FRIETH VILLAGE SOCIETY

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

22 APRIL 2026 8PM

1. Welcome and apologies

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Apologies were received from Rick Lilley, Matthew Gibson, Amanda Hopkins, Anita Page and Graeme Clark.

The meeting reviewed and approved the Minutes from the 2025 AGM.

2. Annual Report from the Chair

The Chair presented his third report as Chair.

FVS had a busy and productive year, strengthened by closer collaboration with the Parish Council following May's elections and the addition of four Frieth-based councillors. Together, the Society and Parish Council replaced three village benches (including a memorial bench funded by the Pocock family), with installations completed by a Society working party, and a new village-centre noticeboard is due to be installed shortly.

Community Speedwatch sessions have continued to support safer driving through the village, with indications of a downward trend in speeding. This work is complemented by a rotating Parish Council MVAS, and the Society has also secured full funding from the TVP Community Fund for a permanent MVAS unit in Frieth.

The Society has maintained the Perrin Springs Lane nature reserve through grazing and targeted plant management; next steps include installing an information sign, creating defined paths, and exploring hedge-laying (potentially via a village course).

The events programme included a June Ceilidh (social focus, but a financial loss due to low turnout), a highly successful Open Gardens event, and a sold-out skittles evening now set as an annual fixture (next: 17 October, with added family session in the afternoon). The Fete was cancelled in July due to insufficient volunteers, highlighting an ongoing risk to this tradition, while the January Quiz remained popular and proceeds were shared with the Village Hall. Litterpicks, churchyard support, and other village upkeep continued, with new maintenance responsibilities for the telephone box.

The Chair closed by thanking volunteers and committee members, noting key transitions: Amanda Hopkins stepping down from the committee, long-serving volunteer auditor Graeme Clark completing his final FVS audit, Treasurer Patrick Joyce entering his final year, and Deborah Rose agreeing to stand as Treasurer-elect.

It was proposed that this report be approved. This was seconded and the report was approved unanimously.

3. **Annual Report from the Treasurer**

The Treasurer presented his report.

The overall financial position of the Society remains in excellent health with funds in excess of £6,000 though this is £900 lower than at the end of the previous year

Income:

Net Income for the year was £610, a decrease of £657 vs 2024. This is mainly to a) no Fete, b) £423 costs for the village social in conjunction with the village hall committee and c) a new event that incurred a deficit of £656. However, two other new events, Open Gardens and Skittles, were very successful earning net income of £1,231.

Durin the year £2,000 was received from Hambleden Parish Council for the maintenance of the Perrin Springs Nature Reserve. This is not reported as Income, rather it's held as a Fund which is drawn down when expenditure is incurred as was the case with the £186 cost of crab apple trees. Added to the value carried forward from 2024 the value of the Fund is £2,599 as at 31 December 2025.

Expenditure:

Total costs for the year were £1,527 vs £2,295 in 2024. The decrease is due to a) fewer donations from the usual Fete surplus (no event in 2025) and b) lower admin & sundry costs £293.

Overall, there was a deficit in the year of £917 compared to a deficit of £1,028 in 2024.

Balance Sheet

As a result of the deficit Net Assets/Capital have decreased to £6,124 vs £7,041 at the end of 2024. This consists mainly of money in the bank £4,182 (though £2,599 of this relates to the Nature Reserve Fund) and £3,257 in the investment account.

In 2025 the Village Society purchased a Marquee at a cost of £615; the current valuation is shown in the balance sheet at £492 as this asset is being depreciated over five years. Further T-towel sales at £12.50 each reduced the cost of stock (53) carried forward to 2026 to £366.

Overall, the financial position is solid with the deficits of the past two years consistent with the committee's commitment to using funds for good causes, to bring people in the village together and to hold new initiatives to cater for a wider audience. With the expected return of the Fete and the 2nd Open Gardens it is expected that 2026 financials will show a surplus.

It was proposed that this be approved. This was seconded and the report was approved unanimously.

4. **Presentation of audited accounts**

These were presented (as attached) and approved unanimously.

The Committee expressed its sincere thanks to Graeme Clark for his diligent reviews as volunteer Auditor over the last 40 years.

5. **Committee Elections:**

1. Officers

    1. Chair – David House resigned. Following a vote of the members in attendance, he was duly re-elected.

    2. Treasurer – Patrick Joyce resigned. Following a vote of the members in attendance, he was duly re-elected.

    3. Secretary – Nikki Yate resigned. Following a vote of the members in attendance he was duly re-elected.

2. Other Committee Members – the following Committee Members resigned and put themselves forward for re-election. Following a vote by all members in attendance, the following were duly re-elected:

    1. Deborah Rose – Treasurer-elect
    2. Anita Page – Newsletter Editor
    3. Nigel Page – Newsletter Editor
    4. Matthew Gibson
    5. Penny Farrelly
    6. Rick Lilley
    7. Sean Farrelly
    8. Suzanne Marshall

Amanda Hopkins resigned as a Committee member and did not stand for re-election. The Committee thanked her for all her hard work whilst on the Committee and her dedication to the wellbeing of the village.

6. **Any Other Business**

All the attendees wanted to have recorded their appreciation of all the work that the Committee do for the village, including the newsletter, events and litter picking.

The village sign near the pond is in need of repainting if possible. The Committee will take this forward.

The meeting closed at 8.30pm.

FRIETH VILLAGE SOCIETY

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2025

	2025	2024
	£	£
CAPITAL ACCOUNT		
Balance at 31 December 2024	7,041.20	8,069.43
(Deficit) for the year	(916.93)	(1,028.23)
Balance at 31 December 2025	6,124.27	7,041.20
REPRESENTED BY:		
Bank Account	4,182.24	4,451.04
Investment Account	3,256.57	3,224.33
Debtors	875.17	422.24
Stock of Tea Towels	366.09	594.09

Marquee	492.00	-
Stock of Drinks	87.10	-
Nature Reserve	(2,599.01)	(785.01)
Creditors	(535.89)	(865.49)
	6,124.27	7,041.20

REPORT OF THE AUDITOR TO THE MEMBERS OF FRIETH VILLAGE SOCIETY

I have audited the above Balance Sheet and the attached Income and Expenditure Account and I confirm that they are in agreement with the records of the Society and the information provided to me by the Treasurer.

G C CLARK FCA

Whitefield Cottage

Frieth

21st April 2026

FRIETH VILLAGE SOCIETY

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

	2025	2024
	£	£
INCOME		
Social Event Receipts	4,645.07	3,687.38
Cost of Social Events	(4,388.10)	(2,702.62)
	256.97	984.76
Sales of T-Towels	348.57	-
Cost of T-Towel sales	(228.00)	
	120.57	-

Newsletter sponsorship	200.00	250.00
Interest Received	32.24	32.03
TOTAL INCOME	609.78	1,266.79

EXPENDITURE

Newsletter costs	265.50	361.30
Administration and sundry expenses	890.39	1,183.43
Environmental	247.32	225.29
Marquee depreciation	123.50	-
Donations	-	525.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	1,526.71	2,295.02
(DEFICIT) FOR THE YEAR	(916.93)	(1,028.23)