

Chair's Report BCC 2025

The 2024 to 2025 year has been another successful period for Badingham Community Council. The BCC has continued to help to fund the Echo. We have continued to run the regular activities we hope will entertain villagers and provide opportunities for people to meet together. The monthly Quiz night remains very popular with local residents. Our recently started Bingo night has flourished and consistently attracts a large attendance. Our Natter and Chatter mornings ran through the winter months providing a warm space with light refreshments once a month. Last Christmas, the BCC Christmas Dinner was well attended. We continued with our objective of attempting activities that would be accessible to younger members of the village by funding gifts from Santa Claus that were presented at last year's Winter Market. Our Wreath Making evening was so well attended that we intend to run it again this Christmas. We have continued to build upon the success of our return to holding the Village Fete at the White Horse with another successful event; raising much needed money to help us fund our other activities anticipated in the coming year. We have been able to award a grant to Badingham Bowls Club to allow them to install a WC which is accessible for people with disabilities for their new Pavilion. We have further enhanced the activities we attempt to offer the Village with the commencement of a weekly Table Tennis evening. In line with our ongoing objective to increase membership we have been fortunate to recruit a person to promote that task.

Sadly, 2024 – 2025 has also seen the retirement of three Trustees who have been part of this organisation for a very long time and whose contribution to our activities has been extremely supportive. While we move forward to recruiting further Trustees, the intention is modify our emphasis in the coming year to reflect the loss of these valuable members. For the time being, we intend to orientate our efforts to supporting our existing activities rather than developing new ones. We will be examining different ways to stream line the way we organise our meetings, etc, to make the most of our time.