

# **ABBERLEY HILLS PRESERVATION SOCIETY**

## **AGM – 11<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2026 CHAIRMAN’S REPORT**

### **MEMBERSHIP**

Membership numbers continue to increase steadily, thanks to the hard work of Tom and Pam.

### **MEETINGS**

Meetings of the Executive Members are generally held every other month on the second Monday of the month whenever possible (eg weather permitting).

### **NATIONAL LANDSCAPE STATUS**

The application to Natural England is an ongoing process, on which we continue to work. Thank you to Lisa for her continuing work on this, mainly this year in contacting relevant authorities at Natural England.

### **EVENTS**

The “Ghost Talk” event was held on October 30th at the Manor. This was a resounding success- various ghost stories from the village, collated from reports/stories from many sources, mainly members, was narrated by Morgan, in character and costume as a Victorian storyteller. The evening was excellent and enjoyed by all. Jane and her staff at the Manor organised and provided a lovely buffet. A great deal of positive feedback has been received. We hope to repeat this success with a similar event in the future.

The litter picking initiative around the area has continued. Well done to John for his regular clean- ups by the Quarry.

### **PLANNING**

It gives me much pleasure to report that AHPS have had little to do on this subject this year. Long may this continue, though of course we continue to work to support local villagers should the need arise.

## **LINKS**

I attended the Village Green Meeting in June this year. Thank you to Fred for putting himself forward as AHPS representative for this Committee. Between us we will continue to attend and support this group. We decided at a recent Meeting that a one-off financial donation from AHPS would be given to the Village Green Trust.

It is also pleasing to continue support for the upkeep of St Michael's Church. Tom is the Churchwarden, and has reported his thanks for support from AHPS. Renovation work on the roof, ceiling, gutters and drainage etc, has continued for over 7 years. Members have also attended working parties to help with mowing and general maintenance of the Church grounds. Thanks are reciprocated to Tom.

## **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

Thank you to all members of the Executive Committee for all their hard work over the past 12 months- Tom Herbert (Vice Chair); Lisa Walker (Secretary); Pam Perfect (Treasurer); John Rossbotham and Fred Shellis, and to John and Jeanette, and also to Lisa for their hospitality in hosting the Meetings.

Carolyn Coles -  
Chairman