



Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972 gives the parish council the power to spend a limited amount of money for purposes for which they have no other specific statutory power. It is essentially a "power of last resort" and allows the council to spend money on projects they believe will benefit some or all of their residents.

Councils cannot endlessly spend under this provision; they must be judicious about its use. The 2024/25 limit is £10.81 per electorate. The number of electors in Fressingfield on the current electoral register is 883. Therefore, limit for s137 spending is £9544.23.

The budget for 2024-25 set two limits on s137 expenditure.

1. Donations - £5155. Up until this year, this had been to charities based outside the parish whose services parishioners could access. This group was expanded to include three charities based in Fressingfield.

Name of recipient	Amount allocated
The Fressingfield Shed	875
Fressingfield Playing Field Management Committee	875
1 st Fressingfield Scouts Group	875
East Anglia Children's Hospices	630
Border Hoppa	150
Waveney Foodbank	810
East Anglia Air Ambulance	730
Citizen's Advice Bureau	150
Royal British Legion	60
Total	5155

2. Grants – up to £3600

Name of recipient	Amount allocated
The Fressingfield Shed	145.00
Fressingfield Bowls Club	706.50
Friends of Fressingfield School Association	125.00
Fressingfield Sounds Community Interest Company	750.00
Total	1726.50
Playtime	750.00
Total	2476.50