

Over the past few years the annual financial year has ended 31st October and the AGM held in Nov/Dec.

The constitution states the annual financial year is the calendar year 1st January- 31st Dec. The AGM can be held at any time following the end of the financial year and so for 2024 the committee proposed to revert to the constitutional financial year (Jan - Dec) and hold the AGM in the following spring when the weather is potentially more clement and the evenings longer.

Consequently the figures presented tonight reflect a 14 month period, 1st Nov 2023 - 31st Dec 2024. This is a one-off and the 2025 accounts to be presented at the next AGM will cover the 'normal' 12 month period.

Subscriptions are slightly up on last year (c. 233) and new members have generously added small but useful donations to their joining subs. The new membership system has made it easier to communicate with existing members and facilitate recruiting new members online.

As reported at the last AGM, the bulk of the funds were held in the Community Account which pays no interest. It was agreed to move the majority to the Premium account which although the interest is very small still resulted in some benefit (£134.77).

The annual village green party, 22 June, was once a again a huge success and enjoyed by all participants. Pre-sales tickets were the same as last year but 'on-the-day' tickets were slightly more, resulting in total tickets sales of 317. We were concerned about the increased cost of the meat but the end result was a smaller increase than anticipated and a small profit was made (£574.02). Ticket prices were maintained at the 2023 level.

Once again, the use of the SumUp machine to take Credit Card purchases for tickets on the night made life simpler for everyone.

Finally I would like to thank Perry Ashwood for providing an independent analysis of the 2024 accounts and agreeing to repeat the process next year.