Odiham and North Warnborough
Annual Parish Assembly

Tuesday 28th April 2026
at All Saints Church

Presentations will include:
An annual report from Odiham Parish Council, an update from RAF Odiham and local, voluntary community groups.

Chair's Welcome Cllr Dr Angela McFarlane

Odiham Parish Council

Agenda

1. Chair's welcome and housekeeping
2. Signing of the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 8th April 2025
3. Guest speaker on behalf of RAF Odiham
4. Our community matters - guest speakers:
   - Odiham District U3A
   - Hook, Odiham & Hartley Wintney Lions Club
   - InOdiham
   - Rotary Club of Odiham & Hook
   - RMD Adventure Learning CIC
5. Community awards
6. Council highlights of the year
   - Overview – Cllr McFarlane
   - Planning & Development Committee – Cllr Verdon
   - Finance Committee – Cllr Tyler
   - Volunteering opportunities – Cllr Bell
7. The year ahead – Cllr McFarlane
8. Q&A session

   Questions to the Council and guest speakers. Residents should submit questions to clerk@odihamparishcouncil.gov.uk by 24th April. Questions may be raised directly to the meeting but it may not be possible to provide an immediate response.
9. Networking

Angela McFarlane

Chair, Odiham Parish Council
30th March 2026

RAF Odiham

Odiham District U3A

Hook Odiham & Hartley Wintney Lions

Mark Hazell

A new project each year since COVID....

2020 : Village Litter Picks / School Computers
2021 : Village Connect Trail
2022 : Prostate Cancer Screening
2023 : Foodbank Collections
2024 : Village Magpies – Recycling Project
2025 : Defibrillator Education & Installation
2026 : Child Sight Screening
2027 : .....?

A Partner-Based Local Health Focus.....

1. Prostate Cancer Screening : OCH & OPC
   - Saturday 23rd May 10.00-14.00
2. Message in a Bottle (MIAB) : Odiham Health Centre
3. Heartsafe Community (Defibrillators) : OPC
   - Next Training Saturday 6th June @ N. Warnborough Village Hall
4. Child Sight Screening : Local Schools
   - Free sophisticated screening for all primary school children
5. Food Movement : Zero Hunger
   - 1st Saturday of month @ 10.00 N. Warnborough Village Hall

Final thoughts….

- Please do help ensure local people take advantage of these five health projects

- Please let us know if you have a good idea for our 2027 signature project

Mark Hazell
mark.hazell@hohwl.uk



Dedicated to enriching community life for all, enhancing our environment and supporting RAF Odiham

Overview and Purpose

Following the 2011 Government-sponsored Mary Portas Report focused on saving our High Streets, InOdiham was set up in 2012 **and successfully became a Community Interest Company in 2015** inspired by the report's vision of breathing economic and community life back into our towns and villages. To achieve this, the number one Portas recommendation was to have a group in place to bring vision, strategies and operations skills to bear.

Committed to ensuring Odiham High Street thrives, InOdiham is dedicated to enriching community life for all, especially those serving at RAF Odiham. Our motto is 'Reminding you to Love Local' which is undertaken through enhancing the benefits of a close-knit community for everyone.

The InOdiham team is made up entirely of volunteers who bring ideas, expertise and invest thousands of hours of their time each year to devise and deliver a variety of large-scale events and diverse initiatives that contribute to Odiham being such a special place to live.

Very much supported by OPC and other local organisations and businesses

Team – all volunteers

Chair

Finance Officer

Vice Chair / Registered Director

Registered Director

12 Committee members

Ad Hoc volunteers

- Chair / Vice Elected yearly at our AGM
- Registered Directors
- Make financial decisions with Finance officer when required.
- Meet as and when required by Events
- Additional meetings for project teams as required.
- Called upon when needed to support specific events.

Anyone from the community can join InOdiham. We rarely need to advertise for volunteers, but when we do so we use social media and the parish magazine. While the above structure looks formal, we pride ourselves on being a friendly, open group, that has fun doing what we do.

If you would like to join us, please drop us a line at

info@inodiham.co.uk

2025 was a special year for us

The King's Award for Voluntary Service

Range of services

- Community engagement
- Armed Forces engagement and promoting Armed Forces Day
- Supporting and promoting local businesses
- Encouraging visitors and driving footfall
- Enabling local groups and charities
- Schools' engagement
- Event organising
- Improving our local area
- Weekly market (Fruit & veg, cheese, bread, cake, pies, fish and pop ups such as at Christmas) – enabling residents to buy good quality local products.

Core annual events



- A free to attend Community music Festival in the heart of our community (Bands in the Bury) held to mark Armed Forces Day.
- Costing £7k to put on and requiring many hours of planning to achieve. Attracts circa 2000 attendees and is our community's opportunity to show their support and how proud we are to be home to the UK’s Chinook Force.



- Our Food Fayre is a food-inspired market designed to attract visitors to Odiham. We have circa 80 stalls featuring produce from across Hampshire.
- It’s a major event, with significant logistics that costs circa £5-6k to put on.
- It attracts an estimated 5000 people each year. And we ensure local clubs, groups and charities can exhibit.



- The start of the Christmas Season, the Extravaganza blends a Christmas market with circa 60 stalls and a community event that feels magical.
- It focuses on the importance of shopping local and provides music and entertainment while ensuring the community come together.
- The event costs £6-7k to put on but also attracts circa 5000 people.

Core annual event tasks

- Across our three annual events there are many hours (each year), of preparation and management time this includes:
- Road closures
- Promotion
- Marshalling
- Sourcing bands (Armed Forces Day)
- Sourcing market stalls
- 3rd party management
- Risk mitigation
- On the day coordination
- Set up/ close down
- Fundraising












ARMED FORCES DAY
SHOW YOUR SUPPORT


THE BELL






oldham
BANDS IN THE BURY
oldham
SATURDAY 29TH JUNE
As part of Oldham's Armed Forces Day celebration in Oldham we delighted to confirm another fantastic line up of bands.
12:30 - THE TWO BEATLES
2pm - AXIS ALL AREA
3.30pm - THE DOLOMITES
5pm - THE DOG ENDS
6.30 to 8pm - ALL STARS
There will also be the presentation of this year's Community Awards as well as a great selection of food, drink and stalls.
Also, don't forget to bring your teddy bears for 'Teddy Bear Parachuting' from the church tower.
Hart

ODIHAM
FOOD FAYRE





What we believe makes our group both special to be a part of and extremely effective

We all absolutely love where we live. This shared 'love of local' **inspires exceptional commitment and action from each other**. It helps us to maintain what we are often told is **an extraordinary breadth of activities** for the good of our community - and fosters **superb engagement,** not just with the community at large but the other groups and third parties we work with, but especially the RAF.

It's a blend of **infectious enthusiasm** with a **track record of professional execution** effectively deployed to serve all who live and work in Odiham.

We are extremely grateful to the Parish Council for the generous contribution that they make to us each year

ODIHAM • CHRISTMAS • EXTRAVAGANZA







Creating lasting impact in communities worldwide

Rotary
Odiham & Hook
Making friends while making a difference

Seven areas of focus

1. Peace
2. Disease prevention and treatment
3. Water, sanitation and hygiene
4. Maternal and child health
5. Education and literacy
6. Economic development at a community level
7. Environment









Rotary

Rotary is a worldwide network of more than 1.2 million people of action who tackle the most persistent problems in our communities while building professional and leadership skills through meaningful connections.



Donations in 2024-2025

Rotary Odiham & Hook
Making friends while making a difference

Organisation	Amount	Area of donation
Community donations (£10,396)		
African Adventure Foundation	£150	Education
Buryfields Infant School - Windows 11 Computers	£1,189	Social Care
Dentaid - Dental Support for Homeless People	£500	Health Care
Hart Food Bank	£500	Social Care
Hart and Rushmoor Young carers	£1,300	Education
Hook Infant School - Student Laptops	£3,666	Education
Hook Infant/Junior School - Support for Flood Damage	£1,000	Education
Poppy Appeal	£55	Remembrance
Projects Citizens Advice Bureau (CAB) Hart	£500	Social Care
Rotary Youth Program	£36	Education
St Michael's Hospice	£500	Health Care
Support for Local disabled child	£1,000	Social Care
International donations (£3,571)		
Rotary Foundation - International Charities	£671	Rotary changing lives
ShelterBox - Worldwide Support	£1,750	Disaster Relief
Support for poverty in the Philippines	£150	Disaster Relief
Water Fountain for Ukraine School	£1,000	Rotary changing lives

Worldwide impact and positive change

Rotary Odiham & Hook
Making friends while making a difference

Eradicating polio worldwide

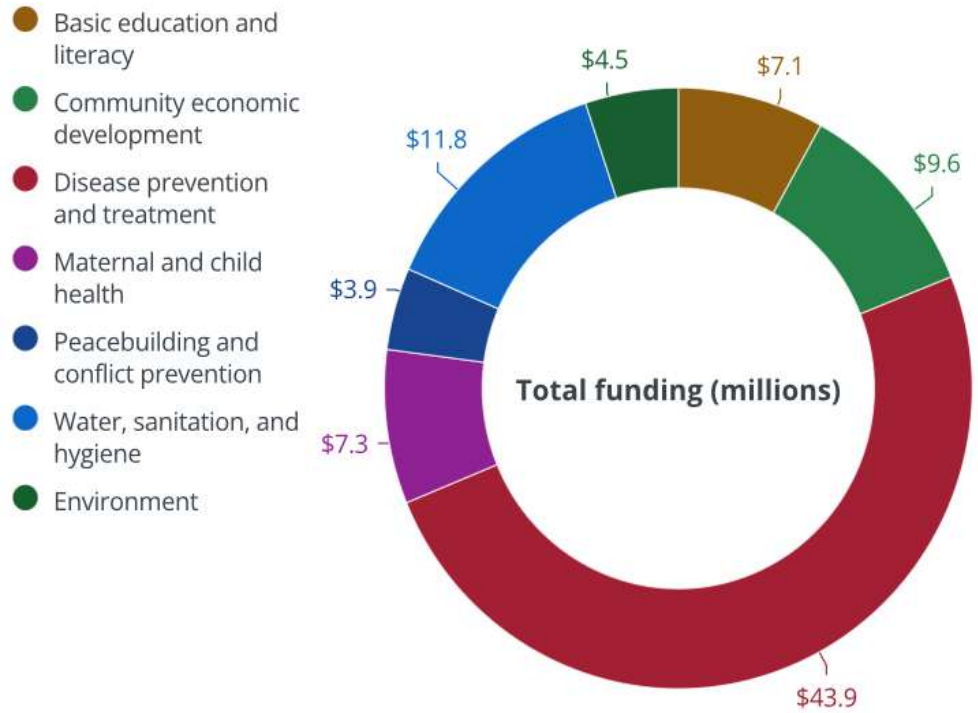






https://www.rotary.org/en/plus-polioplus

The Rotary Foundation



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Upcoming events

Rotary Odiham & Hook
Making friends while making a difference

Rotary Odiham and Hook | Annual Charity Lunch with buffet lunch and speaker

in aid of: **Hants & IOW Air Ambulance**



Tuesday 12th May 2026 from 12 to 3pm

Odiham & Greywell Cricket Club

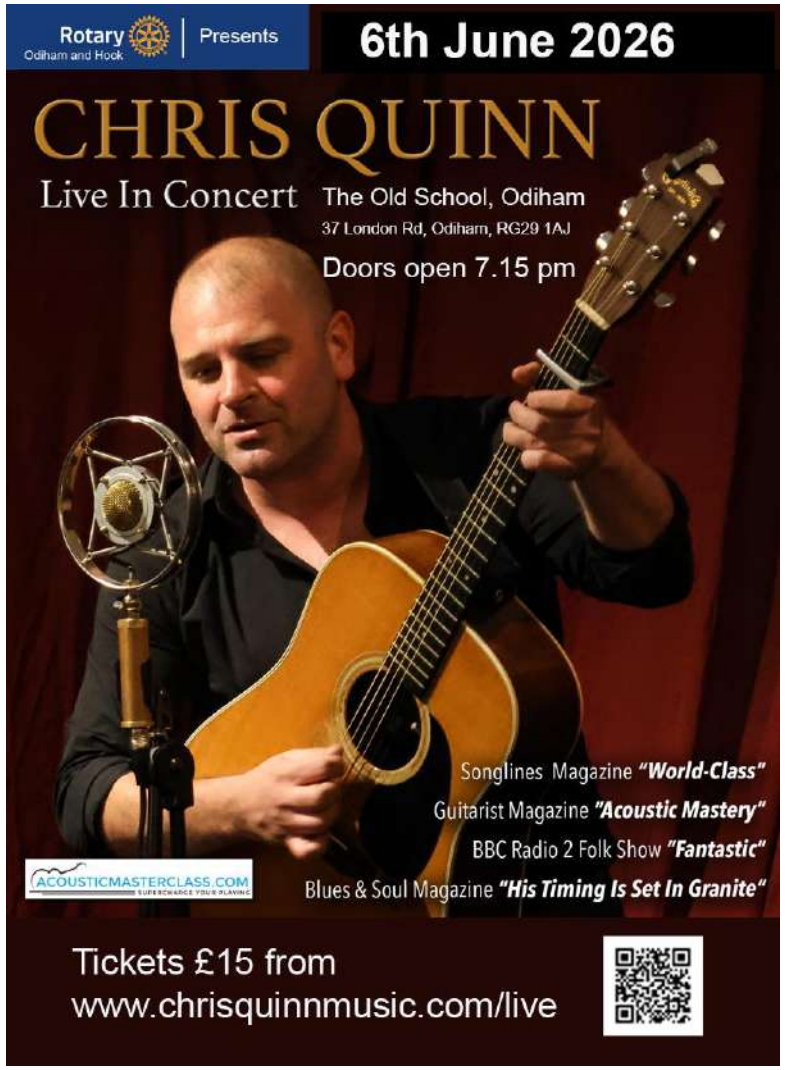
King St, Odiham, RG29 1NF

Tickets are £25 per person including a £5.00 donation to HIoWAA

Please confirm your attendance by Sunday 3rd May 2025
Use the booking link here or use the QR code

Please make BACS payment to: Odiham & Hook Rotary
Sort Code 30-80-42 Account Number 28606768

Any queries contact: info@odihamandhookrotary.co.uk or call John Orchard on 07770 834579



Why not check us out?

Why not come to one of our meetings?

- **Coffee mornings at the White Hart or El Castello**
- **Pub meetings at various venues**
- **Speaker evenings at the Basingstoke Country Hotel**

There's no commitment and you can see if Rotary is for you

Contact us on:

info@odihamandhookrotary.co.uk

www.odihamandhookrotary.co.uk

RMD Adventure Learning CIC

2026 Awards

Under 18 category …..

2026 Awards

Daniel Holmes á Court

2026 Awards

Over 18 category …..

2026 Awards

Mary Bennett

2026 Awards

Helen Chatfield

2026 Awards

Ian Green

2026 Awards

Jon Hale

Council Highlights of the Year















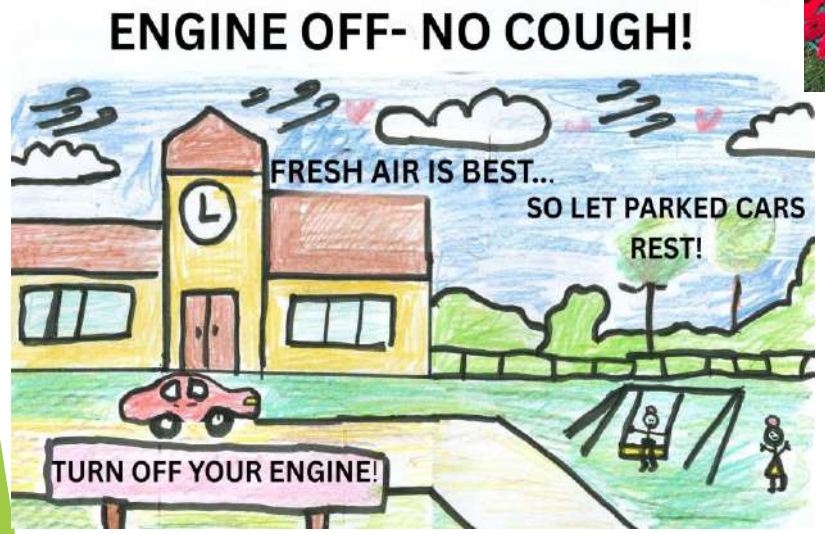


Council Highlights of the Year













Planning & Development Committee
Cllr Pam Verdon

- Meet every 3 weeks on Zoom- Some applications are referred to Full Council to meet statutory deadlines.
- Members of the public are welcome to join meetings online.
- Since May 2025, over 75 housing applications and 25 tree applications have been considered.
- **Neighbourhood Plan**
  - The annual monitoring report was agreed April 2026 and published online.
- **Other work**
  - The English Planning Reforms – keeping informed and responding to consultations.
  - Securing the best outcome from developments – eg S106 contributions.
  - Dealing with planning related enquiries through the Parish Office and liaising with Hart.

Finance Committee
Cllr Helen Tyler

- The 2026-27 budget and precept was agreed by full Council in January:
  - Budget £298,506, a slight reduction from 2025-26.
  - Precept £262,406 - equates to £109.35 per Band D average, an increase of £7.57 from 2025-26.
  - The 7.43% increase includes direct increases in service contracts and reflects a reduction in income for Chapel Cottage.
- The Council is pleased to continue supporting the following groups and activities next year:
  - £4,500 grants to InOdiham for Bands in The Bury, Odiham Food Festival and Extravaganza.
  - £2,000 community grants to support small projects which benefit local people.
  - Financial support to Citizens Advice.
  - Projects which support RAF Odiham personnel.
  - Financial support for the management of Odiham Common, Broad Oak Common and The Basingstoke Canal.
  - Street lighting.

Volunteering opportunities
Cllr Steve Bell



"The practice of freely giving time and energy to benefit others or a cause, without financial gain. Key benefits include improved mental/physical health, reduced stress, enhanced self-confidence, new skills development, and increased employability."



Conservation Volunteer Group
Informal group who meet monthly to clear and maintain Parish rights of way

War Memorial Volunteer Group
Informal group who meet periodically to clean, maintain and enhance the War Memorial

Local Speedwatch Group
Collection of (fully trained) people who undertake Speedwatch duties within the Parish



The UK National Volunteer Charity | Royal Voluntary Service

Odiham Parish Council

Annual Report



April 2026

LOCAL COUNCIL AWARD SCHEME QUALITY GOLD

Civility & Respect

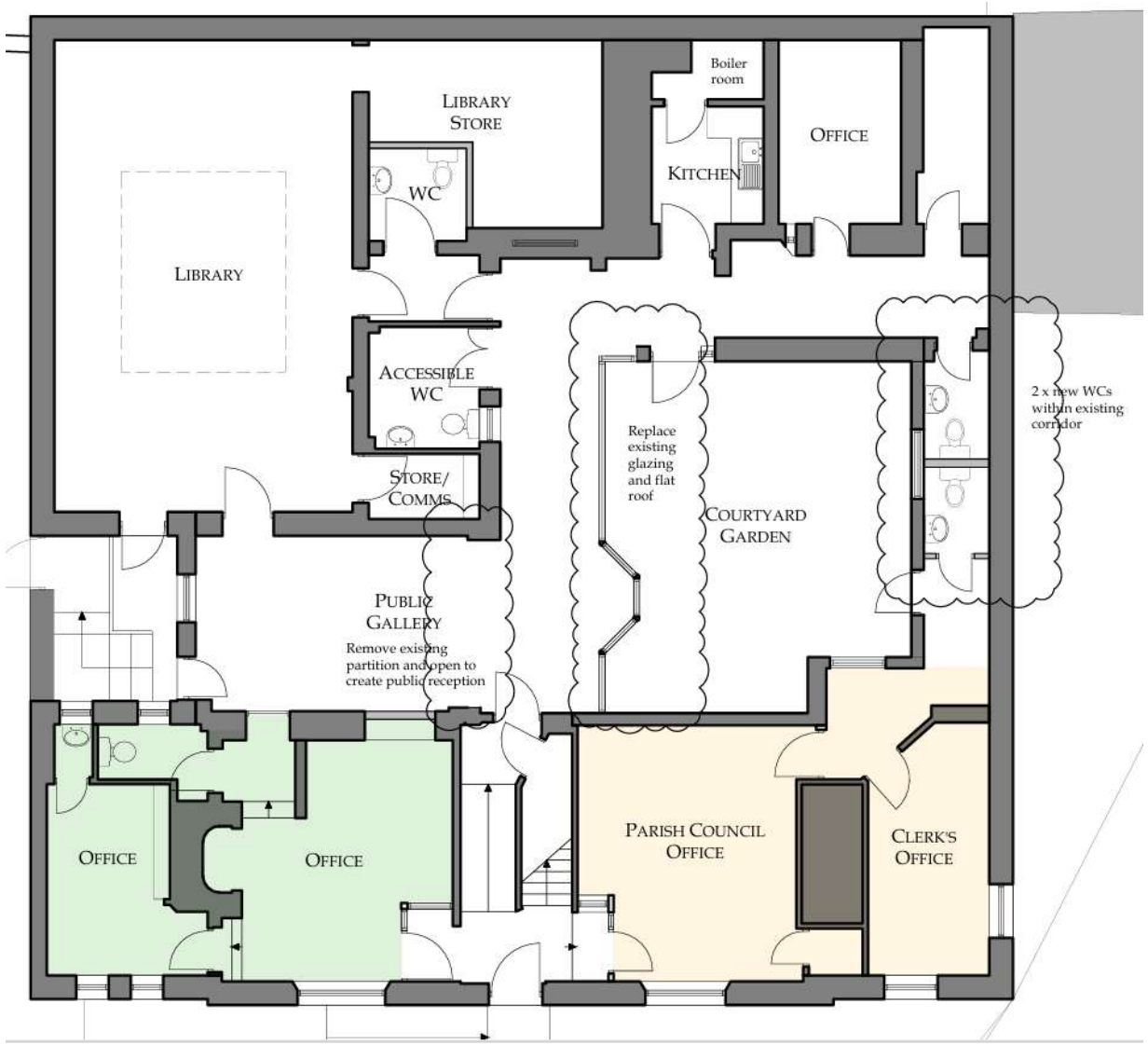
PROUDLY SUPPORTING THOSE WHO SERVE.

The year ahead

ANNUAL ACTION PLAN 2026-27

- Flag raising ceremony to mark the start of Armed Forces Week: Monday 22nd June.
- Community voluntary activities:
  - Conservation volunteers – 16th May and 13th June
  - Speedwatch- Sessions happening weekly
  - Bartley Heath project
  - The Firs project
- Watching brief on Devolution in Hampshire and Local Government Re-organisation.
- Focus on smaller scale works to improve the current facilities at The Bridewell.
- Next phase of war memorial works.
- Starting a project to replace play equipment at the Chapel Pond play area and research on Chamberlain Gardens play area.

The Bridewell – Re-configuration of ground floor



A Parish wide review
OF ROAD SAFETY

Covering Odiham, North Warnborough and
public highway around RAF Odiham

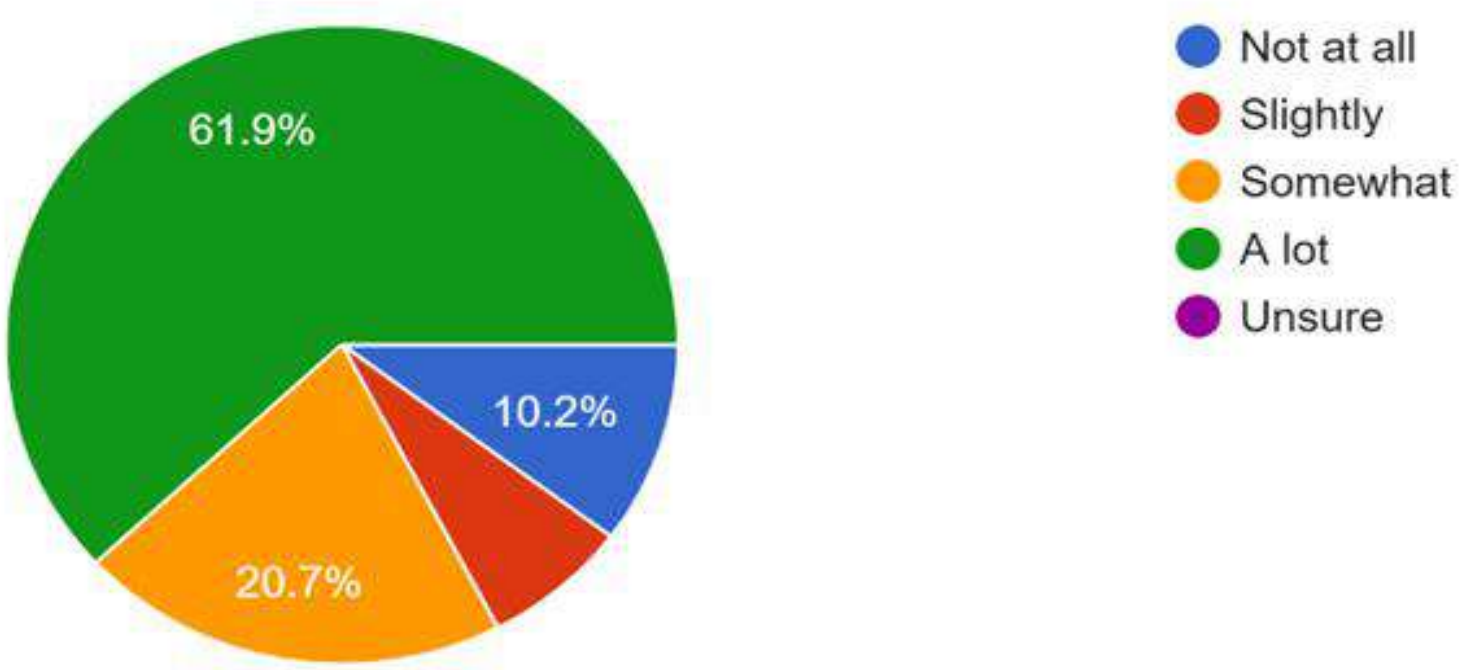


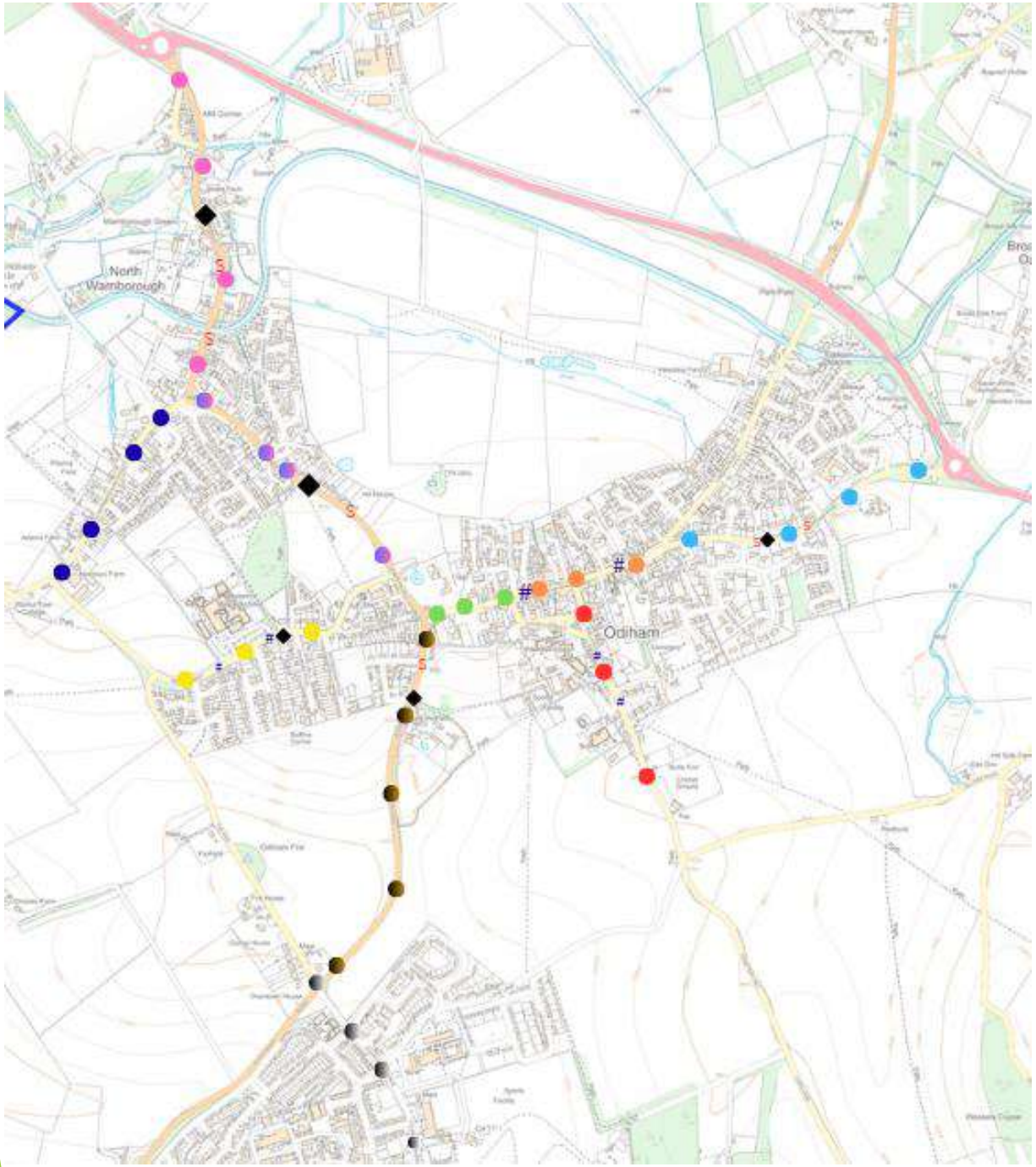
Odiham Parish Council
and COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES
2026

Community Survey - November 2025

Generated approx 400 responses

If you believe there is an issue with speeding, to what level does this concern you and/or affect your enjoyment of the area in which you live or work?





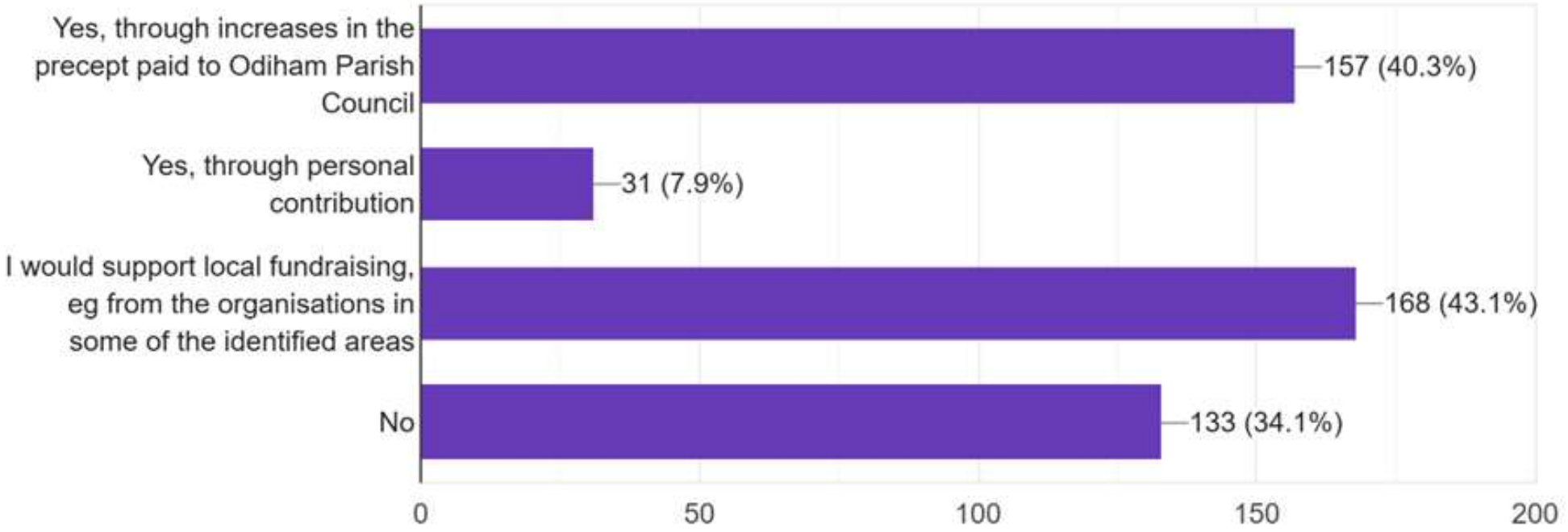
- 10 key routes.
- Looked at:
  - Speeds.
  - Physical infrastructure.
  - Pedestrian safety.
  - Suitability for 20mph.
  - Speedwatch locations.
  - SID locations.
  - HCC's Community Funded Initiatives program.
  - Other funding sources.
- Liaised with:
  - Residents living in each area.
  - Robert Mays School.
  - RAF Odiham.
  - Hampshire Highways.

Recommendations and full report published online

https://odihamparishcouncil.gov.uk/council-business/council/projects-and-activities/road-safety

Community Survey - November 2025

If our research concludes one or more areas are suitable for traffic calming, would you be prepared to support the scheme financially?



Armed Forces Week - June

Saturday 27th June



BANDS IN THE BURY

COMMEMORATIVE CONVOYS.org.uk

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Planning ahead

- Review of Council projects and investments against Chapel Cottage sale income.
- Changes through Local Government Re-organisation in Hampshire – potential opportunities.
- Changes from the English Planning Reforms.
- Parish elections May 2027.



Questions