

Chairman's Report for Little Budworth Parish Council 2025/2026.

I would personally like to thank all the parish councillors for their hard work over the last year, not forgetting that they do this work voluntarily.

I would first like to thank Councillor Cora Cowap Jones who resigned in May 2025 for her dedication and hard work after serving on the parish council for over for 30 years.

Councillor Chris Lee resigned in January 2026 for family reasons and he had become a very active member of the council.

We welcomed a new Councillor Richard Percival in September 2025 who has now become a Trustee on the Little Budworth Charities representing Little Budworth Parish Council with myself and he has also come onto the Liaison Group at MSV.

Thanks to Jenny Marshall who runs our Litter Picking Group which has been very successful over the years and Councillors Dave Lee and Linda Jones who are on the Friends of the Common Committee and do a lot of work throughout the year for the parish.

Councillor Linda Jones has also been very active organising different events ar with the highlight being the Village Fete which was a great success and the weather improved as the day went on.

Councillor David Lee has also been involved with a lot of highway issues, potholes et cetera, far too many to go into in a report like this.

Councillor Caroline Hall has very much been involved with the Liaison Group at Cobden Farm Quarry and with lots of planning issues with the parish council this year.

Thanks to Councillor Samantha Spann(vice-chair) for all her hard work and policy guidance this year; it has been invaluable.

Also, thanks must go to Charles Hardy our Ward Councillor who keeps us up to date and supports us in every activity.

We had a very successful Villages Day, which raised £2,500.00 for the parish council and thanks must go to MSV owner Jonathan Palmer, and Jon Rush, Circuit Manager. They also hold a Christmas Lunch for the over 60s and we had 140 people last year from the parishes of Little Budworth and Rushton who were well wined and dined. Entertainment was in the form of Eaton School Choir singing Christmas Carols.

On February 15th 2026, we unveiled a Memorial at Oulton Park to the six people who were killed in the Oulton Hall fire on the 14th of February 1926.

We raised £10,000 to erect the Memorial with money coming from Maurice Hunt's original presentation about the fire some ten years ago and with a donation from Little Budworth P.C. Other main contributors were Jonathan Palmer (MSV) and Sir William Egerton and a big thank you must go to Jon Rush the Circuit Manager for all his hard work in making this Memorial happen.

I would also like to thank members of the parish who have helped out on numerous occasions especially with the fete, litter picking and with the planting groups throughout the year, too many to name individually but a big thank you to you all

This is only a snapshot of what the Parish Council does for you in the course of a year. If you wish to know more please go to our website - littlebudworthpc.org.uk or read our minutes in the monthly The Good Shepherd magazine.

Peter Robinson

Note from the Clerk:

Website now changed to littlebudworth-pc.gov.uk