

Charles Kiloh
Chairman's Annual Report 2024/2025.

I'd like to start this report with a tribute to Mr Neil Haynes
Neil served on the Parish Council for over 40 years as a Councillor and
Chairman. He shared his Parish Council etiquette with me, and was very
patient with me.

His death is a sad loss to Nether Heyford.

This has been a busy year with a lot happening. I'll attempt to cover
everything, if I miss anything, or anyone please accept my apologies.

Successfully achieving our Neighbourhood Plan is a tribute to the efforts
of a determined and dedicated team of volunteers, Cllr Tony Williams,
Mr Tom Dodd, and Mr Tony Clewett.

Smoothing over difficulties and the two-year delay of COVID. Gentlemen
I thank you.

The debt owed to the late Mrs Sue Corner, who was the originator of the
Neighbourhood Plan challenge can never be forgotten.

The ongoing success of the Nether Heyford Allotments and Community
area is a tribute to another dedicated team.

The Community area is a much-utilised asset and was the scene of a
very successful but damp wassailing event.

The Allotments success was rewarded with a gold award, and some very
happy allotment holders.

The idea for a Community Lounge came from Cllr Lesley Dilkes and Mr
Guy Ravine and provides a safe space for residents to meet, chat, and
reinvent a sense of community.

Financial support came from One Stop, Nether Heyford, The Arnold
Trust, Parochial Church Council, West Northants Council, and private
individuals.

Held in the Youth Club premises the project is building, and all are
welcome.

In line with this initiative the Parish Council have begun to focus on and
develop wellbeing issues. This team consisting of Cllrs Kim Woodbridge

-Dodd, Colin Thomas, and Dave Musson, are working hard for Nether Heyford.

The implementation of a successful Traffic Management system after some teething troubles, supported by Northants Police and our PCSO, Chris Dudley and nursed by Cllr Ian Paris we are tackling the anti-social issue of speeding.

Plans are also in hand to provide further Traffic calming in Furnace Lane We have a new grass cutting team doing a really good job. The Greens look good.

A wildlife team has been established working to preserve, and protect the Green by renewing and replacing dying trees. This is for the benefit of future generations.

The team also maintain a wildlife area within the allotments.

The common denominator for all of this is volunteers. From Parish Council, Youth Club, Playing Fields Association, Bowls Club to the almost invisible and dedicated volunteers keeping the Cemetery tidy. Nothing would get done without volunteers. A heartfelt thank you to all. It all helps make Nether Heyford an impressive place to live in.