

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PARISH COUNCIL 2025/26

We are ending the 2025/2026 Council year with a full complement of councillors. Thank you to all of you for your time and dedication to the role.

We have made some good progress with completing projects this year, the Safer Routes to school project in Lion Lane has been approved by West Sussex County Council (WSSCC) and has been completed recently, we trust that this will help the children who have to journey across the road to the twitten in Lion Lane. We achieved an additional School Crossing Patroller in Church Road but currently await a take up of both this and the Selsfield road crossing Patroller vacancies. After discussions with West Sussex County Council regarding the possible installation of Vehicle Activated Signs on roads into the village, we have recently purchased four of these which will be installed as soon as possible, with the assistance of Jonathon Pratt from the speed watch team.

We are delighted to present the Civic Award to Derek Bentall who has been a great support to the village school children crossing Selsfield Road over many years.

The Council remains proactive in its dealings with Mid Sussex District Council (MSDC) and WSSCC attending numerous meetings and conferences, when doing so, the main priority is always to put forward the needs of Turners Hill.

We continue to deal with all the normal issues such as:

- Responding to planning application consultations.
- Donations/contributions to: St. Leonard's Church for the upkeep of the Church Yard and contributing information to the new Turners Hill magazine which allows us to share information with residents, grants for village organisations and charities.
- Subsidising local groups and charities so that they can have cheaper hire of The Ark.
- Management, maintenance and letting of The Ark.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank the following:

- Our Clerk Charlotte and Assistant Clerk Elaine, who continue to provide an excellent service to the Council and residents.
- Our Stewards Michael Keeler, Richard Warren and Lisa Boorman for keeping The Ark clean and tidy, and looking after all our hirers so well.
- Jonathan Pratt for co-ordinating Speed Watch and for dealing with the Speed Safety signs and the Speed Indicator Device around the Village.
- Jennie Forbes for organising and collating the Museum documents and displays.
- Mavis Stanbridge for all the work she has done over the years to collect cans and raise money for the school.
- The Paddockhurst Estate for supplying the Village Christmas tree annually.
- The Fire Service who erects and decorates the Christmas Tree and provide a much-needed service to the village by installing smoke alarms and CO2 alarms in homes where needed.
- Tulley's Farm for paying and installing new notice boards in the village.

- Turners Hill Primary School for creating wonderful posters to deter littering in the village.

VE DAY – Thursday, 8th May 2025 -we commemorated the 80th anniversary of VE Day, a special service took place on the Village Green at 11:00am. This event provided an opportunity for the community to come together and honour this significant moment in history. The service was hosted by Canon David Tickner, Turners Hill Primary School, and the Parish Council.

Bruce Forbes, Chairman