

Atworth WI Annual Report to the Parish Assembly 2017

Over the past 12 months, Atworth WI has held the majority of its monthly meetings in our well-appointed Village Hall which comfortably seats the 32 members of the group.

Our varied programme of speakers and workshop leaders provides a mix of topics ranging from "Things you Miss in Paris" to learning to make red organza fabric poppies.

Members also enjoyed a day out to Westonbirt House, a well-attended Skittles Night in October and opportunities to attend events organised by the Wiltshire Federation of WI's such as Meet Black Rod, the Pee-Power Project, and the Annual Council Meeting.

We raise funds to support our programme by holding a Sales Table at our May meeting, an autumn Fayre in November and especially with our work as Village Caretaker. Our thanks go again this year to Arnold Snowball who undertakes to paint the benches in the village on our behalf. And this year, we have instituted a monthly group litter pick to augment the efforts of several individual members who have adopted different areas of the village to keep them neat and tidy.

Members give generously to the many causes which we support, including the Associated Country Women of the World, our National Federation raffle and our county federation's bulbs scheme and 50/50 club and Denman College, the WI residential college in Oxfordshire.

In addition, we catered for the Village Fete and for Atworth-On-Show in September 2016 and made a donation to Atworth Village Hall earlier this year.

We work together, enjoying each others' company and making meaningful contributions to our community.