



HVRA AGM 27TH May 2026 Chairman's Report

Introduction

HVRA remained an active and busy group this year. We lost road reps during the course of the year including Sue Grace, Julia Grant and Brenda Morris. We thank them all for their support and particularly to Brenda who also looked after the planters for many years.

Despite these losses HVRA continued with a comprehensive program of initiatives and events; the committee wish to thank our volunteers who give up their free time to make this a fully functioning organisation.

Events

This year we succeeded in running three events:

- **The Summer Family Picnic August 2026.** The picnic was a new idea designed to bring local families and in this was very successful on a beautiful summer's day. The event was funded jointly by HVRA and HVVH to the extent that all activities, including bouncy castle, kids disco, facepainting and free ices were free-of-charge on the day. Further entertainment was provided by the Community Shop Choir and the HV Football Club.
- **Seniors Tea October 2025.** The event in the village hall included the usual delicious tea of sandwiches, cakes and scones, all washed down with tea and prosecco. Entertainment was provided by the West Wycombe Chamber Choir. The whole event was judged a great success.
- **Potter Cup Quiz March 2026.** The Potter Cup was threatened this year with Brian McCollum unable to perform quiz master duties for us. However, Al Bowyer stepped out of recent Potter Cup retirement to run the event for us. This year was slightly different in that no 'marathon' puzzle was staged. Instead, a 'Stand-up Sit-down' bingo was run at the halfway break. Good fun all round and a welcome addition to the overall success of the evening.

Achievements This Year

It is difficult to give full credit to all of the HVRA activities that are carried out throughout the year. These include:

- Production and distribution of Hughenden News
 - o Andrew Capey and team: The magazine provides a key communication for local news. Its look, feel and content continues to improve.
- Community Speed Watch

- Rosemary Hewitt: CSW monitoring demonstrates that a third of all drivers drive through Hughenden Valley above the 30mph speed limit, demonstrating the need for continued monitoring.
- Planning
 - Rosemary: continues to monitor and raise objections to council of undesirable planning applications
- Cryers Hill Speed Limit
 - Brian McCollum: succeeded in raising Hughenden Parish Council Funding for a Speed Assessment on Cryers Hill.
- Planters
 - Elaine Merrilees: formed a small team to organise the replacement of old planters with new galvanised ones. Funding for half was obtained from the parish council.
- DIG
 - Paul W: major tasks this year included liaison with residents, councils and consultants to obtain flood management funding to help prevent localised flooding issues.
- Orchard Caravans
 - Committee: HVRA has worked with Peter Cannon's team in purchasing the Orchard Caravan site to secure it's development and to preserve the orchard.

The Future

As has been stated in the magazine, difficulties with recruiting volunteers continues to threaten our ability to operate effectively. As such, HVRA have joined Peter Gieler's initiative to form a Community Association. This organisation aims to bring different local groups together to help coordinate community activities and generate new interest from the community.

As a first step HVRA are working in a team to produce a Hughenden Valley Hub website that brings together local clubs and organisations; it will share news, calendars and available activities etc.

Paul Woodford
5th May 2026