

## **Tingewick Parish Council Report May 2024**

This last year has proved to be another very busy time for the PC ...There are always things in the village that need to be either cut, filled, repaired or built... and sometimes, all 4 together!!

The **flood works** are still being continued. We are working with both the Environmental team at County plus Anglian Water ensuring that all ongoing maintenance is being completed regularly, rather than in an emergency when there has been a problem. This has resulted in culverts being inspected using CCTV and sections repaired, main sewers also being checked and jetted, gullies and drains being emptied and cleaned regularly plus additional gullies being installed where there have been problems with water holding and pooling. Considering that this years winter and the weather reports saying it was the wettest for many years ...and not wanting to tempt fate but ...we do seem to have come through it. Several of our local farmers commented on the fact that we hadn't flooded, when in previous years, similar rain fall amounts had resulted in the dreadful flooding. So, it does seem that the repairs and the maintenance work being done by all parties is doing its job ... and long may that continue.

We still need to explore the upstream water storage plans which will stop the excess flood waters getting to the village in the first place, but this very expensive, upwards of £1,000,000. So will require major and specific planning and fundraising. However, it's something that must be looked at in order to remove the blight that Tingewick is an area that floods.

The improvements to the **sport pavilion** at the recreation ground continues to elude us!! We had plans approved by county to upgrade the existing pavilion, we had the monies in place from the Bovis and Field Close development agreements, a builder in place and along with funds raised by ourselves, we were ready to go. Then there was a problem with releasing some of the Field Close funds from county which sadly took nearly 6 months to sort. Obviously with this delay, the build price had increased. This was covered by using some of the carpark monies ringfenced for later, so again we were ready to go, and the demolition started in March this year. Only to then discover that the previous building had actually been built over a portion of the main gas pipe from Buckingham to Finmere, which runs right across the field. Obviously, rules and regulations for weight bearing pipe loads have changed in the 30 years since it was done, and the gas authority have put the builder on stop till this problem is resolved. At time of writing, we are still waiting to hear the outcome. When we do finally get the go ahead, it will take three months to complete, and we will then have a secure and modern changing facility for home and away teams plus a referees room, all complete with toilets and showers and be the home base our very successful Tingewick Football Club can be proud of.

We have applied to HS2 for grant monies for an off-road **car park at the rec**. This would involve re arranging the swing area but needs to be done to provide a safe area for cars and occupants, so fingers crossed we have a positive response from HS2. We have been successful with another grant application and received £2000 from the police for security cameras and alarms at the new pavilion so that was a real help.

Through the year we have had a lot of **roadworks** in and around the village including pot holes, damaged drain cover surrounds, demolished street lights and knocked over street name signs. These are all reported regularly by a PC team member and entered onto the County **FixMyStreet** portal. This portal is available to everyone, so if you see anything that needs repairing, please add your comments too. The more people that report it ...the better.

One of the other topics that generates a lot of comment and complaints is the **grass cutting** in the village. We have finally been allowed to remove ourselves from the County list and take this important job on ourselves. The cuts have been so reduced over the past years resulting in last years 2 !! which is just ridiculous. So as from April this year we can now do this ourselves. We immediately went out to tender and have awarded the contract to one of the companies who already do work for us in the village and our first cut should be done by the end of this month. We are aiming for 6 maybe 7 cuts per year, which is a vast improvement.

We are also entering again this year the **Best Kept Village** competition. We won this a couple of years ago and always do well with our marks, but it would be lovely to win the trophy again this year. The marking takes place between June and July, we never know when, so anything homeowners can do around their properties to help with our presentation would help enormously.

The **village litter picks** take place twice a year and we are always grateful of any help with this too. Many of you pick up any rubbish you see at ANY time of the year, that is just fantastic, and we thank you, but why people just can't take their rubbish home is mind boggling.

**The pond** is still on our radar to try and improve its appearance and to get some plants in there to help keep the water cleaner. Trying to understand who owns it is the main problem we have at the moment, but we are working on it. Money has been raised for improvements by the pond team, we just need to establish the ownership.

We said goodbye this season to **Johnny Bannister** who's been our maintenance and gardening man for the village owned, public spaces for many years now and has done an amazing job. In his place Matt his former colleague has taken over, and we look forward to a continued excellent service from Matt and we thank Johnny for all his hard work in over the years.

Someone else we also said goodbye to, was Sandra from the **Royal Oak**. So sad when yet another village pub closes but let's hope somebody comes in soon and reopens. We do wish Sandra all the best in her retirement and thank her for all the years of firework displays, support at the PC Christmas events Halloween nights and all the many things she used to do.

We had our annual **Christmas tree lights** switch on event. We were lucky with the weather plus we had the Great Horwood Silver Band playing again which is always special and with carols round the tree and of course Santa put in an appearance much to the delight of the children.

Where we weren't so lucky with the weather, was for our fete last year. **Tingewick Summer Party** had to be cancelled the day before when the wind and rain got the better of us and the classic line of "if wet, in the village hall" came to fruition. So much planning goes into the event entertainers are booked, many cakes are made, and craft stalls are prepped...but we upped sticks, packed as much as we could into the hall and carried on!!

Plans for this years fete on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> June are in full swing, and all we ask for is that we have a sunny and dry day. The popular **dog show** returns this year so hopefully lots of you doggy owners will enter your pet pooches into the cutest, waggiest tail, and best in show categories.

A lot of background record work at the **cemetery and church yard** has been done through the year. We have had several enquiries also for help with finding the graves of long-lost relatives. This resulted in 2 visits from both the USA and Australia. With the Australian search going back to 1757 and with the help of Jackie Nash from the historical society, we were able to establish the burial area, arrange a meeting with the descendants and point out the grave location to



them. The American visitors family had spent time here during the war and had happy memories of Tingewick House. The present owners kindly offered for them to revisit the house and garden they had fondly remembered from childhood. We are also about to formally mark the 2 war graves we have at the cemetery with a sign that will be placed on the cemetery gates. This is a service offered by the Commonwealth War Graves Commission who wrote to us earlier in the year to arrange this formal plaque of remembrance. The church graveyard in the village is not used for burials anymore and certain areas of the grounds are left to mother nature. However, a resident has recently requested permission to clear and maintain the areas to the left side and rear of the church. A very kind offer that we and the PCC have accepted.

We've had some new faces on **the P C Team** also, and have welcomed 3 new councillors in Rob Pearson, Robert Holmes and Stewart Rennie, new ideas and fresh eyes are always welcome. We also had a relief Clerk helping us for most of 2023 but as from February this year have welcomed back **Dawn Rogers** to the clerks role. Dawn was with us previously but left in 2016 to further her career. She hit the ground running on her return and picked up the reigns perfectly. The AGAR reporting system the PC has to do yearly has been completed, the books balanced and all lawful returns to the external auditor were done in record time, and we thank Dawn for all her hard work with this mammoth task.

So, a year in the life of a Parish Council ... and if anyone would like to join the PC, we meet every 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday at 7pm in the village Hall ...or just come along and listen in and let us know any ideas you might have for Tingewick.

Thank you.

Trisha Lightfoot

PC Chair

These **accounts** are for the financial year 2023/2024

The Parish Council requested a precept of £36,338

In addition to the precept the **income** for the year was £19,551

which included £10,000 from the recreation ground trust towards the build of the refurbishment of the pavilion at the recreation ground

recoupment if vat paid during the year

The **expenditure** was £81,109 (which includes paid VAT) this is higher than the precept as;

We received a refund of unclaimed vat for 8 years , but it was paid twice (£26,000) so had to repay £13,000

Deposit was paid to start work at the recreation field of £18,000

Emergency work at Gorrell Lane footpath £3,200

New financial software package and subscription £1,500

The Parish Council is required to carry a reserve each year to meet unexpected expenses and the reserve is healthy and sufficient to meet unforeseen circumstances for the coming year.

You have with your papers the closing balance sheet summarising the closing position as at 31.03.24

I have the cash book for the year if there are any questions.

The accounts have been approved by the Parish Council's internal auditor and will be submitted to the external auditor after signing this evening.



## Bank Reconciliation

Tingewick Parish Council

Financial year ending 31 March 2024

Prepared by Dawn Rogers Parish Clerk - 01.04.24

Balance per bank statements as at 31 March 2024	£	£
Petty Cash	0	
HSBC Current account	30,083	
HSBC Deposit Account	-	
Unity Trust Current account	1,859	
Unity Trust Deposit account	2,482	34,424
Less unrepresented cheques		
None		-
Net balances as at 31 March 2024		34,424
Cash Book		
Opening Balance 1 April 2023		59,644
Add: Receipts in the year		55,889
Less: Payments in the year		81,109
Closing balance per cash book as at 31 March 2024		<b>34,424</b>

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## **STRENGTHENING OUR COMMUNITIES**

The Town & Parish Focus Group was established by the Cabinet Member for Communities to work with a cohort of local councils to work together to understand current issues for local councils, with the first meeting held in February.

A refreshed Town & Parish Action plan was shared with the Focus Group, picking up actions from the recent town and parish survey, an outstanding actions from the previous CharterAction Plan.

The action plan will form part of the activity in the Focus Group.

Our 16 Community Boards have continued to bring together local communities to tackle local issues and improve local place. In the year 2023 to 2024, they have funded over 200 projects with c230 anticipated by the end of the year.

Each £1 spent of Community Board funding has secured £1.80 in contributory funding.

Awarded a contract to deliver five of our leisure centres. As well as bringing positive financial benefits, the arrangements will continue to provide benefits for local residents including concessionary membership rates, close working with health partners to encourage healthy and active lifestyles, and an apprenticeship programme.

£966k invested in replacing and improving children's play spaces across seven sites in 2023/24, with all new play areas including accessible play equipment.

New Changing Places accessible toilet installed at Black Park Country Park, part-funded by a grant from the Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities.

64 activities, events and campaigns were held in libraries with over 1,300 people participating as part of the Healthy Libraries pilot in partnership with Public Health. Healthy Libraries is now being rolled out across all libraries.

Established Buckinghamshire's Making Every Adult Matter (MEAM) team, to enable our approach of targeting support to people in the county who are the most in need. The team has already enabled 3 rough sleepers to secure accommodation and improved the stability of accommodation for others.

Just under 400 nominations received for our Proud of Bucks Awards across 274 different people/organisations, with 48 winners and 48 commended recognising individuals, local groups and organisations.

### ***Improving Our Environment***

Six Green Flags awarded for our parks in 2023: Heartlands in Buckingham, Vale Park and Bedgrove Park in Aylesbury, Hughenden Park and The Rye in High Wycombe and Higginson Park in Marlow.

A new Highways Service was launched -Buckinghamshire Highways - with industry leading delivery partners.

Our Buckinghamshire Street works Permit Scheme's holds public utilities to account for their work on our road network and our 'zero tolerance' approach has seen us more than double the issuing of fixed penalty notices this year.

Continued the successful delivery of our 4- year £105 million improvement programme to our highways network including 209 carriageway schemes this year.

Over 200,000 extra pieces of litter binned as a result of our partnership with Litter Lotto and the Council brought in £70,000 from the external Innovation Fund.

Secured Government grants have led to over £1.9m from the UK Shared Prosperity Fund for the 'Energy Doctor' scheme; which has made functional improvements to over 110 properties in Opportunity Bucks wards.

49 public bus routes subsidised with a £2.05m budget annually.

Delivered over 5 miles of new active travel routes including Platinum Way, Waddesdon

Greenway School Link, Berryfields to Buckingham Park, Aylesbury canal towpath, and Wendover, including 3 parallel crossings to prioritise people cycling and walking.

## **Protecting the Vulnerable**

Over 14,000 children and young people eligible for free school meals, early years pupil premium or 2-year-old funded early education received additional support through the Department of Work and Pensions Household Support Fund grant in the form of supermarket vouchers for each of the school holidays.

Completed 7 community resilience evening workshops to support local communities to develop emergency plans.

Between 300 and 500 students were engaged with at each of the Freshers Fairs at Bucks New Uni, Buckingham Uni and Buckinghamshire College Group campuses.

133 vulnerability packs were distributed to late night venues across Buckinghamshire, produce advice and guidance to staff.

The Stayok.uk website was launched for those with learning disabilities (and/or autism) providing safety advice. It is the first site in the country of its kind and uses photo symbols and easy read text.

Support has been provided to the NHS to see over 81,000 people receive a covid autumn booster vaccine within Buckinghamshire. This is more than 73% of the eligible population.

We have accommodated 123 adults and children within 25 families from Afghanistan who now permanently reside in Buckinghamshire and we are supporting to gain employment and access education. We've also accommodated over 1,800 guests who have fled the war in Ukraine.

We have supported residents to stay warm during the colder winter months, including through the continuation of 'welcoming spaces' in libraries and other community venues, and have distributed 640 warm packs to residents via partners.

Supported 7,500 financially vulnerable residents with essential white goods and furniture and emergency food and fuel support

Provided over 58,000 digital food vouchers for eligible families during the school holidays

Provided funding of over £400,000, via the Household Support Fund from the Department of Work and pensions to support Voluntary and Community Sector initiatives/schemes for residents across



Buckinghamshire through the Household Support Fund, including over £220,000 to organisations supporting within Opportunity Bucks target wards.

## **Increasing Prosperity**

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- The Missendens Community Board supports the communities of Great Missenden and Little Missenden parishes and works with both councils to deliver shared priorities and aspirations. Over the past 12 months this has included working together to find ways in which to help address speeding and making improvements to our villages, such as the installation of the bike racks and notice board in Holmer Green and Roald Dahl themed seating areas in Great Missenden. All this achieved by keeping in touch with parish clerks and parish councillor representatives, key local issues, meeting decisions.



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Buckingham Street is in the system for the whole road to have a mastodon surface.

Buckinghamshire Council is working hard for you!

foster Carers / Parents  
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## Report on the Activities of St Mary Magdalene, Tingewick

(1<sup>st</sup> January 2023 to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023)

It was pleasing to note that 2023 started, and continued, as the first 'normal' year since the Covid pandemic began which meant that it was the first year that Paula could carry out a full programme of services and events – for which we were all very relieved and grateful. The Churchwardens' Meetings continued every three months to set the service rota for the Benefice and to plan special events.

At the start of the year, Lee Flynn began the next stage of work to repair sections of the church roof, replacing timbers where necessary. Lee was also engaged to complete some cleaning of the middle and upper chambers of the tower, to clear away some of the detritus that has accumulated over the years, as a result of the jackdaws getting in and nesting. This was carried out in preparation for the installation of new flapper boards in the middle chamber to aid the ringing of the church bells. We continue to be grateful to Derek Russell whose generous donation two years ago to the Fabric Fund has continued to enable us to carry out some much-needed repairs. We were also very thankful to the village Community Café for making a very generous donation to help us pay for the work carried out on the bells. New speakers for the organ were also installed and have proved very successful, making the sound much clearer and richer in tone.

In the latter half of the year, the wall in the toilet underwent much-needed restoration, organised by Martin Hornsey. The baby change equipment was removed and the wall stripped of damp plasterwork. After allowing the stone to completely dry out, it was then replastered and painted - an excellent job!

Activities were arranged for Holy Week and Easter, with the church open to receive and display beautiful flower arrangements and Easter gardens, including those from the Montessori Nursery and some children from the village and the school. An Easter Egg tree was again on display in the porch and this was decorated by offerings from some of the village children, who could also take Easter-themed sheets away with them. Paula was able to run a weekly Lent programme using some of the material provided by the Diocese and this was much appreciated by the people who attended. Paula was also pleased to be able to continue Crafty Church which at first took place on the third Sunday of the month and has since changed to the fourth Sunday. Although

attended by small numbers, she is keen to carry on with it and hopes that attendance will grow. It was satisfying to see a good number of children and adults at the Easter-themed activities on Easter Saturday.

At the beginning of the year, Sharon Clark gave up the church cleaning which she had carried out for several years and she was given a card and garden centre token to show our appreciation for all that she had done for the church. Members of the PCC and congregation have taken on responsibility for cleaning and have divided up the jobs between them. Again, we are very grateful that people are prepared to give their time to care for the building and make it welcoming for those who attend services. We would also like to thank the members of the Flower Rota who make the church look so beautiful throughout the year, as well as helping us to celebrate important events in the church calendar.

We were sad to mark the passing of Marion Fenemore whose funeral was held in the church in May. She and her late husband, Richard, had been stalwart supporters of the church in so many ways over the years.

A special commemorative long weekend took place in the village in June to celebrate the coronation of King Charles III, and a celebratory ringing of the church bells took place. A Church Tidy was organised for the Bank Holiday Monday when people across the country were asked to donate their time to help a worthy cause. We were very thankful to the villagers and PCC members who volunteered their time to help in the church and the churchyard – it was another excellent show of Tingewick community spirit.

At the end of the summer, a most enjoyable fund-raising event took place in the church when a local group of singers and musicians, 'Mylady Clare's Musicke' performed to an appreciative audience. It was lovely to see the church full, with not only parishioners, but also people from further afield. An added bonus was that several hundred pounds were added to church funds from this successful evening. To allow more space for the musicians to perform, the large lectern next to the pulpit was moved to one side and it was decided to make this a semi-permanent move and make use of the smaller wooden lectern which has stood at the back of the church. This has allowed for a less obstructed view for both Paula and the congregation.

Although the planned Harvest Supper in the Village Hall did not take place for various reasons, a most successful Harvest lunch was held in the church after the Harvest Festival service in September and everyone



who attended agreed that it was an excellent celebration and one worth repeating. Thank you to everyone who contributed their time to help organise both events.

A toddler corner has been set up in the space at the back of the church with two small tables and chairs, drawing materials, a playmat and toys. We aim to develop this and make an area that is welcoming for children and families.

At Christmas, the church was open to display the beautiful flowers and Nativity scenes which had been arranged by a team of helpers and which also included home-made displays from the local nursery and village school, with the children also adding their Christmas decorations to the tree in the porch. This year, with Paula leading the worship there was a well-attended Crib Service and Midnight Mass on Christmas Eve. We finished the year feeling thankful for all that the church and village community had contributed to our lives and to the ongoing life of the church.

*Jan Clements and Sara Churchfield*



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## Annual report Tingewick Preschool Chair 2024

The last few months have been very busy and we are all very excited that our new building is nearing completion and it will not be long before we will return to Tingewick we hope.

We have been applying for several grants and I have heard this week that Early Years at Buckinghamshire Council have granted us £14,000 towards costs of the rebuild and resources, this is very good news and I have also received a Letter of Intent from the Council about the renewal of the lease.

I have to thank all those who have helped with trying to secure funding from various sources.

We held a really lovely opening event on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> March when Councillor Robin Stuchbury cut the ribbon for the new building. Robin had opened our previous building in 2003 when he had been Mayor of Buckingham and he was very pleased to have been asked to do the same again. It is especially apt as he was born in Tingewick and his mother still lives in the village.

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Although we are not ready to move in yet several members of staff would be unable to attend an event nearer to Easter and it was very important to me for them to be there.

A huge thank you to everyone in the community who has supported us, the Parish Council, the village Hall Committee, The Pearces for transporting equipment free of charge and donating money from their Christmas tree collection, and of course the Tingewick café who have so generously given us several large donations we are very lucky to be part of such a caring community.

The other big event of the past year was our Ofsted inspection . The inspector was very supportive and fair and made us all feel relaxed and supported and we were thrilled to maintain our Good rating across all areas.

Well done to all the staff for all their hard work in getting the setting more than ready for the inspection. I also contacted the Inspection team to express our thanks for the manner the inspection had been conducted.

I have to, as always thank the staff who provide quality care for the children for very little monetary reward. The

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challenges remain the same but you are all fantastic and a support to me.

We are looking to hold more fundraising activities over the next year, but need to build the numbers of volunteers on the committee to enable this to happen and I hope this will be possible once we move into the new building.

*Claire Groves*  
Pre-school Chair

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## TINGEWICK AND WATER STRATFORD HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

The major story this year has been the survival of the Society. It was touch and go at the AGM as to whether we would get anyone to join our very small committee - which would have only consisted of three committee members. Luckily for the Society, we had four lovely ladies offer to join and each agreed to take on particular roles on the committee. So very many thanks to Jackie Newman, Beverly Maggs, Maria Franco-Maxwell, and Jackie Nash for coming forward. Jane Bradford and Sheila Tanner agreed to stay on the committee so a big thank you to them.

The Society is in its centenary year, and a trip to Rutland Water and Barnsdale Gardens has been arranged, to commemorate this milestone, which is to take place on 4<sup>th</sup> June.

After every AGM, we have arranged a Cheese and Wine event, which is always sold out, and our very knowledgeable wine expert, Ron Gleeson makes it a great evening.

Last year, we also arranged a plant swap/sale, ran a herb stall at Tingewick Fete, organised a trip to Wisley and ran our usual wreath making event in December, with the help of Elaine Rigg. All were very popular.

Our main event, the Summer Show, took place in both the village hall and Roundwood School last year, which meant we had much more room for the exhibits and

various stalls. However, taking into account the large number of entries from the committee members and one individual, there were not many other exhibits from the general public. Because of the lack of support, we have decided not to hold a Summer Show this year.

We are going to run a herb stall at the Fete in Tingewick on 22<sup>nd</sup> June, and we have already planned a Village Social for 24<sup>th</sup> August, and wreath making for 6<sup>th</sup> December. Look out for details on Tingewick Life and the Tingewick News.

With a new committee, come new ideas, so some of our events may change in the future, but we need to be supported by the community, in whatever we do.

Did you know that we have around 90 members, who have joined the Society without having to pay a penny? If you wish to join, free of charge for life, then please contact Sheila Tanner on 07887 893305 or speak to us at any of our events. Any member can get discounts at a variety of different local businesses and be contacted by email of any of our future events.

The Society is run for the Community, so do come along to our events, offer to help out, enter exhibits in any future Summer show or garden competition, offer to join the committee and become a member.

Teresa Smith Chairman  
2024 Report



from

Mrs Rosemary Stuchbury  
for Tongewick Patchers.

We meet every Monday  
at 1.30 to 3.30.

have 45 members are are  
full at the moment,

We make items for Milton  
Keynes Hospital, Cloths for children  
aboard,

Sell members not needed  
material etc, for money to give  
the youth reading items to  
set up home, it run by  
Milton Keynes.

Have outing to Patchwork  
shops and the NEC.

We have no ~~more~~ women  
I started it over 30 years  
ago on the old Sundry School.  
and it's grown so

Rosemary Stuchbury



**Tingewick Parish Clerk**

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**From:** beverlymaggs <beverlymaggs@sky.com>  
**Sent:** 21 May 2024 12:56  
**To:** TPC  
**Subject:** Re: Tingewick Annual Village Meeting

Report from Linedancers for PC meeting.

(As I don't think we've contributed before I have included some history for context)

Our Linedancing group of twelve meet each Monday evening in the excellent Village Hall here in Tingewick, some of us live in the village, others are from surrounding villages and one member even comes from Milton Keynes.

The group was started about twenty years ago by lovely linedance teachers Anna Donaldson and Madeleine Bennett, sadly Anna passed away in 2019 and Madeleine went to live in Maids Moreton Hall care home a couple of years later.

For a while one of our group, Lynn Everson kindly took on the role of organising the music and leading the dances which worked well, however family commitments eventually meant that she couldn't carry on linedancing.

We have continued to meet weekly and now consider ourselves as a group of friends, we no longer need a teacher as many of us go to other linedancing classes and social events so we combine knowledge and learn new dances together. We all benefit from the exercise and social contact and now thanks to wifi in the hall all of our music comes via Spotify, so much easier than needing CD's and CD player and speakers!

We keep our contributions low, just enough to cover the hire of the village hall and leftover money goes towards us enjoying a meal together once or twice a year and we would welcome any new members.

To quote a well known programme on the BBC our plan is to just to 'keeeep dancing!'

Sent from my Galaxy

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**From:** TPC <clerk@tingewickparishcouncil.org.uk>  
**Date:** 14/05/2024 16:37 (GMT+00:00)  
**To:** beverlymaggs <beverlymaggs@sky.com>  
**Subject:** Re: Tingewick Annual Village Meeting

Thanks very much, Beverley.

On 14 May 2024, at 08:24, beverlymaggs <beverlymaggs@sky.com> wrote:



The Café continues into its ninth year, proving itself to be an asset to the village with both regulars and new faces visiting every Friday.

Two Saturday Cafes are held each year, in May and December, giving those working on Fridays a chance to visit.

The Village Hall Lottery Draw is drawn during the Café on the second Friday of each month.

Apart from the social benefits of the Café, money is raised for various causes throughout the year.

From May 2023 to April 2024 a total of £14390

Donated as follows:

Tingewick Village Hall	3970
Tingewick Pre-School	2126
Flood Response Team	1648
Brain Tumour Research	1080
Ukraine Aid	708
Meningitis Research	650
Tingewick Church Bells	590
Local food Bank	558
Travis Cat Rescue	557
Children In Need	556
Comic Relief	450
Princes Trust	368
Fenemore Playing Fields	305
Kidney Research	280
NHS	274
Medical Detect Dogs	270



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**Tingewick Walkers:** annual report for 2023-24 for Tingewick Annual Parish Meeting 22 May 2024

Tingewick Walkers usually meets on the last Tuesday of each month. We meet at Tingewick Village Hall car park at 10am. We may proceed directly on foot from there for a local walk or, more frequently, we car-share to and from our walks when going further afield. Walks are 4.5-5 miles in distance and end with sharing lunch at a local hostelry before returning to Tingewick in early afternoon.

We have enjoyed a range of lovely walks, although our routes over the winter period had to be carefully planned to avoid too many muddy fields following the incessant rain we have had. Despite some testing weather conditions, none of our walks have been cancelled. We have walked locally around the villages of Cottisford, Juniper, Evenley and Thornborough as well as Tingewick, and have also explored walks further away at Canon's Ashby, Adderbury, King's Sutton, Swanbourne, Milton Keynes and even Old Sarum (hosted by two of our members who have moved recently from Tingewick to Salisbury). Numbers of participants have declined since covid but we still attract a loyal membership of about 8 walkers, including two regulars from Buckingham, plus occasional additions. New members are always welcome to join the group.

Since covid we are experiencing difficulties finding pubs on our routes which are open on Tuesdays and will provide a lunch menu. Many pubs have closed completely or have cut back on opening days and food offerings. Consequently, we have to be more inventive in our search for post-walk refreshments and now have to include cafés amongst our options!

Sara Churchfield

16.05.2024