

Chairmans report 2025/26

"It is once again the time of year where I have to do a Chair's roundup of what we have done in the last 12 months. Our work involves a significant amount of engagement with stakeholders as our parish council is unusual in terms of what we own, and therefore this imposes some limitations on what we can do. We try to get around these limitations by seeking to develop good relationships with all the stakeholders in and around the parish, and we are lucky in that we have a good relationship with most of those that we engage with.

In my last two reports I have broken down some of what we deliver into various pillars of our work, and this year I will focus on two pillars - projects and community engagement.

Projects - we are still working to complete one of our key infrastructure projects, which is part of a multi-year road safety project. We are still waiting on the final parts of the physical infrastructure to be put in place at the time of writing, that will then allow us to put in place Speed Indicator Devices (SIDs) to encourage safer driving on the estate. I know this has been an issue for some of our residents in the last few years, and if you are like me and are up early in the morning some of the speeds in the vicinity of the school are simply not acceptable. I have to make clear that the Parish Council has spent a significant amount of time chasing the County Council with regards to the final pieces of physical infrastructure, and were promised that these would be in place by the New Year (January 2026) and this still had not been done - this took up most of my bandwidth in the period covered in this report. I can assure any residents reading this that we are not happy with this and have been regularly engaging with District and County councillors on this matter - a Parish Council may be small, but that does not mean we should be ignored.

The second pillar is community engagement - in the last 12 months we have provided a range of things for the community, for example; prizes for the school fete, Halloween competitions and prizes, Santa letters for the children at Christmas, continuous engagement with the MOD leading to the replacement of the bin at the top of Cornwall Road as well as the possible development of a 'Bobby and a brew' scheme in conjunction with RAF Wyton, closer links with the Neighbourhood watch leading to a regular agenda item, closer engagement with the Sussex Road Company leading to a regular agenda item, recruitment of new councillors which means for the first time in several years we finally had a full complement on the Parish Council leading into the local elections and I hope to that with the change in directorship at Wyton Residents Company we can refresh the engagement with them and their management company for the estate.

We must also be cognisant of new groups that arise and claim to be the single point of information for things that are happening in and around the parish, and work harder to bring them in to talking to us so they do not commit to schemes without the full knowledge of what the community require, and have already tried. As we are directly responsible for the Parish as the first stage of local governance, we will always welcome those that wish to help better the community and are always willing assist those in refining their understanding of what is required, and look forward to hearing from any organisation that wishes to work with us.

I would like to end, as I always do, with the focus on my colleagues in the Parish Council. Without these people, who do this in their free time and for no monetary reward, the council would simply not be able to discharge its legal duties on behalf of the community. They have been immense in

their efforts in the last 12 months and I am in awe of the work they do to support myself and the community, and I wish to publicly thank them once again for their support. I will also single out the Clerk, Nykki Webber, for some long overdue praise - the clerk is the heart and soul of the Parish Council team and we simply could not function without her expertise and knowledge, which is highly valued! she makes my life as Chair much easier!

I will end this report by thanking you for your patience and attendance, and hope you found this informative.

Mark Looker

Chair

Wyton on the Hill Parish Council

Clerk and RFO report 2025/26

As another year draws to a close, it's a good moment to reflect on the work of our council. We have been fortunate to have Councillor Looker serving again as our Chair, supported by Councillor Bladen as Vice Chair. Alongside Councillors Keane, Gill, Waclawyj, Pammenter and Saddler, they have formed a strong and dedicated team for our small parish. This year we also said goodbye to Councillor Bhunu, whose contributions and service we sincerely appreciate.

This year we were pleased to welcome Councillors Gill, Pammenter and Saddler into the fold. All councillors, with the exception of Councillor Saddler who joined more recently, have now completed their councillor training. This is also the first time in many years that the council has been at full membership, which has made a noticeable difference to our capacity and resilience.

Our Stay and Play sessions at the school have continued to be well attended. We have run seasonal competitions, including for Halloween, and have supported the school with donations whenever requested. We are currently arranging dates for a "Bobby and Brew" event, giving parishioners the opportunity to meet local police officers, ask questions, and benefit from a more visible police presence on the estate.

Due to our usual internal auditor being unwell, I was fortunate to secure a replacement auditor at short notice last May. This proved to be the most thorough audit the council has undergone, and it provided a valuable learning experience. As Clerk, I feel I have gained a great deal from the process. Following this positive experience, the council has agreed to appoint the same auditor for 2025/2026.

Financial Summary

Unity Trust Bank – Current Account

- Opening balance on 1 April 2025: **£3,575.37**
- Closing balance on 31 March 2026: **£3,199.60**

Unity Trust Bank – Instant Access Account

- Opening balance on 1 April 2025: **£32,233.67**
- Closing balance on 31 March 2026: **£40,273.45**

Interest received on the Instant Access Account:

- 30 June 2025: **£261.90**
- 30 September 2025: **£277.06**
- 31 December 2025: **£248.87**
- 31 March 2026: **£208.95**

Other receipts:

- 29 April 2025 – HDC Precept: **£22,500**

There were no unusually large payments this year, with the exception of **£726.00** spent on Christmas lights—well within the allocated £1,000 budget. The lights were very well received, and many parishioners commented on how festive the estate entrance looked.

We have continued to update council documents throughout the year and will keep doing so. I will also continue to maintain the website and social media pages to ensure parishioners have access to up-to-date information on local events and council activity. Our new noticeboard has now been

installed, and thanks to Councillor Pammenter who updates this, allowing minutes and posters to be displayed for those without internet access.

I would like to express my sincere thanks to all our councillors for their hard work, especially over the past couple of years, and for the positive, collaborative spirit they bring to both the Parish Council and the wider community. A particular note of gratitude goes to the two councillors who juggle young children and demanding jobs yet still attend meetings and give their time so generously—their commitment is truly valued. All our councillors balance full-time roles (and, for some, additional council duties) alongside their parish responsibilities, and their dedication never goes unnoticed. As I say each year, it remains a privilege to clerk for this Parish Council and to work with such a supportive and effective team.

Nykki Webber
Clerk and RFO
Wyton on the Hill Parish Council

RAF Wyton

Over the past 12 months, we have continued to deliver consistent youth and community support through Airplay, the Cornwall Road project, the resurfacing of some of the roads on the estate and through celebrating Month of the Military Child. These initiatives focus on engagement, wellbeing and positive activities for local young people and families.

Early Years Provision – RAFAKidz Nursery

In April of last year, our Station Nursery was taken over by the RAF Association's RAFAKidz. Since the transition, the Nursery has continued to operate successfully, providing high quality early years provision for Service and civilian families. Feedback from parents and partners has been positive, and the Nursery is working well as part of the wider community support offer, contributing to stability for families and continuity of care for young children.

Airplay Youth Provision

Airplay has provided regular, safe and structured youth sessions for Service and civilian young people, offering opportunities to socialise, develop confidence and adult support. Activities have included informal youth club sessions, creative and sporting activities, and themed evenings responding to young people's interests. Attendance has remained steady, with strong relationships built between staff and young people, supporting early intervention, peer support and positive behaviour.

Two members of Airplay received National Awards recently; Heidi Miles won the Young Leader of the Year and Lilly Logue won The Role Model of the Year award. We are extremely proud of both who are a credit to their community and their families.

Airplay has also supported larger community events and school holiday activities, ensuring young people have access to safe, inclusive provision outside of term time.

Where appropriate, young people have been signposted to additional support services or activities, helping to strengthen pathways into education, training and wider community involvement.

The Station was also the first RAF Station to participate in Air Command's youth work review where external stakeholders, parents and young people had their say on youth work delivery, setting the road for our future provision.

Cornwall Road Project

The Cornwall Road Project has focused on housing Station Clubs both in and outside the wire. The Station Arts Club and the Tabletop Gaming Club are both settled in and

delivering out of hours activities for whole force personnel. The Egaming Club will be up and running in due course.

The project, still ongoing, has functioned as a visible and approachable presence in the community, helping to reduce isolation and encourage constructive use of time and local facilities.

SFA Roads Resurfacing

As part of wider estate and community improvements, road repairs and improvements have been completed on Oxford Road, Gloucester Road and Hampshire Road. The work has contributed to safer access, improved movement around the estate and a more positive environment for residents.

Education, Children and Armed Forces Community

In Apr, 42 Eng Regt supported local education settings by visiting RAFAKidz Nursery and Wyton on the Hill Primary School as part of activities marking the Month of the Military Child. These visits helped raise awareness of the experiences of military families and provided positive engagement between the Station, Service personnel and children.

In addition, a number of our school pupils have been entered into the “Winds of Change” art competition, delivered through the charity Never Such Innocence as part of the Month of the Military Child. The artwork explored the changes military children experience such as mobility, transitions and their unique aspects of Service life, giving young people a creative platform to express their views and experiences.

Looking Ahead

Over the coming year, we aim to build on this foundation by maintaining regular provision, strengthening community and school partnerships, and expanding opportunities for young people to have a voice in shaping activities and local initiatives. As RAF Wyton continues to grow and develop, there will be an increasing need for ongoing, proactive community engagement to ensure the needs of families, young people and the wider community continue to be met.

Gill Angel

Community Development Officer

RAF Wyton

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Huntingdonshire Child and Family Centres

The group continues term time only and we have a varied number of families attending, both military and civilian. Some of our regular attendees have now moved up to the nursery in school. We have been able to signpost families to online parenting courses, help around toilet training and sleep routines.

During our session we offer messy play, crafts, construction, baby sensory area, books and puzzles, small world play such as a farm, dolls' house etc. Each week we have a different theme and activities are planned around this.

Attendee numbers for the year April 2025 to March 2025 are as follows:

Number of adults	Number of children	Total number of attendees
159	232	391

Here is some feedback from families:

'Great place for the children and adults to socialise. Always a good variety of toys and no two weeks are the same.'

'Lovely place for both little one and parents to enjoy lots of different toys each week and a great sing song every time.'

'Always different activities including cultures/religions. Lots of messy activities which my boys love. Becky is always welcoming and has built good relationships with the children. My Boys always love coming here on a Wednesday and look forward to seeing what different toys and activities will be out.'

'We thoroughly enjoy coming along to the group. My daughter loves the variety of activities and the interaction with Becky and the other children. She looks forward to coming each week.'

Huntingdonshire Child and Family Centres

May 2026

Summary Report for the Parish Council – WOTH Primary School

It has been a busy and highly productive year at Wyton on the Hill Primary School, and this will be my final year in post before retirement. After 28 years in primary education with the Local Authority, including the last 17 years as Headteacher at Wyton on the Hill, I am preparing to step away from a role that has been both professionally rewarding and personally meaningful.

Looking ahead, the Governing Body and the Local Authority have worked closely together to establish a financially sustainable structure for the school in response to declining pupil numbers. Their priority has been to protect the quality of education and maintain stability for pupils, families and staff while longer-term solutions are explored. To support this transition, Liz Pugh has agreed to take on the role of Acting Head from 1 September 2026. Jason Tuxworth will add the duties of Acting Assistant Head to his existing responsibilities as School Business Manager, ensuring continuity across both leadership and operational management.

In order to enable Mrs Pugh to lead the school full time, classroom cover in the Early Years Foundation Stage will be provided by Mrs Palmer and Mrs Giddings in a job-share arrangement. Mrs Giddings will also take on the role of SENDCo. Appropriate non-contact time has been allocated to support her training and accreditation, which will be completed in the autumn term. The school is also currently recruiting a Year 1 and Year 2 class teacher to replace Mrs Giddings in the classroom.

Although the school is presently funded for 4.3 classes, leaders have decided to retain a five-class structure for next year in order to reflect the distribution of pupils across the year groups. The planned organisation will be as follows: Class 1, mixed EYFS and Year 1; Class 2, mixed Year 1 and Year 2; Class 3, mixed Year 3 and Year 4; Class 4, Year 5; and Class 5, Year 6. The pre-school class will continue to operate as normal. Parents will receive confirmation of their children's class allocations in the end-of-year reports, which will be sent home on 3 July.

There are also a number of forthcoming events which may be of interest to the Parish Council. Sports Day is scheduled for Tuesday 19 May, with gates opening at 1.20pm for a 1.30pm start. In the event of rain, a decision regarding cancellation will be made by 12.45pm and communicated by email. The end-of-half-term book and environment look for parents will take place on Wednesday 20 May between 3.30pm and 4.30pm. The WSCA Summer Fete, which is a community-facing event, is planned for Saturday 20 June at 12 noon. The school's online calendar includes the full list of events and trips for May to July and can be accessed at <https://teamup.com/ksqqpu66iy6t7uiyt3>.

This year's highlights have included the Christmas Production, the end-of-term music concerts in the spring and summer terms, and Purple Up Day, which was held in celebration of the Month of the Military Child. These events reflected the strength of our

school community and the breadth of opportunities available to pupils beyond the classroom.

I have loved my time here at Wyton on the Hill and will greatly miss the partnership of the staff and wider community. Above all, I will miss the children. In addition to leaving with many happy memories, I hope to raise funds for assistive technology by undertaking a sponsored Wing Walk for Wyton. Further details will follow in the near future.