



Chair's report to the 2025 AGM of the Woodborough Community Association re 2024
Meeting held on March 5th 2025 at The Nags head Public House NG14 6DD.

As usual our first event for the year was the delightful pancake races on Roe Hill on Friday 23rd February. The date for the event had been moved from Shrove Tuesday due to a clash with half term dates and then a terrible weather forecast meant it had to be rearranged a second time. The Shrovetide bell was still rung, even though it wasn't officially Shrove Tuesday. The sun shone and 175 children and their teachers took part. Some of the parents even joined in for a race at the end too. The event went very smoothly, and everyone had a great time. Many thanks to Kate Newton and all the team of helpers for a fabulous event.

During the first part of the year, we had to attend to some necessary maintenance works to our telephone exchange building including repairs to the roof and the removal of an outbuilding that used to house an outside toilet. This cost around £ 3000 altogether including the safe removal and disposal of some roofing, which potentially contained asbestos.

Our AGM was held at the Nag's Head on the 4th of March 2024.

Following on from the successful move of the over 65s event from January to May in 2023 we once again hosted our Afternoon Tea party in the Village Hall on 11th May. 110 people attended. We borrowed some beautiful china crockery and dressed up the hall with colourful table linens and offered all a glass of fizz along with the traditional Afternoon Tea. Once again, we received very positive feedback including several thank you cards and letters. We used Jo-Hanna's catering in Lowdham to provide the sandwiches and cakes which were delivered to the Hall at the start of the event to ensure they were kept chilled and fresh. We are indebted to all the helpers that supported the event on the day and to The Samuel Eden Trust for funding the event.

Our second event for May was our coach trip to Batsford Arboretum and Stratford on the 15th of May. The coach was full, and the trip was once again subsidised to maintain the ticket price at £15, despite the increased cost to hire the coach. Again, we were blessed with wonderful weather, so everyone had a great time exploring the beautiful riverside and shops of Stratford.

Special thanks to Ros and Ivan, as always, for organising the coach trips every year. Ros diligently also took the minutes for all our meetings over the last 10 years and finally stepped down from this role at the end of the year. We are very grateful for her longstanding support and are looking out for a new minute taker for our meetings.

We commemorated the 80th Anniversary of D-day, the largest naval, air and land operation in history on 6th June. A short memorial service took place on the Governors field and the Beacon was lit as we remembered all the brave men and women that fought for peace. The 1st Woodborough scouts joined in and read out the International Tribute which was very fitting. Our thanks also to Linda Taylor for arranging this event.



After the disastrous weather that threatened the Summer Fair in 2023, we were thrilled that the weather in 2024 for our event on 20th July was just perfect. This was one of our biggest and most successful events yet. Well, done to the subgroup for managing to bring together even more variety of performers and range of food offerings than in previous years. Highlights of the day included fantastic musical performances by Just Sing, the Lambley Landlubbers and Andy Whittle and friends. Besides the music there was the impressive displays from Whee2Wheel and Starbound Cheerleaders and a record breaking number of entrants in the family fun dog show. On larger plots we had the Woodborough Celtic Youth FC hosting a 5 a side football tournament and Woods Motor Club once again displayed their beautiful cars (although Colin is barred from entering best in show in 2025 to give everyone else a chance). The big showstopper was an appearance by Peppa Pig herself who delighted all our younger family members.

Following positive feedback from 2023 from stallholders we decided to have some stalls inside the village hall again in addition to those on the sports field although we plan to work even harder this year to ensure that stallholders inside the hall get even more footfall.

As always, the most important thing is ensuring that we are offering events that the residents of Woodborough support and, once again, the Fair was very well attended. Indeed, all the food vendors sold out! Our sincere thanks to all who were involved in planning and supporting the Summer Fair including our amazing volunteers before during and after the show, our dog show judges, Mr Holehouse for the use of his field for carparking, and all the brilliant local businesses that donated so generously to our Grand Prize Draw.

After having to cancel the Fireworks event in 2023 due to storm Babet ,and the flooding in the village , we were looking forward to reinstating the Firework display .However due to the resignation of the WCA Trustee who had previously headed up this event we found ourselves having to move the event to the weekend before the 5th November and also looking for someone new to arrange the firework display for us. We are especially grateful to Simon Raynor and Craig Linacre for stepping in to lead this event. It was truly a magnificent show.

For the first time we ticketed this event to ensure that numbers didn't exceed 1000 as this was a requirement of the Event Safety Management Plan .We only charged adults ,with all children under 16 given free access .The numbers were perfect as no residents had to be turned away due to not having a ticket .The ticket sales covered the cost of the fireworks and removed the need for us to shake buckets in order to recoup the cost .



Our year closed, as always, with the Christmas Lights Switch on and Carols around the Beacon on 30th Nov, in conjunction with the Parish Council. Just Sing again provided the musical lead and Santa made his usual appearance, bringing sweets for the local children. This year we provided him with some additional assistance to ensure that he wasn't mobbed on arrival by the children. Many thanks to the PC for the donation of mince pies and to all the helpers who put up and took down gazebos and to those who served the refreshments. Special thanks go to Craig and Kath Linacre who stepped in at the last minute to save the day when Stewart Nicholas, who normally sets up the lighting and audio equipment for this event had to go away with work at short notice and wasn't available.

Liz Nicholas
Chair of the WCA 2024

Approved on behalf of the trustees:

MRS LIZ NICHOLAS

MRS KERRY RAYNOR

Dated: 5th March 2024

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Unrestricted Fund Income and Expenditure Account for the year ended 31 December 2024

<u>Events</u>	<u>2024</u>		<u>Profit / Loss</u>	<u>2023</u>
	<u>Income</u>	<u>Expenditure</u>		
Christmas Lights Switch On 2023	0.00	94.59	(94.59)	(700.41)
Over 65's Afternoon Tea 2024	336.00	1,156.36	(820.36)	(84.00)
Pancake Races	0.00	72.60	(72.60)	(45.70)
Fireworks 2022	0.00	0.00	0.00	(120.00)
Fireworks 2024	2,620.00	1,838.82	781.18	0.00
Chester Coach Trip	0.00	0.00	0.00	(170.00)
Moreton in Marsh Coach Trip	735.00	860.00	(125.00)	0.00
Christmas Lights Switch On 2024	29.50	104.50	(75.00)	29.50
Summer Fair 2022	0.00	0.00	0.00	(17.28)
Summer Fair 2023	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,585.72
Summer Fair 2024	3,267.00	600.05	2,666.95	0.00
	<u>6,987.50</u>	<u>4,726.92</u>	<u>2,260.58</u>	<u>477.83</u>
<u>Add: Other Income</u>				
Donations Received:				
Samuel Eden		1,027.84		560.41
Sundry Income		20.00		10.00
		<u>1,047.84</u>		<u>570.41</u>
		3,308.42		1,048.24
<u>Less: Other Expenditure</u>				
Woodborough in Bloom Donation		250.00		0.00
Website Domain Renewal		14.39		14.39
Beacon Gas & Repairs		68.77		0.00
Printing, Postage, Phone & Stationery		0.00		0.00
Insurance		96.48		130.40
Repairs & renewals		2,934.00		126.44
Gifts, Cards & Flowers		26.00		0.00
Beacon Sign Repair		0.00		210.54
AGM Refreshments		0.00		29.10
Bar stock out of date		0.00		36.83
Christmas WCA Party (2023 & 2024)		232.00		90.00
Lottery Licence		20.00		20.00
Loss on disposal of equipment		0.00		0.00
Depreciation : Equipment		200.82		208.73
Depreciation : Property fixtures		1,004.60		1,004.60
		<u>4,847.06</u>		<u>1,871.03</u>
Total Other Expenditure		4,847.06		1,871.03
<u>Total Expenditure over Income</u>		<u>(1,538.64)</u>		<u>(822.79)</u>
<u>Revaluation of Telephone Exchange</u>		0.00		0.00
		<u>(1,538.64)</u>		<u>(822.79)</u>
<u>Value of Fund Brought forward</u>		58,134.96		58,957.75
<u>Value of Fund Carried forward</u>		<u>56,596.32</u>		<u>58,134.96</u>

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Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2024

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
<u>Fixed Assets</u>	45,497.31	46,546.75
<u>Current Assets</u>		
Cash at bank	10,840.73	11,313.80
Cash in Hand	83.31	99.41
Stock of Drinks	0.00	0.00
Rolling Bond	25.00	25.00
Rolling Bond - Cinema	150.00	150.00
	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
	11,099.04	11,588.21
<u>Current Liabilities</u>		
Creditors:	0.00	0.00
<u>Total Net Assets</u>	<u>56,596.35</u>	<u>58,134.96</u>
<u>Represented by</u>		
Unrestricted Funds	56,596.32	58,134.96
Restricted Funds	0.00	0.00
	<u>56,596.32</u>	<u>58,134.96</u>

Approved on behalf of the trustees

MRS ELIZABETH NICHOLAS

MRS LINDA TAYLOR

Dated: 5 MARCH 2025