



14 September 2017

Request

Can you supply me with figures for 2015 and 2016 of what each Parish, if they did, paid for the upkeep of the Parish Rectory Garden?

Response

Parish	Year to 30 April 2016	Year to 30 April 2017	Details / exemptions applied
Grouville	£298.42	£172.42	This relates to Branchage costs; the Parish does not make any other contribution towards the upkeep of the Rectory garden.
St Brelade	n/a	n/a	The information is not held. As part of their duties the Sextons cut the grass only but this is not noted as a separate item of expenditure.
St Clement	n/a	n/a	The information is not held. As part of their duties the Parish manual staff maintain the Rectory garden but this is not noted as a separate item of expenditure.
St Helier	estimated £4,093.33	estimated £4,093.33	The Deanery is a Parish property and in the past was maintained by the Parish's Parks & Gardens department. Based on the information available it is estimated that the cost was £4,093.33 annually. The costs from 2017 onwards will be met by the Rectorat on a time and materials basis.
St John			Information exempt under Article 23 – Information accessible to applicant by other means (see justification below).
St Lawrence	£1,500.00	£1,482.50	The parish has agreed to provide £1,500 per annum for the upkeep of the garden at the Rectory, the Rector decides how to use the funds i.e. employ a gardener to cut the grass on a regular basis or buy plants etc. The garden expenses for the Rectory are kept as a separate item on the ledgers.
St Martin	Nil	Nil	
St Mary	n/a	n/a	The information is not held. This expenditure cannot be itemised as it falls within the duty of the caretaker to maintain the Rectory public lawns including the Rector's private lawn. The Rector maintains the rest of the Rectory private garden.
St Ouen	£530.36	£3,963.72 *	* This figure included a large one-off cost because the garden needed to be re-modelled following the boundary wall being re-drawn.
St Peter	n/a	n/a	The information is not held. Parish employees mow the Rectory lawn as part of their routine work and it is not noted as a separate item of expenditure. No other gardening duties are carried out by them.
St Saviour	£1,487 *	£1,630 **	* Garden upkeep only; £2,209 for Repairs & Maintenance ** Garden upkeep only; £3,707 for Repairs & Maintenance
Trinity	n/a	n/a	The information is not held. If any work is done it is accumulated with the costs for the Church and Cemetery grounds.

FOI exemption applied: Article 23 - Information accessible to applicant by other means

Information is absolutely exempt information if it is reasonably available to the applicant, otherwise than under this Law, whether or not free of charge. A scheduled public authority that refuses an application for information on this ground must make reasonable efforts to inform the applicant where the applicant may obtain the information.

Justification for exemption

This information is contained as a separate item in the 2016 set of Parish Accounts and is available to view, and take a copy, at St John's Parish Hall during the usual opening hours:

- Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday 9.00 a.m. – 1.00 p.m.
- Monday, Tuesday and Friday 2.00 p.m. – 4.00 p.m.
- Wednesday 2.00 – 7.00 p.m.
- Closed on Thursday.

