



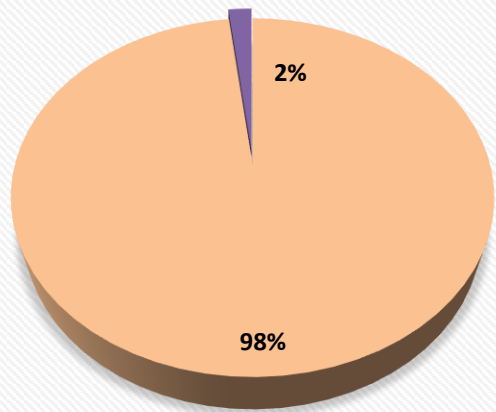
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Budget 4055 Expenditure by Category ICT Maintenance	FA2/16	

MONTH	JANUARY '26	FEBRUARY '26	MARCH '26	APRIL '26	MAY '26	JUNE '26
IT SUPPPORT	£756.00	£822.00	£2,364.00	£1,640.88	£1,640.88	£1,297.44
IT MAINTENANCE	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
IT INFRASTRUCTURE	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
SUBSCRIPTIONS/FEES	£14.39	£14.39	£117.97	£464.39	£464.39	£506.39
PURCHASES/HARDWEAR	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
WEBSITE SUPPORT	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
FOI/SAR REQUESTS	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
TOTAL	£770.39	£836.39	£2,481.97	£2,105.27	£2,105.27	£1,803.83

This report shows six months' worth of IT support and expenditure data for Neston Town Council from January 2026 – June 2026. Each month the data is broken down per area of expenditure from invoices and timesheets provided by the Council's IT Consultant in the form of percentage breakdowns across all areas of services provided. These are then submitted to the Council with invoices on a monthly basis. Please note that all figures are excluding VAT.

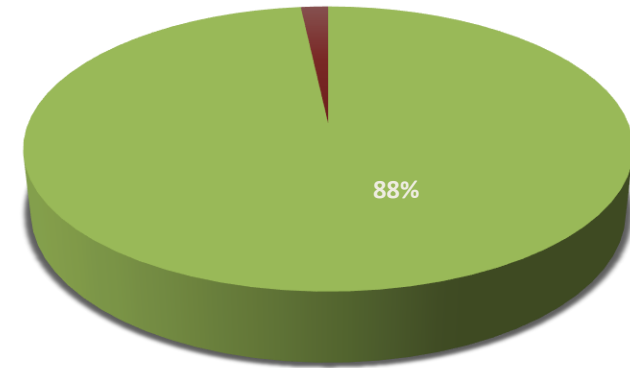
During this half of the year, the IT work has focussed predominantly on IT support which is varied across the business and this is always the area where our greatest expenditure lies which includes site visits, as well as remote support, assistance, any current software upgrades, and troubleshooting any day-to-day issues officers may experience. Preventative and security maintenance has been ongoing, as well as general maintenance of all IT hardware, equipment and servers, including ensuring business continuity through disaster recovery planning, backup testing and ensuring all systems are up to date and maintained in line with security releases. Subscriptions also vary depending on the time of year when renewals are due. There were no purchases of any new equipment or hardware in this period. Encryption for the IT systems was moved from a third-party software solution which wanted to increase pricing by over 400%. The Council has now been moved to a free commercial solution, provided through the new server which was installed last year. Achieving a cost saving alongside future proofing the council's encryption needs. The Allotments system has been migrated from a third party outsourced system which was becoming increasingly expensive and difficult to maintain. The new internal system organises contracts, signatures and payments through a single system, providing a cost saving and avoiding any potential lockout by the previous provider.

January 2026



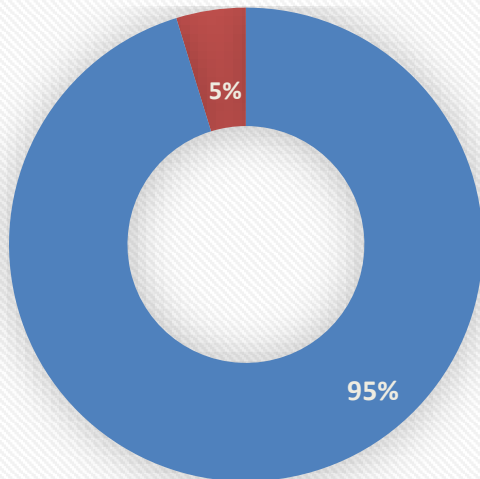
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Subscriptions/Fees Purchases/Hardware Website Support

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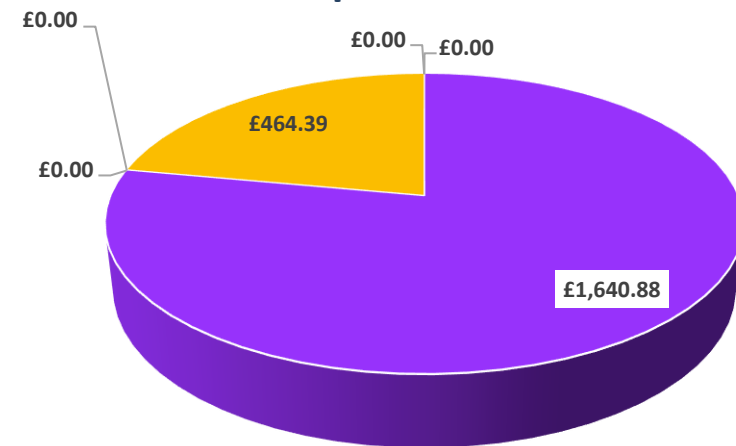
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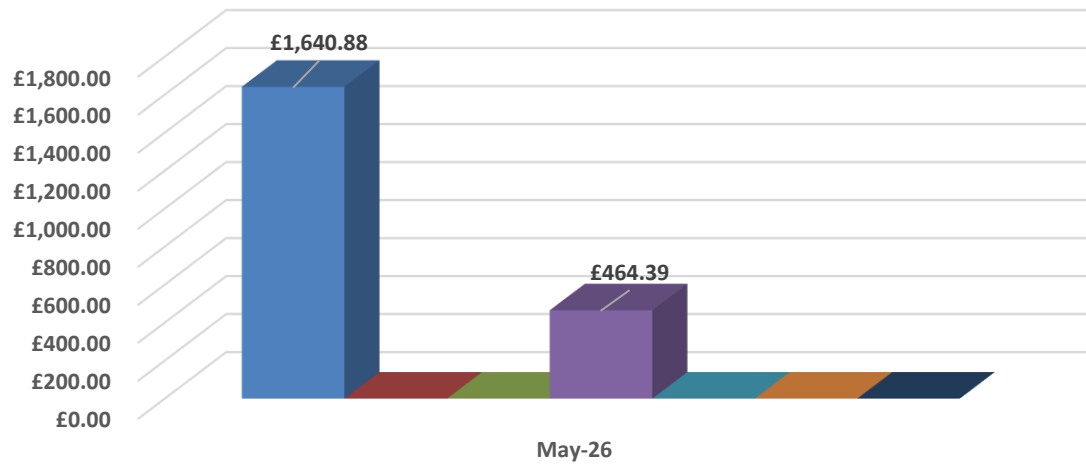
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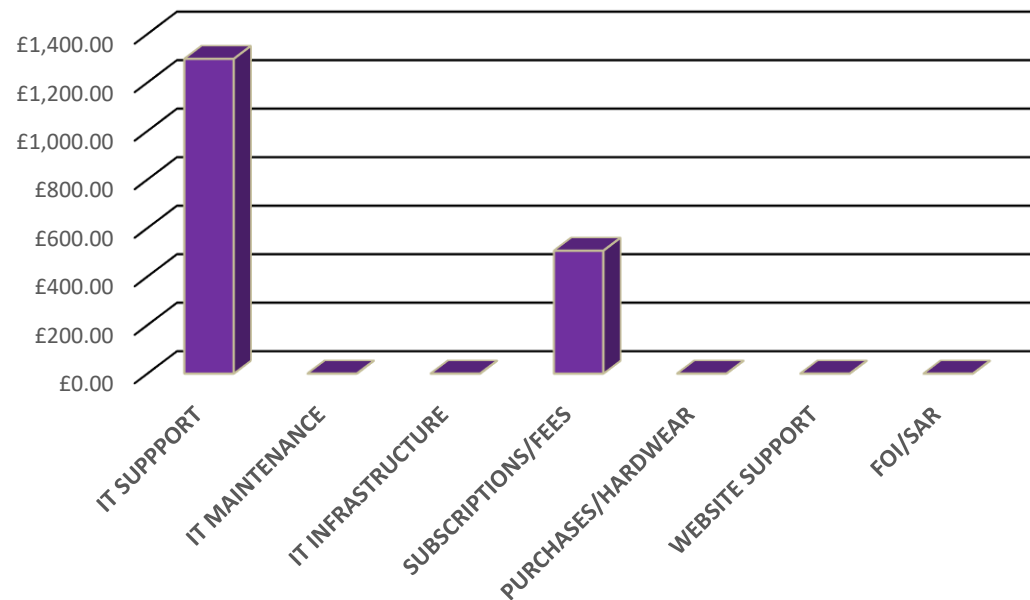
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May 2026



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June 2026



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September 2026