

AGM - Coe's Meadow Management Committee

14 January 2026

1. Opening Statement

I would like to extend my sincere thanks to the entire committee for your continued hard work and unwavering commitment over the past year. Your dedication is the reason we continue to see such positive changes on Coe's Meadow.

2. Fundraising & Grants

Our financial position has been greatly strengthened by the efforts of our committee:

- **Fundraising:** A special thank you to everyone who assisted with fundraising initiatives this year. A special thank you to Sam for the incredible sum he raised at his Beer Festival.
- **Grants:** Huge thanks to Laura for her diligent work in applying for grants. Her efforts in designing and distributing the community questionnaire have been vital in ensuring our projects align with local needs.

3. Maintenance

We have had a very productive year focusing on the safety and aesthetics of the Meadow:

- **Site Clearance:** Successful efforts were made to clear and tidy the meadow and surrounding area.
- **Play Equipment:** We have successfully removed damaged and faulty play equipment to ensure the site remains safe for public use.

4. Lime Avenue Update

The essential maintenance of The Lime Avenue trees is currently underway:

- **Pollarding:** I would like to thank Jenny for her excellent organisation of these works and Graham Nicolls for his hard work during icy conditions.
- **Thank you:** On behalf of the committee, I would like to extend our thanks to Oliver Rowe, who has very kindly submitted the planning permission for the pollarding of the trees on two occasions.

5. The Year Ahead - 2026

As we move into the new year, our focus shifts from clearing and maintenance to renewal and growth. Our key priorities for 2026 include:

- **Play Area Renovation:** Following on from the removal of the old equipment our primary goal is to research and source sustainable and high-quality replacements. We will be using the data from Laura's questionnaire to ensure the new equipment meets the needs of local families.

- **Community Events:** We hope to host a "Spring Clean" and/or a "Dog Walk" event to encourage more residents to enjoy Coe's Meadow.
- **Long-term:** We will continue to seek additional grant funding to ensure we have a robust maintenance budget for the years to come.
- **Fundraising:** Jenny has very kindly mentioned that she will plan another Plant Sale after her very successful event in 2025.

6. Closing Statement

While there is still much to do, the progress we have made over the past year has set a fantastic foundation for the future of Coe's Meadow.

It is a privilege to work alongside such a dedicated group of volunteers. Thank you.

I look forward to working with you all throughout 2026 to ensure Coe's Meadow remains a safe, beautiful and thriving space for our entire village to enjoy.