

**Ashdown Forest Finances to 31 March 2026**  
**Income and Expenditure Forecast and Budget Summary**  
**Core Budget and Countryside Stewardship Budget Combined**

	2025/26 Original Budget	2025/26 Current Budget	2025/26 Forecast
<b>CORE INCOME</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Licences & Forest Rate	209,147	209,147	203,131
Unrestricted funding (WDC, AFT, T/PCs)	561,544	561,544	1,044,302
Income generation and Donations	24,027	24,027	12,303
Forest Products incl. Meat and Deer Carcasses	26,118	26,118	20,502
Visitors	22,620	22,620	22,612
Financial	15,000	15,000	15,000
Recharges from Countryside Stewardship programme	163815	163815	109,198
<b>Unrestricted Core Income</b>	<b>1,022,271</b>	<b>1,022,271</b>	<b>1,427,048</b>
<b>Other Restricted Core Funding/Grants (specific purpose)</b>	<b>60,000</b>	<b>60,000</b>	<b>174,435</b>
<b>TOTAL CORE INCOME</b>	<b>1,082,271</b>	<b>1,082,271</b>	<b>1,601,483</b>
<b>COUNTRYSIDE STEWARDSHIP INCOME</b>			
Grant funding for CS work programme	748,261	748,261	562,565
<b>TOTAL CS INCOME</b>	<b>748,261</b>	<b>748,261</b>	<b>562,565</b>
<b>TOTAL CORE AND COUNTRYSIDE STEWARDSHIP INCOME</b>	<b>1,830,532</b>	<b>1,830,532</b>	<b>2,164,048</b>

	2025/26 Original Budget	2025/26 Current Budget	2025/26 Forecast
<b>CORE EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Core Forest Staff Costs	470,509	470,509	555,706
Operational expenses	346,453	346,453	306,765
Administration Overheads	131,543	131,543	157,312
Financial	32,856	32,856	23,305
Visitors	10,851	10,851	6,500
Expenditure from Ringfenced Funding (primarily education prog)	37,445	37,445	367,728
Core capital expenditure	41,866	41,866	8,100
Governance/Charity set-up	1,642	1,642	64
<b>TOTAL CORE EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>1,035,720</b>	<b>1,035,720</b>	<b>1,425,480</b>

<b>COUNTRYSIDE STEWARDSHIP EXPENDITURE</b>			
Countryside Stewardship Work Programme Project Expenditure	343,253	343,253	351,479
Staff Costs	429,734	429,734	269,674
Countryside Stewardship Staff Recharges	0	0	30,000
<b>TOTAL COUNTRYSIDE STEWARDSHIP EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>772,987</b>	<b>772,987</b>	<b>651,153</b>
<b>TOTAL CORE AND COUNTRYSIDE STEWARDSHIP EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>1,846,152</b>	<b>1,846,152</b>	<b>1,599,707</b>

<b>SURPLUS OF INCOME OVER EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>(15,620)</b>	<b>(15,620)</b>	<b>652,929</b>
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Core Budget surplus/(deficit)	9,106	9,106	176,003
CS Budget surplus/(deficit)	(24,726)	(24,726)	(88,589)
<b>Total Budget surplus/(deficit)</b>	<b>(15,620)</b>	<b>(15,620)</b>	<b>87,414</b>