

**TINGEWICK PARISH COUNCIL
ANNUAL ASSEMBLY
TINGEWICK VILLAGE HALL
7.00pm TUESDAY 26th May 2026**

AGENDA

1. To approve the Minutes of the previous meeting
2. Matters arising from the minutes.
3. To receive the Annual Report of the Parish Council.
4. To receive the Financial Report of the Parish Council.
5. To receive a report by the Buckinghamshire Councillors
6. To receive a report from St Mary Magdalene Church
7. To receive a report by the Civil Charities Commission
8. To receive a report by the Tingewick Village Hall Committee.
9. To receive a report by the Tingewick and District News.
10. To receive a report by Roundwood School.
11. To receive a report by Tingewick Pre-School.
12. To receive a report by the Tingewick Historical Society.
13. To receive a report by Tingewick and Water Stratford Horticultural Society.
14. To receive a report by the Tingewick Patchers
15. To receive a report by the Tingewick Line Dancers
16. To receive a report from the Tingewick Café
17. To receive a report from the Village Walkers
18. To receive a report from the Tingewick Community Park Trust
19. To receive a report from the Tingewick Book Club
20. To receive a report from the Tingewick Fete Committee
21. To receive a report from the Tingewick Football Club
22. To receive a report from any other local organisations.

TINGEWICK PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL VILLAGE ASSEMBLY
26th May 2026

Present:	Martin Hornsey	Chairman
	Ed Maxwell	Parish Councillor
	Jackie Newman	Parish Councillor
	Dawn Rogers	Parish Clerk
	Jackie Nash	Tingewick Historical Society
	Dave Patridge	Tingewick Village Hall
	Sharron Collison	Fitsteps
	Patrick Fealey	Buckinghamshire County Councillor
	Frank Mahon	Buckinghamshire County Councillor

Apologies:

Rob Pearson	Parish Councillor
Stuart Rennie	Parish Councillor
Nick Grant	Parish Councillor
Jan Clements	St Mary Magdalene Church
Sara Churchfield	Tingewick Walkers
Trisha Lightfoot	Tingewick Civil Charities
Teresa Smith	Tingewick and Water Stratford Horticultural Society
Brenda Smith	Tingewick Patchers
Fran Marsden	Tingewick Community Café
Graham Goodrich	Tingewick Book Club
Les Ashby	Tingewick FC
Beverley Maggs	Tingewick Line Dancers

1. To Approve the Minutes of the Previous Meeting held on the 28th May 2025

The following was noted;

Attendance List - 'Roger' should have referred to Dawn Rogers. Parish Clerk.

Item 1 – The minutes were seconded by Cllr Newman as opposed to Cllr Hornsey

Item 19-Book Club- It should have read 18 members as opposed to 80.

Proposed: Cllr Hornsey Seconded: Cllr Newman Agreed

2. Matters Arising from the Minutes of the 28th May 2025

None

3. To Receive the Annual Report of the Parish Council

A written report, as attached to these minutes, was presented by Martin Hornsey, Chairman.

Cllr Hornsey set out the work that the Parish Council has undertaken during the year and expressed thanks to the Parish Councillors for all their hard work over the year.

4. To Receive the Financial Report of the Parish Council

The Clerk presented the year's financial accounts. The internal auditor has approved the Annual Return, and it will be submitted to the external auditor upon approval by the Parish Councillors at their next meeting.

5. To Receive a Report by the Buckinghamshire Councillors (Presented by Cllr Fealey and Cllr Mahon)

Written report received as attached and presented by Cllr Fealey.

This is the first full year of the new boundaries and centralisation of individual councils.

Key issues have been potholes, speeding, flooding and national infrastructure projects (solar farms/sub stations/East West Rail/HS2/Super Prison)

There has been a great deal of speculative planning applications as the council can't demonstrate a five year land supply, however the council is working hard to complete the Buckinghamshire Local Plan.

The budget was set, and whilst it has been difficult as provision is increasing for services such as special needs provision it balances.

The council continues with highway investment, drainage and strengthening community transport.

Q. Has the savings of consolidating the councils been seen yet?

A. The government has taken away 44 million which counters savings made.

Oral Report presented by Cllr Mahon

The council has been working on community engagement to share priorities and to increase communications.

Cllr Mahon is now Vice Chairman of Buckinghamshire Council and if we need him to attend in his official capacity we should email Chairman@buchinghamshire.gov.uk

6. To Receive a Report from St Mary Magdalene Church

A written report, as attached to these minutes, setting out the activities of the Church over the year was presented by Dawn Rogers, Parish Clerk.

7. To Receive a Report from the Civil Charities Committee

A written report, as attached to these minutes, was presented by Dawn Rogers, Parish Clerk.

The meeting was asked to spread the word regarding the charity so that people knew that they could seek support if needed.

8. To Receive a Report from the Tingewick Village Hall Committee

An Oral report presented by Dave Patridge

The hall is an independent charity which is run at no cost to the village. A great deal of money is raised by the pub nights, and a lot of work has been undertaken to improve the hall as a result of the proceeds. However, if the Royal Oak does reopen the village hall pub will cease.

Very well attended pantomime at Christmas, and intend to invite them back.

Thanks were extended to the committee for their time and enthusiasm.

Q. Noted from the floor that the pop-up pub would close if the Royal Oak reopens. Will the Village Hall still have sufficient funding to meet its costs in this scenario?

A. Yes, the Village Hall is very well used due to its excellent facilities and booking fees are received. There are also regular fundraising events.

Q. Is there a possibility of taking over the adjacent car park?

A. This has been raised with the car park owners.

9. To Receive a Report from the Tingewick and District News

No report received.

10. To Receive a Report from Roundwood School

Apologies received.

11. To Receive a Report from Tingewick Pre-School

Apologies received.

12. To Receive a Report from the Tingewick Historical Society

A written report, as attached to these minutes, was presented by Jackie Nash.

The society's activities over the year were set out with many interesting talks. For remembrance weekend the project boards of Tingewick's fallen of WW1 and photos of those of WWII were presented in the Church.

The society continues to receive new documents and welcomes more.

13. To Receive a Report from the Tingewick and Water Stratford Horticultural Society

A written report, as attached to these minutes, was presented by Jackie Nash.

The society's activities over the year were set out along with a full itinerary for the coming year.

New members are very welcome.

14. To Receive a Report from the Tingewick Patchers

A written report, as attached to these minutes, was presented by Dawn Rogers, Parish Clerk.

15. To Receive a Report from the Tingewick Line Dancers

They have around 18 members in the group, most of whom come regularly each week. Currently there are 3 more people who are coming early on Monday evenings to practice beginner dances and who have expressed a wish to join us too.

Fees are £3 per week to cover the cost of the hall, with any surplus going to fund a summer and winter socials.

The new heating/ air conditioning installed in the village hall is much appreciated.

Thanks extended to Julie Hart and the Village Hall committee in providing ideal facilities.

16. To Receive a Report from Tingewick Café

A written report, as attached to these minutes, was presented by Dawn Rogers, Parish Clerk.

The Café has continued to be a huge success and over the last 12 months have raised and donated £12,750 to a mixture of local charities.

This year was their 10th anniversary and over those 10 years they have raised £108,000 and donated to 40 charities.

They have been nominated for the prestigious Kings Award for Voluntary Service.

17. To Receive a Report from Tingewick Village Walkers

A written report, as attached to these minutes was presented by Dawn Rogers, Parish Clerk. The walkers have continued their varied walks over the year both locally and further afield.

18. To Receive a Report from the Tingewick Community Park Trust (Richard Fenemore Playing Field)

A written report, as attached to these minutes, was presented by Martin Hornsey.

There are now first-class facilities and groups who would like to use them are welcome.

The new play equipment has been installed and is well used, there will however be a formal opening by Callum Anderson MP on 6th June.

Work continues with the reinstatement of the trim trail and new benches.

19. To Receive a Report from Tingewick Book Club

An oral report was presented by Graham Goodrich.

20. To Receive a Report from the Fete Committee

A written report, as attached to these minutes, was presented by Martin Hornsey. Sat 20th June and will be opened by Countess Howe, Lord Lieutenant of Buckinghamshire. All the favorites will be there and some new additions. Many good raffle prizes have been donated with all proceeds going to Tingewick Pre School who are recovering from their arson attack. Thanks extended to Tom Barrett for allowing the field to be used as the car park.

21. To Receive a Report from Tingewick Football Club

A written report, as attached, was presented by Dawn Rogers, Parish Clerk,

22. To Receive a Report from the Tingewick Village Arms

A written report, as attached, was presented by Martin Hornsey

23 To Receive a Report from Other Village Organisations

Fitsteps is a new group dance group that meets on a Thursday 6.15pm to 7.00pm in the Village Hall.

The Meeting Closed at 8.05pm

Chairman's Signature..... Date

Tingewick Village Assembly. 2026 PC Report

This year has seen some big changes to our leisure facilities in Tingewick

We now have **decent changing rooms & toilets** at the Richard Fenemore playing field, a new gazebo & more recently, new play equipment for the children, & a car park for their parents, the latter courtesy of a grant from HS2. The new play equipment will be officially opened by our MP, **Callum Anderson on 6th June.**

On the subject of HS2, their engagement van will again be at the fete on 20 June to answer your questions, so please try & keep them polite. They have been very helpful in the past year, paying for the village Christmas tree & donating a generous raffle prize.

Following on from last **year's highly successful fete**, this year we are raising money to help the pre-school, who are still recovering financially from the awful arson attack, which destroyed their building & all its contents, so don't forget, 20th June.

With all these new facilities, we are looking for **clubs or sports groups** who want to use them. Anyone interested please contact Dawn, our clerk, or see me after this meeting.

We have again entered the **Best Kept Village competition** in which we have always received good marks, so thanks to those who turned up last weekend, despite the heat, to help with the litter pick.

We are continuing to use '**Devolved Services**', which means we control, & pay for, the grass cutting & ground maintenance, & I think most of you will agree, we get a far better job than when the council did 2 cuts a year!

Another subject I'm sure most of you are aware of, is the proposal to build 92 houses on the West end of the village. The PC has sent it's

These **accounts** are for the financial year 2025/2026

The Parish Council requested a precept of £42,000

In addition to the precept the **income** for the year was £144,624

which included £102,895 draw down from county's s106 funds to complete the changing rooms project at the recreation field.

(We have received £100k grant from HS2 for the installation of new playground equipment and a car park, however this will show in the accounts for 26/27 as they we completed post 31.03.26)

The **expenditure** was £203,345 (which includes paid VAT) this is higher that the precept as;

Completion of Recreation Field project funded by s106 money

- Changing rooms unit1-£36,504
- Changing rooms unit 2-£51,114
- Groundworks and construction for units-£22,118
- Construction of pathway and disabled ramp to new changing rooms-£3,960
- Groundwork restoration upon completion work-£3,858.

Fixed Shelter-£4,975

School Playground Resurfacing-£23,255

All income and expenditure is reported monthly and approval sought for payments at each Parish Council Meeting and are published on the website, Tingewick News and posted on the notice board monthly

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 31.03.26

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, will be presented to the Parish Council at their meeting tomorrow and will submitted to the external auditor.

Bank Reconciliation

Tingewick Parish Council

Financial year ending 31 March 2026

Prepared by Dawn Rogers Parish Clerk - 16.04.26

	£	£
Balance per bank statements as at 31 March 2026		
Petty Cash	0	
Unity Trust Current account	4,629	
Unity Trust Deposit account	43,130	
		47,759

Less unrepresented cheques
None

Net balances as at 31 March 2025 47,759

Cash Book	
Opening Balance 1 April 2025	64,480
Add: Receipts in the year	186,624
Less: Payments in the year	203,345

Closing balance per cash book as at 31 March 2026 47,759

Tingewick Parish Council

ANNUAL RETURN - Section 2 : Statement of Accounts

Explanation of variances

This is prepared based on information in "Governance and Accountability for Local Councils : a Practitioner's Guide"

Important note: These figures have been prepared on a RECEIPTS and PAYMENTS basis.

Box No.	Description	31/03/2025 £	31/03/2026 £	Variance £	Variance %	Explanation Required?	Notes
1	Balances brought fwd	34424.76	64480.08				BALANCE B/F AGREES
2	Annual precept	41000.00	42000.00	1000.00	2%	No	N/A
3	Total other receipts	48256.70	144625.22	96368.52	200%	Yes	S106 Funds-Stages 3-5 Receipt of s106 funds on a draw down basis. Stage 3 - £91,447 Stage 4 - £4,933.17 Stage 5 - £6,515.00 TOTAL £102,895 If this is removed the difference would be receipts of £41,730 which is £6,426 (13.3%) less . 24/25 receipts included a s106 draw down receipt from BCC of £15,142.
4	Staff Costs	4233.60	4382.40	148.80	4%	No	N/A
5	Loan interest/capital repayments	0.00	0.00	0.00	0%	No	N/A
	Total other payments	54967.78	198963.68	143995.90	262%	Yes	Completion of Recreation Field project funded by s106 money Changing rooms unit 1-£36,504 Changing rooms unit 2-£51,114 Groundworks and construction for units-£22,118 Construction of pathway and disabled ramp to new changing rooms-£3,960 Groundwork restoration upon completion work-£3,858. Fixed Shelter-£4,975 School Playground Resurfacing-£23,255 Total-£145,784 Taking this away leaves £53,652 which is a difference of £1,315 (2.4% decrease)

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7	Balances carried forward	64480.08	47759.22	-16720.86	26%	Yes	A sum to resurface the school playground was carried over to 25/26 of which £23,255 was used in 25/26 for the resurfacing Total after deduction for this = £41,225 (10%)
	<i>Total Cash and Short Term Investments</i>	64480.08	47759.22	-16720.86	26%	Yes	A sum to resurface the school playground was carried over to 25/26 of which £23,255 was used in 25/26 for the resurfacing Total after deduction for this = £41,225 (10%)
9	Total Fixed Assets and Long Term Investments	389385.00	466151.00	76766.00	20%	Yes	New Assets purchased and added to Asset Register Pavilion 1 (40 foot) £42,595 Pavilion 2 (30 foot) £28,430 Gazebo (Portable) £766 Fixed Shelter £4,975 Dog Bin Transfer £1.00 Total £76,767 (added to 24/25 total equals 25/26 figure)
10	Total Borrowings	0.00	0.00	0.00	0%	No	N/A

This report is intended as a guide to the variances you may need to explain. The specific requirements vary between external auditors so please check the requirements shown on the pro forma provided to your council

Please note a breakdown of approved reserves will also be required if the total reserves (Box 7) figure is more than twice the annual precept value (Box 2)

comments but I must remind you that every individual has the right to give their opinion to Bucks Council.

There's also quite a lot goes on **behind the scenes**. Street lights get fixed, problems get reported, grass gets cut, playground equipment is inspected & kept in good order, footpaths are kept clear & electricity supplies & insurance cover are negotiated. Later this year, we have plans to increase the capacity of the cemetery, so there should be space for everyone. Not for a long time hopefully.

Last year also saw our first Christmas lunch at the Village hall, with tremendous support from Herts Hog Roast, who provided fantastic food for over 30 people. This proved to be a great success & we are hoping to repeat the event this year, so many thanks to Steve & Karen, & all the volunteer helpers. We are also planning for our annual Christmas tree lighting for late November/early December

I'd also like to take this opportunity to thank all our Parish councillors, who give countless hours of their time with no financial reward, just the satisfaction of knowing we are helping make Tingewick such a great village to live, & a special thanks to Dawn, who does an enormous amount of admin & support work, not to mention keeping us all in check.

I should also say thank you others in the village who help us in many ways.

It's probably true to say that when we are getting it right, no one notices, which is fine by us as I'm sure you'll let us know if we don't, so if no-ones complaining, we must be doing OK, but please let us know if you disagree.

We normally meet on the 4th Wednesday of every month (except December), where you can put forward your thoughts in 'open forum', or email Dawn, or speak to any of us.

St Mary Magdalene, Tingewick

Annual Report on the Proceedings of the PCC

(1st January 2025 to 31st December 2025)

Our first meeting of the year saw the committee members considering the financial implications of some of the more urgent recommendations of the Quinquennial Report which had been received a few months earlier. Remedial work needed to be carried out on the tower, but it was agreed that the church finances would not stretch to this immediately. The grant applications which had already been started would be put on hold until our financial situation improved and allowed us to proceed with the work. However, it was agreed that the outside work to clear the gullies and other overgrown areas around the church would be able to be tackled by organising a working party once the weather improved.

We were very pleased and appreciative that the Community Café had agreed already to give their March donations to the church. To help reduce our huge winter heating bills, we will be holding three of our church services in the village hall – on each third Sunday in January, February and March - with a view to increasing this number next winter if all goes well. An anonymous benefactor has very kindly offered to pay for the cost of hiring the hall on these dates. Further discussion, and practical ideas, will be necessary if we are to meet our financial obligations to the Oxford Diocese, as well as maintaining the church building and the churchyard, and keeping both in good order for future generations.

We have been very fortunate this year to have had several jobs undertaken in the church which have not only enhanced our beautiful building but also proved to be of very practical benefit. At the start of the year, Paula Catley kindly volunteered to replace the rather shabby curtains hiding the storage area at the back of the church and Martin Hornsey helped by refurbishing the metal curtain pole. The finished result has made such a positive difference to that area of the church. We have also been very grateful to Gwen Jepps who has undertaken two projects to help beautify the church. Her daughter Sara has kindly made a very pretty tablecloth and cushions for the chairs and table in the puzzle corner. The cloth is embroidered with the initials of Gwen's

late son and is a lovely memorial. She has also had made a very beautiful curtain to go across the side door in the chancel and provided a brass curtain rail which Martin kindly put up. In November, we finally lost all of our impossible-to-reach cobwebs after Paul Crosbie, assisted by Paula Catley, nobly offered to do some high-level cleaning of the windows, rafters and ceilings – and what a difference this has made to the interior of the church. Our very grateful thanks to all!

In June, we took possession of a free replacement organ, thanks to the kindness and generosity of Turweston Church. Darren Pearce did a very efficient job of removing and disposing of the old organ and installing the new one in its place. The sound quality and volume are both excellent, and Barbara Hood, our resident organist, is very pleased with it.

At the start of the year, we had hoped to organise an outside work party to carry out some essential jobs; however, by late autumn, our rather unkempt and overgrown churchyard had undergone an amazing transformation with the clearing of most of the undergrowth and saplings, and the trimming of some damaged lower tree branches which had become rather dangerous. All of this work has allowed in more light and created space for the grass and wildflowers to flourish. The boundary wall of the churchyard is now visible, and many hidden tombstones have also been revealed, some of which have been buried for decades under grass, saplings and creeping ivy – with some dating back to the 1700s. Peter Gough, one of our villagers has been responsible for all of this extremely hard work and we cannot thank him enough for his very generous gift of time and effort to our church, which he is all set to continue next year. Jonny Bannister also has our thanks for the assistance he has given to Peter for some of the more strenuous jobs.

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 of the children from the village. An Easter Egg tree was again on display in the porch, and this was decorated by offerings from some of the village children. 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. Also, two well-attended Lent lunches of soup,

bread and cheese were held at the church which were appreciated and enjoyed by all who came.

As Lent ended, it was satisfying to see a good number of children and adults at the Easter-themed activities on Easter Saturday, and we celebrated Easter Sunday with a well-attended Family Communion service.

Paula has been pleased to be able to continue Crafty Church on the fourth Sunday of every month. Although attended by small numbers, she is keen to carry on with it and hopes that attendance will grow.

Members of the PCC and congregation have continued the responsibility for cleaning the church 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.

The Churchwardens' Meetings continued every three months to set the service rota for the Benefice and to plan special events.

The children's corner, set up in the space at the back of the church with two small tables and chairs, drawing materials, a playmat and toys, has gone from strength to strength. As well as being in use during some services, it came into its own in the hot weather when it was used by families looking for a cool spot in which their children could play. An additional resource of a jigsaw table also proved popular during the summer months. Our aim is to continue to develop this and make an area that is welcoming for children and families.

Our church events continued with a Pet Service held in the church in July, followed the week after by a Benefice 'Bring and Share' picnic which began after the morning service. A most successful Harvest lunch was held in the church after the Harvest Festival service in September, with donations to Food Bank. Everyone who attended these events agreed that they were most enjoyable and worth repeating. Thank you to all who contributed their time to help organise these events.

A very special Sunday afternoon's entertainment was held in the church in September as we welcomed the Chamber Orchestra Collective led by Jessica Mogridge who lives in the village. A good-sized audience enjoyed a delightful repertoire played by oboe and strings, and the afternoon

concluded with tea and cakes. Many thanks to the talented performers and to everyone who gave up their time to allow this charitable event to take place.

Two very successful Tingewick Pudding Clubs were held in the village hall, the first in April and the second in October - with over 60 people attending on each occasion. The puddings were all made or donated by the PCC, and Barbara Hood kindly organised the raffle at both events with a range of wonderful prizes at each. These events proved again to be a great way to bring villagers together and enjoyable evenings were had by all who came. They also helped the church by providing some much-needed funds to assist with our huge day-to-day running costs.

In late autumn, we held an All Souls service in the church, as well as our annual Remembrance service at the war memorial in the cemetery. Both were well-attended and provided the opportunity for quiet reflection.

At Christmas, the church was open as usual to display the beautiful flowers and Nativity scenes which had been arranged by a team of helpers and which also included some home-made displays from the local nursery and village school, with the children also adding their Christmas decorations to the tree in the porch. Again this year, our church interior was transformed into a wonderland of Christmas trees and lights with the extremely kind donation of 11 eight-foot trees by the Partridge family of Tingewick. Our thanks must go to Lewis Partridge who delivered the trees to the church in time for them to be decorated by the PCC for our Advent service on the 30th November. With Paula leading the worship there was also a well-attended Crib Service and Midnight Mass on Christmas Eve. As always, our thanks go to Paula for her inspiring ministry, her leadership, her friendship and her support.

We finished the year continuing to feel very thankful for all that the church and village community had contributed to our lives in 2025.

Jan Clements and Sara Churchfield

About the Charity

Tingewick Charities is a small local village charity established to support Tingewick residents in times of need. It continues today to help people in the village who are facing difficult circumstances.

History

The charity dates back to the mid-17th century and began with money left to the parish in wills made by former rectors of the village church and churchwardens. Among these benefactors were Francis Edmonds and Charles Longland, whose names are still recognised today in the road names at the Tingewick Park development. Elizabeth Norths charity and a separate allotment fund were also established during this period. In 1979, the four smaller charities were brought together to form one larger registered charity.

Funds and Support

The original gifted funds are invested with CCLA (the Churches, Charities and Local Authorities investment fund) and this in turn is overseen by the Charity Commission. The investments have generated an income this financial year of **£1062.48** after bank charges have been deducted and a small amount of interest has been added. This is paid into the charity's HSBC account and used to provide financial help to villagers whenever specific needs arise. During year April 25 to March 26 a total of **£2000** was awarded to 10 recipients.

At this time the charity holds a total of **£4884.92** over its 3 HSBC accounts

Trustees and Governance

The charity has five trustees who meet at least once a year and all can respond quickly should an urgent request for help be received.

One of the groups biggest challenges is simply making people aware that the charity exists. Information posters are updated every couple of years, however word of mouth remains especially important, as some people may feel uncomfortable seeking charitable support.

All required paperwork for the charities accounts and all annual returns is filed by the Parish Clerk Dawn Rogers and they are all up to date.

Annual Report of the Historical Society at the AGM of the Parish Council 26 May 2026, 7pm. Village Hall.

I'm Jackie Nash, President, Secretary & look after the archives. The other committee members are - Lorraine Carter - Chair; Sara Churchfield - Treasurer; Jane Bradford - Events; Gwen Tepps - Raffle; Jan Clements - refreshments & sets up the hall; and Pat Swinburne.

The meetings are held on the first Wednesday of the month, 7.15 pm. in the Village Hall, except for August (everyone's on holiday) and January (recovering from Xmas & New Year)

Attendance has been erratic but mainly good & talks have included - Suffrage actions in Amersham; The Great Train Robbery at Cheddington; The Fire of Buckingham; a Show & Tell; Lacemaking; Loughton Handbell Ringers; The Real People of Lark Rise to Candleford; Our Sixth Sense - local Wartime Intelligence.

With two in-house talks collated by Jane - Tingewick extracts from Buckingham Express 1865 - 1899 which had been transcribed by Ron Partridge; & which also led to The Loyal Kingscote Lodge, Tingewick's branch of the Oddfellows.

A selection of year files come to each meeting, containing Parish News; The Link; newspaper cuttings; poster; photos; - anything relating to the village. But with something like the Oddfellows talk, a display of reports, photos

TINGEWICK AND WATER STRATFORD HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY
Your local garden group

Report for 2026 to Tingewick Parish Council

I would like to start off by thanking everyone here, on behalf of the committee members, for the support which you have given us over the last year, in attending our various events, and joining the Society. This thanks goes out to the wider community too.

So what has happened over the last year.....

Our main event was the Summer Show which took place in July rather than the end of September. It was thought that having this earlier in the year would attract more participants and visitors, as the new date would avoid a bank holiday. This also meant that the Society had to plan a new schedule to accommodate the flowers fruit and vegetables that would be available in July. The date of the show had never changed before during its 97 years so were we making the right decision? Well all went very well and we had a good attendance and a great many exhibits, so it did work.

The Society ran a herb stall at the Tingewick Fete, and we had a very well known customer - Callum Anderson, our local MP!

We ran a Plant event which was very successful. The main part of this was a plant swap. Lots of lovely plants were available to swap and purchase. Sarah Churchill gave a wonderful talk on Bees and the refreshments were great too.

Felt making was a popular event. Eve Marshall came along and taught everyone how to make a picture of flowers in felt. A

little different from the usual thing we have done in the past, but it was a popular event enjoyed by all who attended.

Our wreath making event took place in December, and was very well attended and we were once again treated to the Cheese and Wine event in March following our AGM.

At the time of writing this report, the Society have arranged a Plant event in Tingewick Village Hall which is taking place on 9th May. This includes a Plant swap, sale of plants for charity, a talk by Jane Jones, a childrens sew a sunflower stall, and a herb stall. Refreshments by the Cafe Ladies.

What for the future - well we have a few interesting things happening this year. Take a note of these:-

14th August - a trip to Rutland Flower show. Tickets will be on sale later this year. The cost, to include entry to the Flower show, will be £30, which is a bargain.

Christmas Wreath making.

We are planning other events for this year - details to follow in the Tingewick News.

We are not able to run a stall at the Fete this year, nor are we running a Summer Show but hope to do so next year.

We now have around 160 members so do join the Society to get various discounts and be the first to get tickets for our trip to Rutland.

How about a mention of the Committee? We have a small Committee, and each of us has a role to play as well as being part of a team. We hardly have any committee meetings -

most of the chats are on WhatsApp and emails are used, and this works just as well. However, when we do get together to discuss more involved issues, we have a great time. We work hard to bring all of the events together, to benefit the community and make sure that the Society continues to run into the future. If you wish to join our committee then let me or one of the committee members know.

Our members are:-

Jane Bradford

Sheila Tanner

Maureen Ghirelli

Maria Franco-Maxwell

Jackie Nash

Teresa Smith

Thank you all for listening and do attend our wonderful events if you can.

Teresa Smith (Chairman)

Report on the activities of Tingewick Patchers during the past year.

Tingewick patchers have continued to enjoy their weekly meetings on Mondays in the village hall and we still have a membership of over forty with around thirty members attending meetings each week.

The last report spoke of a forthcoming Exhibition in October and it took place on 18 and 19 October 2025. We raised a good sum of money for our chosen charities in spite of money being tight for most people recently and we were able to give cheques for £600 to the Alzheimers Society, Motor Neurone Disease Association and Medical Detection Dogs who were delighted with our donations. This was followed by our AGM in November and our Christmas Lunch in December at the White Hart which was greatly enjoyed by all who attended.

We still follow a planned programme of mixed activities to include speakers, workshops and outings although outings are a little more difficult owing to the price increases on coach travel due to the fuel situation. Quite a few of our meetings are open meetings in which we work on our own projects or charity projects. Members work on many beautiful items for their home or for their family or friends as well as small quilts for the linus project (quilts for children in hospital or those permanently disabled) or care leavers in Buckinghamshire, dresses for children in Africa, school book bags, and heart shaped cushions for breast cancer patients in MKUHospital. We also raise funds for the women's refuge in Milton Keynes by exchanging unwanted items on the stage for a small donations and it surprising how it mounts up.

As well as open meetings this year we have enjoyed a presentation from three of our members on the visit they made to Japan in November last year. It was a quilting themed trip and included a visit to the Quilt Exhibition in Yokohama but so very much more besides. We had a silk painting workshop which was great fun and we all came away with delightful greeting cards we had made. One of our members lead a workshop on Kawandi quilting which is an old technique started by African slaves in India. We have had a return visit by Wendy Lemaistre and her daughter Claire who gave us an inspiring talk on their visit to Venice and the beautiful quilts and hangings they produced as a result of what they saw. Another recent workshop was taken by two members on the making of sewing cases. A group of members attended the Malvern quilt show in May and we have an outing to Kelmscott Manor, the summer home of William Morris, planned in June as well as our annual tea-party.

Finally, we are delighted to be able to rent the village hall and we do appreciate all the up to date facilities it now has to offer including the super air-con/heating system so you have a big thank you from Tingewick Patchers.

Brenda Smith
Group Chaiman

Tingewick Community Café: MAY 2025 - APRIL 2026

The Café continues to be as busy as ever with a healthy mix of regular customers and new faces- even from Romania recently!

We still hold two Saturday afternoon cafes as a 'Cake & Crafts' fair in May and December, hold an Exchange Stage once a month and host the Village Hall monthly draw.

We also still run the refreshment tent at the Tingewick Fete.

The rising prices of raw ingredients means we have finally had to increase our prices to £2.50 per slice of cake, but still £1.50 per drink. Still a bargain at £4 for cake and a hot drink!

The Cafe team has completed training courses recently in basic First Aid and CPR, so you all know where to collapse if you need to!

Our charity donations continue to prosper.

Over the last 12 months we have raised and donated £12,750 to 20 different local, national and international charities as follows:

Tingewick Village Hall	4001
Alec's Angels	900
Tingewick Preschool	857
Cure Parkinsons	785
Food Bank	710
Mind Bucks	700
School Playground c/o PC	682
Medical Det Dogs	653
Breast cancer Now	618
Brain Tumour Research	600
Dementia UK	594
Comic Relief	570
Children in Need	540

Tingewick Playing Fields	516
Travis Cat Rescue	503
MacMillian Cancer	500
Stroke Association	500
War Child Gaza	475
Camp International Tanzania	400
Tingewick Churchyard Project	230

We celebrated our 10-year anniversary on September 5th, which was a wonderful celebratory event and we were able to reveal that we had donated over £108, 000 to 40 charities in those 10 years.

Finally, we are very proud to announce that the Café has been nominated for the prestigious Kings Award for Voluntary Service.

We were assessed in February by two Deputies to the Lord Lieutenant, who made it very clear that we had their support. Our nomination has now gone to Countess Howe, the King's Lord Lieutenant of Buckinghamshire, along with just three others. The national results will be decided by Cabinet by November 2026. (There were no winners in Bucks last year!)

This is such a lovely surprise- we are thrilled to be nominated and to get this far, whatever the outcome.

Fran Marsden

Tingewick Walkers: annual report for 2025-26 for Tingewick Annual Parish Meeting, May 2026

Tingewick Walkers 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 usually about 4-4.5 miles in distance but recently we have reduced the length of walks to accommodate a couple of keen members who are recovering from ill health or injuries. We always end with lunch and chat at a local hostelry before returning to Tingewick in mid-afternoon.

We have enjoyed a range of lovely walks, but planning our winter walks has proved a challenge with the exceptionally wet weather. Although some routes had to be modified to contend with adverse conditions, no walks were cancelled. Our walks have included routes around Tusmore Park, Stowe landscape gardens (for snowdrops), Stoke Lyne, Finemere Wood (for bluebells), Rushmore Country Park near Newport Pagnell, Milton near Adderbury (for the Pie Pub!), Chackmore, plus parks around Milton Keynes which avoided mud! Members of the group take it in turns to plan the walks and arrange lunch venues.

Numbers of participants remain low but we still attract a loyal membership of about 8 walkers, including two regulars from Buckingham, plus occasional additions. We are a friendly, social group and new members are always welcome to join us.

Sara Churchfield

02.05.2026

Tingewick Community Park trust

(The Richard Fenemore playing field)

Much of this year's progress has already been covered in my PC report, but I would like to emphasise, we now have some first-class facilities here & welcome applications from groups or sporting organisations who would like to make use of them.

The new gazebo has been particularly popular, providing shelter from the rain, & even the sun this week.

The Tingewick football club have made good use of the area & enjoyed a highly successful season.

As I said before, the new play equipment will **be officially opened on Saturday 6th June** by our standing MP Callum Anderson, although it is pleasing to see the young people of Tingewick are already making good use of it.

The car park also means that, apart from big events, most visitors will be able to park on site.

We have plans to complete the trim trail, part of which has been lost to the car park & are looking at outdoor furniture to replace some of the older pieces we have at present.

Report on activities of Tingewick Book Group in year ending May 2026

Our membership remains at 19 active members. One member is on a year long sabbatical in Australia and one is suffering long-term health problems and is unable to attend meetings for the foreseeable future. We wish her well. Another member has resigned during the year as she has moved away from the area. We have taken on two new members. Of the nineteen only two of us are men!

There has been some discussion as to the reason for this apparent gender imbalance. Surveys have consistently shown that women read more than men, and particularly fiction. Whilst many men enjoy reading factual books there seem to be fewer who regularly read fiction.

All members bar two live in the village. One other lives in Water Stratford and one in Buckingham

At the Book Group members choose a book each month in rotation to read and discuss. We almost invariably choose works of fiction. However, on one occasion recently a non-fiction book was proposed - 'All that Remains' by Sue Black - which was an account by an eminent forensic anthropologist of her life of post-mortem examinations - many of which were conducted in extreme conditions. It turned out to be an absolutely fascinating subject, though there were one or two members who found it too disturbing to read.

Our fiction selections are eclectic, to say the least! They vary from classics such as 'The Hound of the Baskervilles' by sir Arthur Conan Doyle to a murder mystery come courtroom drama - "Blood Orange' by the recent star of BBC's 'Traitors', Harriet Tyce.

The Tingewick Book Group is a very sociable group. We meet on the third Wednesday of each month, except December, in the houses of those who have the space to accommodate fifteen plus people. In the summer, when weather permits, we sit outside in peoples gardens. We all pay an annual subscription of £25 which goes towards the expenses incurred by our hosts who provide wine or soft drinks and nibbles. Each summer we have a 'garden party' in a member's garden.

Graham Goodrich
The Retreat
Main Street
Tingewick

May 4th 2026

Tingewick Fete Committee

The annual fete will take place on Saturday 20th June & we are honoured to have it opened this year by **The Countess Howe. His Majesty's Lord Lieutenant of Buckinghamshire.** Lady Howe grew up in Buckinghamshire & has long been a supporter of Bucks charities & businesses.

This year, we will bring back many of the old favourites, including Puch & Judy, Morriss Dancers & the Great Horwood Silver band, plus of course, the famous community café supplying tea, coffee & fabulous cakes. We will also have more children's entertainment.

Mut & Jenks, who proved very popular last year will also do an extended slot.

We are delighted to have back this year, after a brief absence the Hog Roast, courtesy of Steve & Karen of Herts Hog Roasts, who only moved into Tingewick last year but are already proving themselves to be a great asset to the village.

I'm sure most of you will have already been pestered to buy raffle tickets this year, but we do have some fabulous prizes including Stowaway Festival tickets, a years membership of the National Trust, £250 M&S voucher plus cash, meal vouchers & many other worthwhile items. In addition, we are planning an auction of various F1 memorabilia, plus a chance for 2 people to go Kart racing at Wilton Mill! A fabulous kart racing track near Weedon.

As mentioned earlier, all proceeds from this years fete will go to Tingewick pre-school, who are still recovering financially from that awful arson attack.

We would also like to extend our thanks to Tom Barret for the use of his field for car parking.

Tingewick FC – Update for Tingewick Parish Council Annual Meeting

Please accept my apologies for being unable to attend the meeting in person.

Tingewick FC is an FA-accredited youth football club providing opportunities for boys and girls aged under 6 through to under 15 to participate in both competitive and non-competitive football. Our teams play within the MKDDL and OYGL leagues, covering Oxford, Milton Keynes, Bedford, and surrounding areas.

This season, we expanded further by adding an additional team, bringing us to a total of 10 teams, alongside a dedicated training group for our U6/U7 players. In total, we now support over 130 children from a wide range of backgrounds and abilities, primarily from the local area.

It has been another successful season for the club. Several teams achieved promotion within their respective leagues, with a standout achievement being our U14s, who not only won their league but also secured the MKDDL U14 Cup. The final was held at Bedford Town FC, providing a memorable stadium experience for the team, supported by over 80 travelling supporters from the club.

Since starting in 2016 with just one team, Tingewick FC has grown into a well-established, family-friendly club. We now regularly compete with larger clubs such as Buckingham and Winslow, despite having fewer resources and a smaller player catchment.

The club continues to be run entirely by volunteers. I would like to express my sincere gratitude to our coaches and committee members for the significant time and effort they dedicate, not only to their teams but to the ongoing development of the club. We are also proud to support four young referees who are gaining valuable experience and income by officiating at matches. Looking ahead, once the finishing touches to the clubhouse are complete, we plan to offer additional opportunities for local young people to assist with running our Saturday morning coffee shop.

In the coming months, we will continue to participate in summer tournaments and look forward to the 2026/27 season, where we plan to introduce a new U8 team. Our current U14 team will also transition to Lace Hill Academy for their home fixtures.

We are very pleased to now have access to the new car park, which has helped reduce some of the parking pressures experienced on Saturday mornings. While we recognise that matchday traffic may cause some inconvenience, we aim to manage this as effectively as possible. We firmly believe that the benefits the club brings to local young people significantly outweigh the short period of congestion on Water Stratford Hill. Additionally, the increased activity can help naturally reduce vehicle speeds near the Richard Fenemore Playing Fields, improving overall safety.

Finally, I would like to extend our sincere thanks to the Parish Council for their continued support. A special mention must go to Trisha, who has been a particularly strong supporter of the club over recent years.

We are very optimistic about the future of Tingewick FC. The club is now built on a strong foundation and is well-positioned to continue serving the community for many years to come—something that has been a key aim since I took on the role in 2019.

Les Ashby
Chairman
Tingewick FC

Tingewick Village Arms

It's been well over 2 years since the Royal Oak closed its doors for the last time, so in the absence of any pub within walking distance, the Village Hall decided to see if it could operate an occasional bar here.

As many of you will now know, this has been running very successfully since September '24 & in addition to providing a well-used & liked meeting point twice a month, it has helped keep the village hall financially stable, enabling us to buy new tables & chairs, an excellent new heating & air conditioning system (which is much in evidence tonight) & improved hand dryers. We have also been able to update the maintenance & keep the hall fresh & clean, while keeping our hire rates low.

The addition of a different street food van most times has proved very popular.

The success is largely down to the village hall committee & the army of volunteers who turn up through rain & shine to work in the bar twice a month, with a special mention to Fran, who makes sure we are always well stocked with drinks & staff.

It really has been a win-win for the village & the hall.