be Thankful' Log Bench	384.00	64.00	320.00	
	Bench Near War Memorial	465.60	77.60	388.00	
	War Memorial	4200.00	700.00	3500.00	
		0.00			
	Laptop	600.00	100.00	500.00	
	Printer/Scanner/Copier	180.00	30.00	150.00	
	Laminater	36.00	6.00	30.00	
	Kimble Stewart Hall (Village Hall)			450000.00	This figure is the sum the Village Hall is insured for, rebuilding cost are £360K. The Parish Council own the building but it is managed by the Kimble Stewart Hall Charity.
Total Asset				498466.29	



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Account Summary

Balance On 31 March 2016	£8,038.47
Total Paid In	£0.67
Total Paid Out	£0.00
Balance On 9 May 2016	£8,039.14

Account Activity

Date	Payment type	Details	Paid out (£)	Paid in (£)	Balance (£)
31 Mar 16		BALANCE BROUGHT FORWARD			8,038.47
11 Apr 16		INTEREST (GROSS)		0.36	8,038.83
9 May 16		INTEREST (GROSS)		0.31	8,039.14
9 May 16		BALANCE CARRIED FORWARD			8,039.14

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TREASURERS ACCOUNT
 GREAT & LITTLE KIMBLE PARISH COUNCIL

Account Summary

Balance On 31 March 2016	£2,388.52
Total Paid In	£15,680.34
Total Paid Out	£1,051.67
Balance On 29 April 2016	£17,017.19

Account Activity

Date	Payment type	Details	Paid out (£)	Paid in (£)	Balance (£)
31 Mar 16		BALANCE BROUGHT FORWARD			2,388.52
26 Apr 16	Cheque	000904	29.00		2,359.52
26 Apr 16	Cheque	000903	312.50		2,047.02
27 Apr 16	Cheque	000910	476.17		1,570.85
28 Apr 16	Cheque	000909	162.00		1,408.85
29 Apr 16	Bank Giro Credit	WYCOMBE D.C.	-	15,680.34	17,089.19
29 Apr 16	Cheque	000908	72.00		17,017.19
29 Apr 16		BALANCE CARRIED FORWARD			17,017.19

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Local Council name: Great + Little Kimble Council
Marsh Parish Council

Confirmation of contact details

Please confirm the contact details for the Clerk, RFO (if not the clerk) and Chairman, to assist us in ensuring that our records are kept up to date:

Clerk's name: <u>June</u> <u>Bunker</u>	RFO's name (if not clerk)	Chair's name <u>John</u> <u>Austin</u>
Address: <u>20 Kimble</u> <u>Park</u> <u>Little Kimble</u> <u>HP17 0UE</u>	Address:	Address: <u>Gymbelure</u> <u>Risborough Rd</u> <u>Little Kimble</u> <u>Bucks</u> <u>HP17 0UE</u>
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e-mail: <u>clerk@kimble</u> <u>council.org</u>	e-mail:	e-mail: <u>janstine.kimblecouncil</u> <u>org</u>

Please return this form in the envelope provided, together with the Annual Return and other information requested.

Confirmation regarding the exercise of electors' rights

Local Council name: Great and Little Kimble cum
Mash Parish Council

The Council must inform the electorate of a 30 working day period during which electors' rights may be exercised.

The inspection period must include the first 10 working days of July 2016.

The elected period commences on: 1 July 2016

And ends on: 12 August 2016

The date appointed by the Council for the exercise of elector's rights has been set as:

14th Aug 2016 (any date at least one working day after the end of the inspection period above).

Signed  Date: 14/June 2016

Position held: Clerk + RFO