

OUSDEN VILLAGE HALL AND PLAYING FIELDS

Report to Annual Parish Meeting

May 12th 2026

There has been plenty to occupy us during the year as we progress with our bid for National Lottery funding. We are shortly to be incorporated as a new Charity.

We welcomed new Trustees at the AGM in November last year and our committee members have also increased in number.

These include:

Jess Pettitt, Nicola Nunn, Katie Princewright, Pete Donoghue, Ian Harding, Michelle Parsons, Emily Cable, John Gale.

The Trustees are:

Chris Ingham -Chair

Celia Holt- Vice chair

Fiona Bills -Treasurer

Emma Hunter, Jessamy Saltmarsh, David Parsons, Roderick Duncan

Events which have taken place this year have included a successful Summer Fete in July, Christmas Festive Bingo in December, a Paint and Plonk event in April. We look forward to a Farm Walk in May

Café Stop opened earlier in the year, and at the end of March we held an Open Coffee Morning for the village to update them on our plans for the new hall.

We held a meeting with Nick Timothy in February to discuss the New Hall and related issues.

The Lottery continues every quarter.

The Church held a Harvest Breakfast last October.

The cricketers have cleared the field boundary and renovated the pitch.

Yoga and bowls club have continued and a new exercise class has been very popular.

Dog training is also popular.

In the playground, a new spinning pole was installed and paid for by a West Suffolk grant. Our thanks to the PC for the new rubbish bin. We are also grateful to them for the annual contribution towards the upkeep of the premises.