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Parish Council

EWPC
Key Activities - 2025/2026
Planned Actions – 2026/2027

North Wessex
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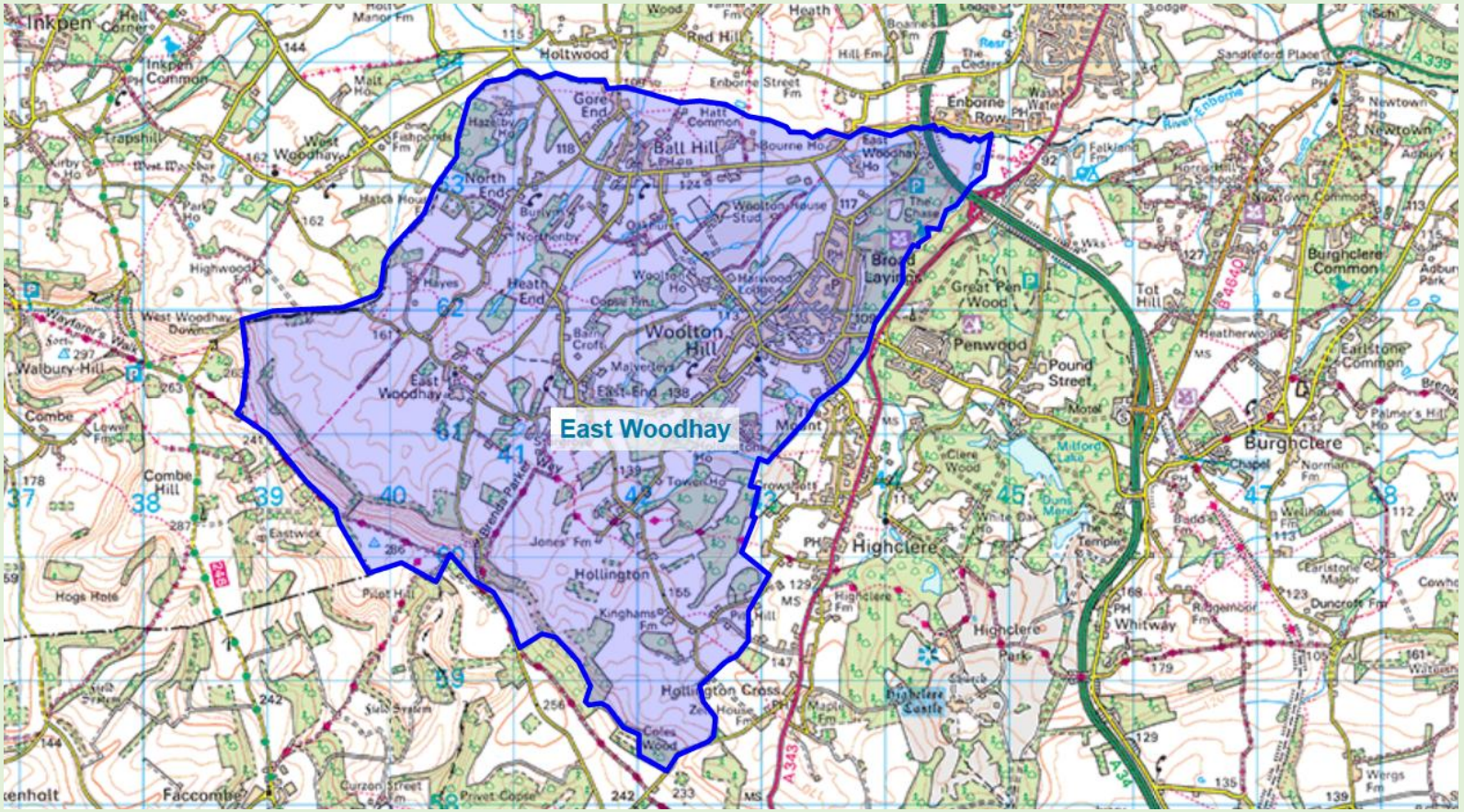
Your Parish

East Woodhay Parish consists of the village of Woolton Hill and the hamlets of Ball Hill, East End, Heath End, North End, Gore End, Hatt Common, East Woodhay and Hollington.



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Parish Meetings and Minutes

Parish Meetings

- All parish councillors give their time voluntarily without remuneration.
- **Full Parish Council** meetings are held on the last Monday of the month unless otherwise notified.
- Details of meeting dates with agendas and minutes for:
  - **Planning Committee**
  - **Amenities Committee**
  - **Finance Committee**

can be found on the EWPC website :

https://www.eastwoodhay-pc.gov.uk

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Your Parish Council - May 2026

Cllr Paul Hurst
Chair of Parish Council

Cllr Karen Titcomb
Vice Chair

Amy White
Parish Clerk

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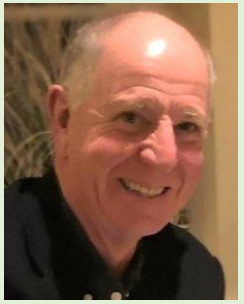
Cllr Denys Blakeway



Cllr Graham Dick

Cllr Rose Donoghue

Cllr Susan Cooper

Cllr Mark Rand

Cllr Andy Midwinter

Cllr Carie Roots

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Topics

- Parish Finance
- Planning
- Environment & Facilities
- Footpaths
- Highways & Transport
- Safety & Security
- Administration

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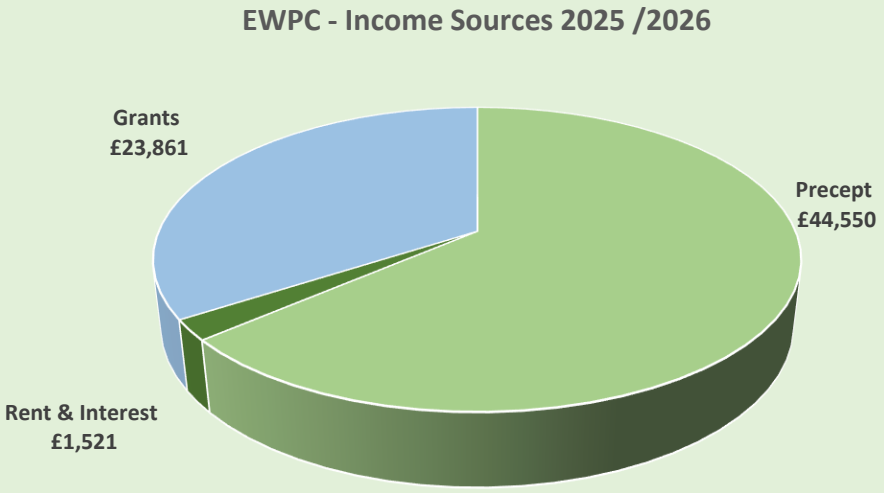
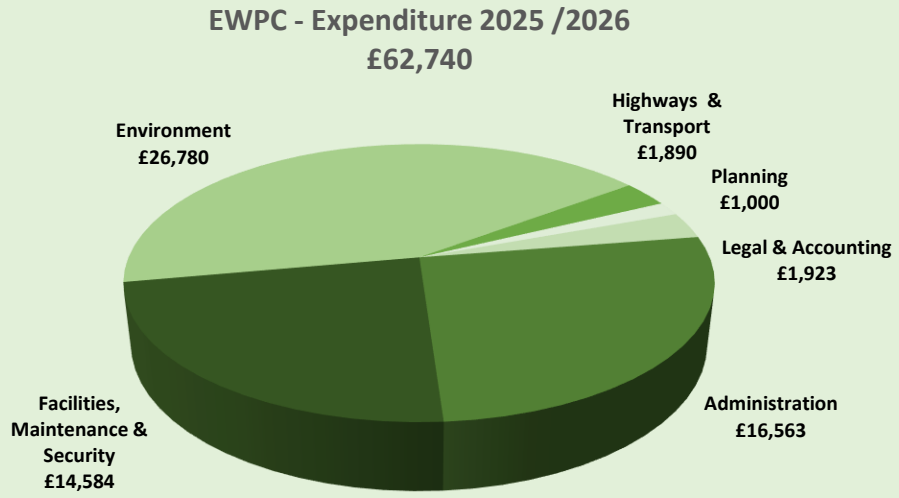
Income / Expenditure 2025/2026

To seek best use of resources for the community





Subject to Audit

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Planning - 2025/2026

To review all planning applications impacting our community - respond on behalf of EWPC

Who: 5 Parish Councillors form Planning Committee.

What: Provide LOCAL VIEW on new builds, extensions, new barns, barn replacement, pet crematorium, change of use (nursery to dwelling house), swim pools, garages, solar farm, replacement gates/windows, annexes, major developments (Watermill Bridge & Oakley Farm)

When: meets every 2 weeks

Where: Woolton Hill Church Hall – 6pm

(Agenda on EWPC website)

– all welcome

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Planning - 2025/2026

- **Some 83 (82*) Applications Considered This Year**
  - 60 (59,55*) for extensions, swim pools, barn replacements, replacement windows, tennis courts, oil tanks, garden buildings, caravans, flag pole, variation of conditions etc
  - 6 (9, 11*) for new builds – giving us an additional up to 12 new homes in the parish (c.15,22*)
  - 16 (11,12*) Tree Works – TPOs
  - Work on proposed approx. 270 new homes in Wash Water, 360 in Sandleford Park, 500 at Oakley Farm.
  - 1 Appeal (3 last year) on decisions made by BDBC.

  - (* figures for previous 1 or 2 years)

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Planning 2026/2027
(Bud:£2,500)

- **Budget Expenditure:** covers expert professional fees
- **Expected Activities :**
  - Work with Wash Water Developer/BDBC /Consultant to ensure best outcome for this Parish.
  - Work with Highclere Parish Council/BDBC/Consultant re Oakley Farm proposals.
  - Resist Urbanisation of our Parish:-

  - Protect Our Green Space – no unplanned sprawl.
  - Work with Neighbouring Parishes and National Landscapes Team (formerly AONB).
  - Monitor concern re additional traffic from new commercial premises / new builds in hamlets.
  - Liaise with BDBC re revised Local Plan & impact on our Neighbourhood Plan.

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Facilities, Maintenance & Security - 2025/2026

(£11,253)

To establish and maintain amenities for the benefit of the parish community

Repairs and Maintenance incl:

- Maintenance of recreation grounds at Woolton Hill and Heath End, including tennis courts (Contractor: Scofell)
- CCTV at WH recreation ground and playground.
- Independent weekly inspection and repair of equipment
- Tree Maintenance (Contractor: Greentips)

Woolton Hill Recreation Ground

- Goalmouth protection in Woolton Hill Rec (using S106 money).

Parish Field Path

- Drainage under all-weather path – phase 1. (Contractor: R L Lampard)

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Facilities, Maintenance & Security - 2025/2026
cont/-

Grounds Maintenance incl.:

- Major tree works on EWPC land in WH and Heath End.
- Grass and hedge cutting of WH and Heath End recreation grounds, Parish Field, Meadowbrook and Brownies Corner in WH.

Parish Field:

- Further wildflower seeds planted for biodiversity.
- Improved drainage under all-weather path – phase 1. (Contractor R L Lampard)
- PC joined with schools and community to plant 5 disease resistant elms with grant obtained from Hampshire Countryside Services.
- Hedging planted opposite Woolton Hill Surgery.

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Facilities, Maintenance & Security - 2026/2027
(Bud: £11,770)

Projects:

- Parish Field all-weather path drainage – Phase II
- Improvements at Heath End recreation ground.

Ongoing Repairs and Maintenance of :

- Newly refurbished boardwalk
- WH and Heath End Rec. equipment, grass and hedges.
- Tree survey across the parish and associated maintenance.
- Meadowbrook grass and hedges.

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Facilities, Maintenance & Security - 2024/2025
cont/-

Keeping our parish clean and safe for parishioners.

Litter Warden

- 720 hours of litter clearing from environment by Litter Warden, **Patricia Barnes**, in last year.

Anti-Social Behaviour

- 5 Latest technology CCTV cameras at Woolton Hill Recreation Ground

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Facilities, Maintenance & Security - 2024/2025
cont/-

Emergency Response Plan

- Updated regularly to assist local community in event of a major incident or local emergency by:-
- enabling community liaison with Level One and Level Two responders dealing with an emergency or major incident;

- promoting community support, self-help and resilience if faced with an emergency or major incident;
- facilitating efficient return to normality after a major incident or emergency.

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Footpaths 2024/2025 (£10,000)

To provide access and enjoyment of local countryside

To keep the Network Open we:-

- Liaised with landowners and tenants to maintain gates, stiles and crossings;
- Worked with our brilliant footpath wardens Dave Lawson, Sarah Tillion, Tracey Aspey and Kevin Tooze to keep the footpaths open;
- Continued to replace old stiles with new gates for safer and easier access;
- Maintained the wonderful new boardwalk after its completion in spring last year. (See next page)

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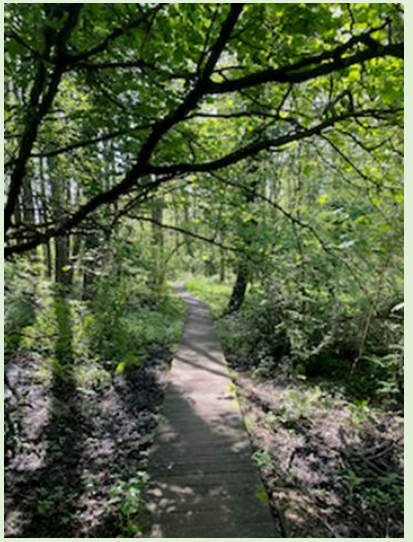
Footpaths 2025/2026



Focus on the Boardwalk

- Working with Hampshire County Council and National Landscapes, EWPC secured £70,000 funding (including £10,000 from EWPC) to replace two large rotting sections of the boardwalk

- Work started in Autumn 2024 and continued throughout the winter and spring into 2025
- Thanks are due to tremendous input from volunteers, and HCC rangers under Gemma Clinch, in creating this much improved facility.

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Highways & Transport 2025/2026
(£1,890)

To represent parishioners' expectations for local highways integrity and transport opportunities

Potholes

- Multiple reports continue against a background of reduced funding by HCC Highways.
- Pressure maintained to keep Parish needs highlighted.

Drainage

- Liaison pressure on HCC Highways, Thames Water and local landowners for ditch & drain clearance.

Transport

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Highways & Transport - 2025/2026 cont/-

Signage

- Repairs undertaken following significant malicious damage to finger and road signs in Woolton Hill after HCC finance cuts prevented timely response.

Speed Indicator Device

- Routine placement for maximum safety benefit and traffic data gathering.
- All sites show 85th percentile within speed restriction limits, with occasional though thankfully rare outliers at greater than 2x limit.

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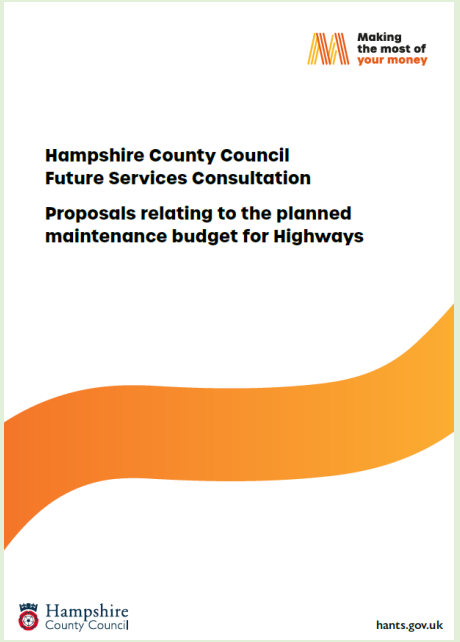
Highways & Transport 2025/2026

Highways Maintenance

Hampshire County Council has approved a £7.5 million reduction per year in highways maintenance from April 2025;

- HCC accepts that "would likely be an accelerated deterioration in the condition of our roads".



EWPC:

- has little control of local highways maintenance; BUT continues to:
  - strongly represent local concerns;
  - report and monitor significant highways and infrastructure issues;
  - liaise with HCC Highways, BDBC & utilities companies to resolve problems.

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Administration - 2024/2025

(£15,332)

To provide effective support for Parish Council functions, compliant with applicable regulation.

Occupational Standard for Local Council Clerks and Officers:

- Parish Clerk achieved Certificate in Local Council Administration (CiLCA);
  - enables use of General Power of Competence by EWPC.

Key Administrative Responsibilities

- Maintaining Parish information resources:
  - https://www.eastwoodhay-pc.gov.uk
  - https://www.facebook.com/eastwoodhaypc
- Parish Accounts
- Local Government Compliance and councillor training

Networking

- Hampshire Association of Local Councils (HALC)
- Lobbying local government contacts for Parish benefit.

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Administration - 2025/2026 (Bud: £16,492)

Legislative Administration

- Compliance with regulatory need for a Parish Clerk.
- Work undertaken to ensure correct documentation and registration of land owned by the parish

Parish Accounts Management

- New software introduced to enhance efficiency, reporting and financial accountability.

Council Performance

- Council policies updated to current statutory guidance;
  - support increasing professionalism of council activities.

- Training Courses for councillors in areas of responsibility.

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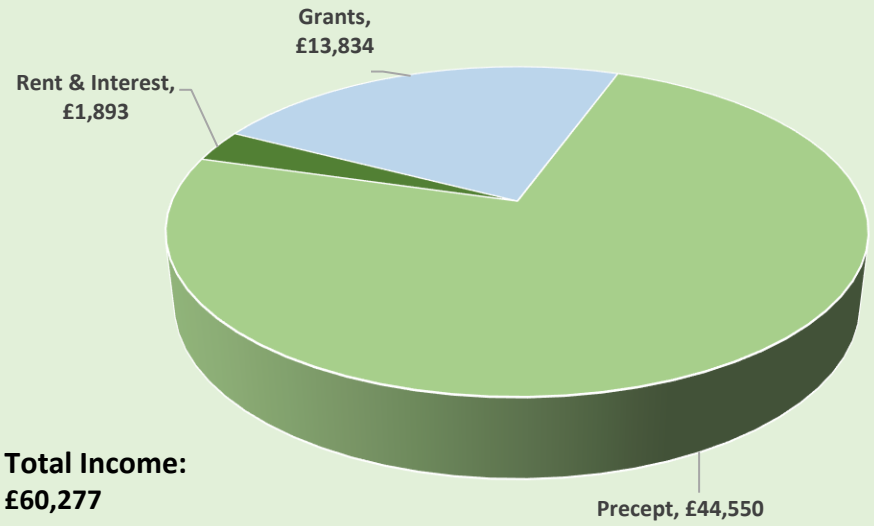
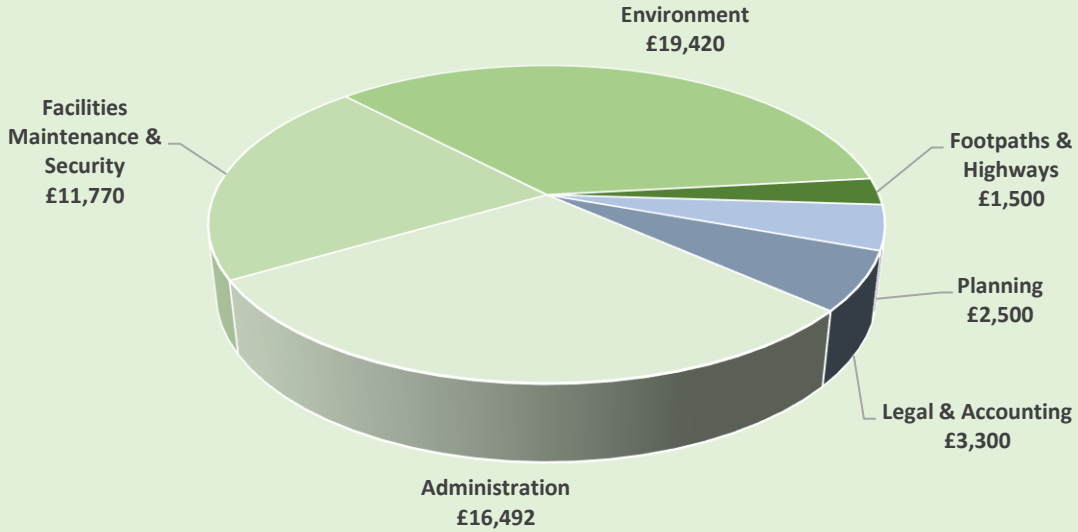
Budget Income / Expenditure 2026/2027
Excl. Reserves

EWPC Budget Income Sources - 2025/2026



Total Income:
£60,277

EWPC Expenditure Budget 2025/2026



Total Expenditure excl. Reserves:
£54,982

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A MESSAGE FROM YOUR EAST WOODHAY PARISH COUNCILLORS

The full Parish Council has up to 10 councillors, but currently there are only 9.

Do you:-

- feel you have time to offer input to your local community?
- wish to get involved in how best to utilise available funding?
- have a project /good idea which needs funding?
- want to join us for a one-off project, which you would like to see through?

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT AMY WHITE:

clerk@eastwoodhay-pc.gov.uk

East Woodhay Village Hall

Bequeathed to community in 1938

- 3 EWPC Parish Councillors sit on Board of Trustees;
- now with new management team of dedicated local volunteers.

Ongoing Campaign to:

- get the hall back in full regular use;
- create firm financial footing for the future.

Want to join our fun team?

- help to organize fund-raising events
  - quizzes/wine tastings/cinema/BBQ……

Contact us via: www.ewvh.org. or talk to Karen or Paul……..

East Woodhay Village Hall

A lovely space in a rural environment with plentiful parking. Recently partly refurbished.

Available for: Wedding Receptions, Christening Parties, Wakes, Children's Parties, Celebrations, Meetings…….

Main Hall with catering facilities ideal for clubs, societies, dance classes, etc.

Self-contained Private Rooms to rear available for business meetings or use as small office or Consulting Rooms.

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