

Atworth Women's Institute Annual Report 2012 to Parish Assembly

Atworth W.I. holds 10 of its 12 monthly meetings in the Village Hall each year. Our current membership stands at 29 and we have recruited 3 new members this past year.

About twice a month we meet for craft afternoons or walks in the local countryside. We fulfill our role as Village Caretaker which includes collecting litter regularly and, when possible and when invited to do so, we support other village activities such as helping at the Village Autumn Show. This year we were also able to give a donation to the Youth Club. As individuals, some members helped with a Stroke Association Coffee morning and at the recent Help for Heroes Soup Kitchen, raising money locally for both of these charities.

In conjunction with the Wiltshire Federation of WI's, we attended county events, for example a Dance Day held in Melksham, a Christmas presentation in Sutton Veny and the Annual Council Meeting in Salisbury. We also participate, to a lesser or greater extent, in campaigns mounted by the National Federation of WI's, most recently in the Save Our Libraries campaign which arose from a resolution passed at the 2010 National AGM.

Our educational and entertainment programme ranged from talks on the conservation of Mountain Gorillas in Uganda to the founding and current work of the WRVS. We also toured the Corsham Almshouses and the Bishop's Palace, Wells, gaining fascinating insights into local history.

The WI is grateful for the opportunity to meet in a well-appointed village venue and to take an active part of village life.