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(Charity Number 1176816)

Annual Report and Accounts 2025

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There was considerable investment in the Cross Park Pavilion by the Allhallows Parish Council including the initial surfacing of the car park (funded by part of an S106 grant from the neighboring property) with funding towards the development of a new larger multi-use property, development of the neighboring site has been slow and the remainder of the s106 grant is not guaranteed with additional funding for the new building required.

Further investment is planned for 2026 to provide additional storage, outside seating and a bar area.

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