

## VILLAGE VIEWS ANNUAL REPORT 2026

We are happy to report that Village Views continues to attract local advertisers (largely thanks to the work of Rachel Johnson). We have been slowly running down our funds over the last 18 months, which meant that the recent grant of £500 from Lightsource was the first grant we have requested since September 2024 (when we received a grant of £250).

Paul has continued to handle the layout of Village Views, and is happy to carry on doing so, unless someone else steps up to take on the role.

John Glover is still masterminding the distribution of copies to all households in the community, using a network of hard-working and highly valued volunteers. We would like to thank Carmen Cullis, Gareth Ball, Katie Bell (aided by Rachel Johnson), Jo Davies and Ginny Rumball. John Long has kindly been delivering in Acton Piggott and Evenwood, but we would very much like to find a volunteer to handle this on a more permanent basis. New pairs of hands are always welcome! If anyone would like to help out with this, please email [villageviews@hotmail.com](mailto:villageviews@hotmail.com), or have a word with John Glover.

Due to time pressures, we did not issue an update to the Directory in 2025, but we were very happy to welcome a new volunteer, Ian Southworth, who has agreed to have a go at revising the Directory, hopefully ready for publication in August this year.

Looking ahead, we have several ideas in the pipeline for new features in Village Views, but we are always keen to hear suggestions for interesting items, and would be very happy to hear from anyone who would like to write a regular (or occasional) column. We'd also be very pleased to feature snaps by local photographers.

This year we will be collaborating with the Pitchford Village Hall Centenary Club to produce a commemorative edition of Village Views, which will hopefully draw together many of the fascinating stories of Pitchford's history and will be a tribute to the work which the Club has been doing to mark 100 years of Pitchford Village Hall being at the heart of the local community.

I am still planning to stand down in the next year or two, and hope that someone will volunteer to take on the role, and continue to develop Village Views for the community.

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