

# **THE ELMSWELL AMENITIES ASSOCIATION**

*Registered Charity 304879*

## **Report to Elmswell Parish Council meeting November 2025**

The AGM was held at Wesley on 23<sup>rd</sup> October when Trustees noted the Approved Accounts for submission to the Charity Commission and noted confirmation of the following Representative Trustees:

Blackbourne & Wesley-Tavern Management Association	<i>Peter Dow</i>
Elmswell Cricket Club	<i>Terry Garner</i>
<i>Elmswell</i> Football Club	<i>Chris Edmonds</i>
Elmswell Fox Bowls Club	<i>Peter Edmonds</i>
Elmswell Parish Council	<i>Cllr Peter Hancock</i>
Elmswell Parochial Church Council	<i>Mike Schofield</i>
Elmswell W. I.	<i>Carol Blissett</i>
Elmswell Youth Club	<i>Marian Abbott</i>

The following were nominated, seconded and elected as Trustees:

David Barker, Jean Barker, Maggie Bushell, Sharon Fuller, Kay Sanders, Philip Shaw, Charlotte Smith, Linda Waspe.

The Chairman gave the following Report:

*The Association has met three times since the last AGM. The officers have continued to ensure that the organisation's obligations have been met with regard to the specific responsibilities pertaining to the Memorial Library and Garden, the Elmswell Newsletter and the Grove Lane recreation area.*

*The Library is now leased to Suffolk County Council which took over from Suffolk Libraries IPS on 1<sup>st</sup> June 2025. Rent and Insurance Rent are paid up to date with a rent review due on 1<sup>st</sup> November. Thus far the change of tenant has had no repercussions.*

*The Newsletter struggles, as is commonly observed in other community enterprises, to find volunteers for day-to-day tasks such as the administration of the monthly distribution runs. As we anticipate a continuing diminution in community commitment, I would hope to secure the future of our excellent magazine by handing across some of these tasks to the parish council as we currently do with the administration of the advertising.*

*The land at Grove Lane has a chequered history dating from when it was purchased by the parish council in light of the circumstances at the time when the village had no recreation open space at all. EAA took on responsibility for the 7-acre site in 2001 when it merged with the Elmswell Sports Advisory Committee for that purpose. The advent and success of Blackbourne has diminished the benefits of the facility and I would hope that the Association can steer it in another direction in the coming year.*

**Peter Dow**  
**13.11.2025**