



WANA Annual General Meeting
Saturday 17th January 2026
Witherley Parish Room
10.30-12.30

Present: Kim Liggins (KL) Chair, Dayle Flude (DF) Vice Chair, Roger Lainé (RL) Treasurer, Lynne Lainé (LL) Secretary, Rob Flude, Richard Wade (RW), Planning subgroup Chair, Joy Simpson (JS) Social Events Chair, Keith Simpson, Tony Carter, Flood Warden, Pat Helyer, Pat Roberts,, Margaret Hickie, David Hickie, Sarah Smith, Jan Humble, Mick Humble, Jackie Albrighton, Kate Snell, Rod Bell, Stuart Liggins, Neil Pountney, Heather Pountney, Rhianon Taylor, Helen Towers, Steve Towers, Phil Salmon, Val Graham, Fred Graham, Gaynor Biddle, Gaynor Smith, Katherine Bedford, Jan Zivoder, Zelk Zivoder, Clair Jones, Glyn Jones, Stephanie Wade, Liz Betts.

Apologies: Corinne Barker, Margaret and Brian Bates, Kate Chorley, David Roberts

1	Welcome 36 Residents attended and participated in the meeting.
2	Information and consultation Attendees were invited to browse the information display boards, and to watch the rolling power point presentations which highlighted the WANA activities and achievements over 2025.
2.2	Consultation Attendees were invited to write any comments to the three consultation questions on post it notes
2.2.1	Do you have concerns regarding road safety or traffic? Key themes: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Parking:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ On Bridge Lane A5 junction,○ Orchard Close○ Church Road○ Kennel Lane at Junction with Post Office Lane○ On pavements• Speeding cars, tractors and lorries along Kennel Lane• The number of lorries coming down Kennel Lane• Reduced Visibility on A5 from parked vehicles and fencing at the Bull.• Parking on Kennel Lane at the junction with Post Office Lane impeding the view of oncoming traffic from the left• Another speed camera like the one at the kennels at the other end of the village
2.2.2	Do you have any suggestions for social events? Key themes: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Scarecrow village event

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Game show night – weakest link, play your cards right etc. • Games where you keep moving tables • Garage/car boot/village sale (earlier in the year) • Family sports events • Football/games on the field for children during school holidays • It's a knockout event • Bonkers Bingo (family friendly version please) • Day trips/Christmas Market trips • Supper/lunch clubs • Bring and share suppers • Psychic evening
2.2.3	<p>Is there anything bothering or concerning you as a resident? Key themes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Flooding – majority in this category • Water testing of flood water • Rubbish left after flooding • Replacing the stolen signage in Atterton • Rubbish bin on St Peter's Avenue • Hedges blocking pathways • Fly tipping in Atterton Lane •
2.2.4	<p>What does WANA need to focus on for 2026? Key Themes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Forge stronger links with community groups – Parochial Church Council, Witherley Parish Council, Friends Of Witherley School, Women's Institute • Flooding • Kennel Lane development – Orbit housing and homes for downsizing and impact of housing on flooding and traffic • Volunteer recruitment • Keep bringing people together
2.2.5	<p>Other comments raised</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No speed humps please • No path from Hunt Lane to the A5 along Kennel Lane – this would remove the ruralness of the lane and allow for widening and other developments • More grit bins around the village but specifically in Church Road due to slippery roads to the school • Involve the school in making children shaped signs which say things like 'kill your speed not a child' for the entrances to the village • Loan of a speed gun so that residents can monitor speed through the village • Put the newsletter on Facebook and Instagram to get to a wider audience

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Take down the dog poo signs before putting up 'don't kill a child' signs because residents will be fed up of being told what not to do. Dog poo signs not working. • Set up a teenage club in the Parish Room • Ask families what they want • Ask the school to promote events
3.	<p>KL welcomed all to the AGM</p> <p>KL thanked all for attending and for participating in the consultation KL drew attention to the information boards and the rolling presentation that highlight much of WANA's activities and achievements in the past 12 months.</p> <p>With the support of residents WANA is a successful organisation delivering social events and raising Villagers concerns with the relevant agencies.</p>
4.	<p>Thank You</p> <p>4.1 KL thanked all the WANA Bee Volunteers, recognising that without them WANA would not be a success.</p> <p>4.2 KL thanked Centurion Plant Hire for their support in establishing WANA as a successful and credible neighbours association and their continued support with the monthly newsletter.</p> <p>4.3 Company and Games was particularly noted by a resident and a thank you made to PH for all the "cups of tea".</p>
5.	<p>Treasurers Report</p> <p>KL invited RL to give the treasurers report.</p> <p>5.1 RL summarised WANA's annual accounts as 31st December 2025 Income: £11,080.77 Expense: £8,555.47 Balance of Cash and Bank: £5,903.34</p> <p>5.2 A significant part of the income is from event ticket sales and raffles at social events.</p> <p>5.3 Expenses have included room hire for both the Parish Room and the Football Club, performers at social events and the marquee hire for the Witherley Weekender.</p> <p>5.4 A Warm Spaces Grant was received from Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council to support Company and Games.</p> <p>5.5 The WANA Grant process is open to applications from Village Organisations, RL encouraged applications.</p>
6.	<p>Planning Sub-group chair</p> <p>KL invited Richard Wade, as chair to report on the planning sub-group activities.</p> <p>The subgroup has continued to meet on a regular basis to monitor village developments specifically including building plans and flooding.</p>

	<p>The subgroup has reported concerns about some of the activities at the site of The Bull Public House.</p> <p>Thoughtless parking issue on Bridge Lane which seems to be largely resolved at least for the present.</p> <p>A longer-term road safety strategy in the village is now a topic that WANA are keen to pursue and are seeking input from the village.</p>
7.	<p>Social Events sub-group chair</p> <p>KL invited Joy Simpson, as chair, to report on the social events sub-group activities.</p> <p>JS thanked all the enthusiastic members of the subgroup for their support, without whom the events would not be the success they have been.</p> <p>2025 was another great year for our WANA social subgroup. Most months in 2025 had an event including quizzes, afternoon tea and bingo. Our big Witherley Weekender was a great success bringing the village together for lots of fun and laughter.</p> <p>Our year ended with an advent trail around the village.</p> <p>Planning for the 2026 social calendar has started so watch out for events coming soon.</p> <p>There are several upcoming events: Crazy Horses with a Chippy Supper, Foraged Fruit Alcohol tasting evening with Cheese and Biscuits, a Bluebell Walk at Merevale and a Party in the Park on July 4th 2026.</p>
8.	<p>Chair and Secretary stand down</p> <p>KL passed the Chair to DF.</p> <p>KL and LL stood down as Officers.</p>
9.	<p>Election of Officers for 2026</p> <p>DF shared that two completed nominations were received for the Officer roles by the deadline on 17.00hrs on the 10th January.</p> <p>The following Officer roles were proposed and seconded</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Chair Kim Liggins ▪ Secretary Lynne Lainé
10.	<p>Closing Statements from the Chair</p> <p>KL thanked all for attending and celebrating WANA's achievements in 2025.</p>

Traffic concerns

Parking on Bridge Lane A5 junction – majority

Speeding cars, tractors and lorries along Kennel Lane

The number of lorries coming down Kennel Lane

Parking on the verge on the A5 which restricts the view of oncoming traffic

Parking on Kennel Lane at the junction with Post Office Lane impeding the view of oncoming traffic from the left

Inconsiderate parking – Orchard Close and Church Road

Parking on pavements

Another speed camera like the one at the kennels at the other end of the village

Impact of the green fencing on the Bull site which affects the visual splay from the right. You have to pull forward of the junction to fully be able to see.

Ideas for social events

Scarecrow village event

Game show night – weakest link, play your cards right etc.

Games where you keep moving tables

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Family sports events

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Bonkers Bingo (family friendly version please)

Day trips/Christmas Market trips

Supper/lunch clubs

Bring and share suppers

Cheese and wine tasting night

A big weekender

Quiz

Agriculture/farm events

Old school disco with 80's and 90's music

Treasure hunt

Karaoke night one for families and one for adults

Get the 'Spud Man' from Tamworth to come to some of the events

Psychic evening

Local walks

Any other concerns

Flooding – majority in this category

Water testing of flood water

Rubbish left after flooding

Replacing the stolen signage in Atterton

Rubbish bin on St Peter's Avenue

Hedges blocking pathways

Fly tipping in Atterton Lane

The tree on the corner of Post Office Lane and Kennel Lane seems to have dead branches and residents are concerned they will fall and injure someone. It has been reported but nothing has happened.

What should WANA focus on for 2026

Forge stronger links with community groups – PCC, WPC, FOWS, WI

Flooding

Kennel Lane development – orbit housing and homes for downsizing and impact of housing on flooding and traffic

Volunteer recruitment

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Other comments

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