

Hitcham and Taplow Society  
Annual General Meeting 15th April 2026

President's Address

You have a wonderful hardworking committee which as usual has been doing a sterling job.

I have a lot of 'Thank you's' to give on your behalf.

First and foremost Roger Worthington our Chair. There has been much to be done particularly on the planning front as well as digesting and understanding the horrendous implications of directives from on high re the status of the Green Belt and the imposition of the number of housing sites Bucks County Council has to provide. I will leave it to him to explain.

He is together with Andrew Findlay and Cat Howard responsible for the two annual issues of our wonderful newsletter. I am always very impressed by the quality of our newsletters and would like to thank all those concerned. All articles for subsequent newsletters gratefully received.

Jane has undertaken the role of Secretary and has been doing a grand job for which we all are grateful.

We have a very efficient Treasurer and membership secretary in Mike Turner, and you will see that our finances are not only in good shape but are meticulously recorded. Thank you Mike. Thanks also to Perry Ashwood who casts a professional eye over the accounts for us.

Mike and his wife Jacqueline host our monthly committee meetings in their lovely home and they have yet again organised a very successful Tidy up Taplow Morning. You may have seen people in High Vis Jackets with litter pickers and black plastic bags around Taplow doing a wonderful job and on their return to the Village Centre they were regaled with refreshments provided by Charlie Reeves and Jacqueline. It is such a pity that litter picks are necessary. A Good Job - well done. Thanks everyone.

We once again held our traditional very successful Village Green Party. I know of no other community who hold such a fantastic event annually. It brings all generations together and is a very happy occasion. I am sure you have all seen Sheila Horton's depiction of it in the amazing mural that she painted - over there. For the organisation of this event we once again have Rupert Sellers to thank. You have no idea of the amount of work the VGP entails with the planning, myriad helpers on the day, and the clearing up. To all those who helped thanks. It is really worth the effort and a wonderful time was had by all. We are looking forward to our next Village Green Party on

Saturday 20th June to which I hope you will all come and enjoy the fun.  
Please put in a good word to “Him Up There’ for good weather.

Last but not least I would like to thank Taplow Court for being such good neighbours. They not only provide the wood for the fire at our VGP but also the crockery for this AGM and we must not forget Charlie and her helpers for providing the refreshments.