

The Annual Community Meeting was held on Monday 27th April 2026 at Theale Green School.

Cllr Paul Clifford, Chair of Theale Parish Council, chaired the Annual Community Meeting, previously known as the Annual Parish Meeting.

Those in attendance:

Name	Parish Resident or Organisation Representative	Name of Organisation
Cllr Paul Clifford	Parish Councillor	
Cllr Mel Paul	Parish Councillor	
Cllr John Seto	Parish Councillor	
Cllr Suzy Ferguson	Parish Councillor	
Cllr Heather Hopkinson	Parish Councillor	
Cllr Andrew Hopkinson	Parish Councillor	
Cllr Iain Hopcroft	Parish Councillor	
Simon Collard		Theale Medical Centre
Heidi Richardson		Theale Medical Centre
Penny Savage		Theale Medical Centr
Charlotte Baderello		Theale Green School
Paul Bullock		Theale Green School
Stevie Pickstock		Theale Library
Sophie Flexman		Theale Library
PC 3660 Adey Buss		Thames Valley Police
PC6664 Murray		Thames Valley Police
PCSO Sinclair		Thames Valley Police
Emily Rees		Theale Army Cadets
Josh Stibbs		Theale Army Cadets
Brian Davies		Rotary Club
Richard Anderson		Dr Ellerton's Charitable Trust
Cllr Alan Macro	District Councillor	
Elisha Hall-Jones		Friends of the Elderly
Billie Green		Friends of the Elderly
Mary Jacobs	Grant Award recipient	Care Bus / Can do it Club
Bob Jacobs	Grant Award recipient	Care Bus / Can do it Club
Viv Lowery	Grant Award recipient	Berkshire Vision
Hayley Brazil	Grant Award recipient	Our Story & Co
Jenny Caddy	Grant Award recipient	Standby Volunteer
Dan Hurst	Grant Award recipient	Theale Tigers
H Pendleton	Grant Award recipient	Theale Tigers
Trevor & Lynne Wood	Grant Award recipient	Theale Age Concern Club
Mary Tearney		The John Cumber Charity
Brian Tearney		The John Cumber Charity
M Fletcher	Resident	
David Wood	Resident	
Jon Lockley	Resident	

Sylvia Bowsher	Resident	
Margaret Elliott	Resident	
Tim Sipsen	Resident	
Michael Partridge	Resident	

MINUTES

Agenda Item	Minute
1.	<p><u>Apologies</u> John Bishop, The John Cumber Charity Sally McCarthy, Theale Scouts Martin Davy, Holy Trinity Church, Theale Mandy McCleave, Theale Village Hall</p>
2.	<p><u>Welcome</u> Parish Councillor Paul Clifford welcomed everyone, thanked Theale Green School for hosting the event and outlined the purpose and format of the meeting.</p>
3.	<p><u>Annual Reports</u></p> <p>Many community stakeholders attended, set up a stall, and spoke directly with members of the Parish rather than giving a formal report these included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thames Valley Police, Neighbourhood Policing Team • Theale Medical Centre & Patient Participation Group • Theale Parish Council • Theale Library • Theale Green School • Theale Army Cadets <p>The following representative stood up and spoke/gave a verbal report:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Theale Parish Council – Cllr. Paul Clifford • Dr Ellerton’s Trust – Richard Anderson • The John Cumber Charity – Mary Tearney thanked the council for the work they did to reopen the John Cumber Hall promptly following the flood in January. • West Berks District Council – Cllr. Alan Macro referred to several current planning issues and was asked by Cllr Clifford to answer any questions from the room at the end of the meeting.
4.	<p><u>Open Meeting & Public Forum</u></p> <p>Margaret Elliott – thanked the Parish Council for all the work that they do for the village.</p>
5.	<p><u>Theale Parish Council Community Grant Awards 2026</u> Under Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972 Theale Parish Council can spend money for the direct benefit of its area, or part of its area, or all or some of its residents.</p> <p>Presentations were made to the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> £450.00 – Berkshire Vision £500.00 – Our Story & Co £500.00 – Theale Tigers £500.00 – Care Bus Community Transport £500.00 – Can Do It Club £500.00 – Theale Age Concern (Theale Tea Club) £500.00 – Standby Volunteer Group

The meeting closed at 8.45pm

