



WEST END VILLAGE SOCIETY

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WEST END VILLAGE SOCIETY ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Held Tuesday 10th March 2026 at 19.30pm in Tringham Hall

1. Present.

Committee: Pete Jones (chair) Yvette Jones, Jan Smith (secretary), Jeff Llewellyn, Mary Anthony, Yvonne Simpson, Pauline Wells, Johan Schoeman, Guy Consterdine, Anne Allard. 58 members signed in, not including the speaker.

Apologies: Savitri Kegge, Nicholas & Niaouli Wolf.

2. Approval of previous AGM Minutes.

The minutes of 18th February 2025 AGM (copy available on screen) were taken as read and approved by the meeting. Proposed Guy Consterdine, seconded Jeff Llewellyn.

3. **Matters Arising.** Any matters arising will be dealt with later in the meeting,

4. Chairman's Report.

Pete Jones welcomed everyone to the meeting and gave details of the committee. There had been six committee meetings.

- A spring walk was held on 23rd March, which proved very successful.
- The usual stall was held at the Village Fete on 14th June, which was well supported.
- There was a VE80 display at the West End Social Club, which was very popular.
- There was the usual stall at the Agricultural & Horticultural Show on the 13th September, which again was well supported.
- There was a talk on 'Our Amazing Heathland' by Michael Jones on 22nd September, which was well attended.
- WEVS laid a wreath on Remembrance Sunday, 9th November.
- WEVS took part in the bi-annual Christmas Tree Festival at Holy Trinity Church
- The Boxing Day Walk was successful with approximately 70 walkers.
- There are sub-groups for Comms, History and Trees.

5. Coming up in 2026.

Sunday 22nd March – Spring Walk

Wednesday 13th May – Talk : Tony Painter (Place Names).

Saturday 13th June – Village Fete

Saturday 12th September – Ag & Hort Show.

Sunday 8th November – Remembrance Sunday

Thursday 26th December – Boxing Day Walk

TBA – talk on the Air Ambulance Service.

6. Previous Projects.

Previous projects were bulb planting, installing a seat on the heath, the community orchard, creation of a footpath, the history group, tree planting and crocus planting

It was reported that there were ongoing problems with the lighting of the Stag, which was proving very difficult to achieve. This is ongoing and further updates will be provided. The stag did however sport a red nose at Christmas again.

7. Donations to Good Causes.

It was advised that as costs have been increasing, no donations had been made to good causes this year.

8. Project of the Year 2026.

This is still under discussion and will be decided at the next Committee meeting. Possible ideas include

- A Seat on the Sangs/Heath
- Continuation of the history project
- Bee/insect friendly flowers

9. Membership

- Paid up 2025 417 (this will increase)
- Paid up 2024 490 (+38)
- Paid up 2023 501 (+19)

The numbers in brackets are the increase from last year.

Advanced payments:

- 2026 and later 183

Numbers are going down slightly. More distributors are needed and new members need to be recruited.

10. Treasurers Report.

The accounts were shown on screen, and it was noted that there was a £660.13 deficit at the end of December 2025, although there is £7435.49 in the bank. The printing of the newsletter is the major expense.

11. Newsletters & Digital Only Bulletins

- Three newsletters are published each year. End of January (before the AGM), end of May (before the Fete) and end of August (before the Ag & Hort Show).
- The print run is 470 with 12 colour pages, through Knaphill Print.
- 232 are emailed.
- We launched regular Digital Bulletins in September 2025, to those members whose email addresses we hold, in order to provide any updates on Village matters. We aim to produce approximately six per year.

12. Facebook

- Johan Schoeman has done a lot of work setting up the WEVS Facebook Page, which can be found at <https://www.facebook.com/WestEndVillageSociety/>. Visitors should click on 'like' or 'follow' to get updates on events and activities.

- We use the Facebook page to spread the word about WEVS and other Village events to people on the wider West End/Chobham/Bisley/Lightwater community by posting on various Facebook community groups.

13. Website

- Johan Schoeman updates the website regularly and past newsletters and bulletins can be downloaded from the WEVS publication archive <https://wevs.org.uk/about/wevs-publications/> It is accessible from the 'About' page.

14. Other Communications

- Parish News: monthly one-page WEVS column.
- Round & About (R&A) magazine and Village Life have occasional articles.

15. Fete and Show

- The Fete and Show were very successful in 2025 and WEVS will once more be having stalls which will show photographs and may include a game, following the previous success of the 'Buzz Game'.

16. Planning.

- There had been no major planning issues.
- It was noted that the speed limit on the A322 in West End and Bisley had now been reduced.
- It is likely that the speed limit on the Lightwater Bypass will be reduced.
- We are aware of an application for open storage in Lucas Green Road will result in more vehicles.

17. Tree Group

- The tree group is part of Surrey Heath Tree Wardens and works throughout Surrey Heath.
- The Community Orchard is steadily improving.
- West End Copse by the recreation ground has now had the laurel removed and it is planned to plant saplings in the autumn.

18. West End History Project.

- WEVS are looking for photographs, documents and stories to digitise. We have 700 plus currently and these will be added to the website in due course.
- WEVS have taken over the display in Surrey Heath Museum.
- A demonstration of the history project and how to access the photographs was given by Johan Schoeman.

19. Election of Officers

Chairman (Pete Jones) and Vice Chairman (Jeff Llewellyn) were elected for two years at the 2025 AGM.

The following were re-elected:

Honorary Secretary Jan Smith

Honorary Treasurer Yvonne Simpson

Membership Secretary Mary Anthony

Newsletter Editor Guy Consterdine

Proposed: Johan Shoeman, Seconded Fred Wells

20. Election of Committee.

Anne Allard and Andrew Hopkins are standing down and Pete Jones thanked them for all their input over the last few years.

The remaining committee members were re-elected.

Savitri Kegge

Yvette Jones

Pauline Wells

Johan Schoeman

Proposed: Jeff Llewellyn, Seconded Pete Smith.

21. Any Other Business.

- Pete Jones thanked the committee for making the various events happen and also thanked the distributors. Thanks were also given to Chris Anthony for his help with the newsletter and to Jack Kegge and Fred Wells for their help throughout the year,
- There was no further business.

After the formal business of the meeting, Roger Cansdale gave a highly informative talk 'The Basingstoke Canal'. WEVS provided a £50.00 donation to the Basingstoke Canal Society for the talk. Roger also advised that there was to be a Gala Day on the 18th April.

The meeting closed at 21.09pm

Pete Jones thanked everyone for attending the AGM and invited them to stay for drinks and nibbles.