

ASH & DISTRICT MUSEUM SOCIETY
ANNUAL PARISH MEETING REPORT 2024-2025

Ash Museum is in the Ash Cemetery Chapel at Ash Cemetery, Ash Church Road. The Society is a registered charity and is operated by a dedicated group of local volunteers.

Ash Parish Council continues to support the Museum, and the public toilet located close to the Chapel has been particularly useful for visitors to the cemetery and the Museum. The Chappel has been refurbished, including new paint, lighting and ceiling. External repairs to the chapel have also been complete, and its notable that due to the age and construction of the building, ongoing repairs will be needed.

The Museum is grateful for the continued support and grants from Ash Parish Council, without which it would the much-needed renovation works could not have taken place.

During the year, the trustees met face to face in the musing and the Ash Centre. Topics of discussion were the museum's finances, applications for grant funding and the latest acquisitions. The Ash Museum managing committee terms of reference where reviewed and approved on 15th January 2025 and will be reviewed on 15th January 2030.

The volunteers have welcome group visits from organisations such as the Ash U3A and children from local schools.

The Annual General Meeting was held at the Ash Centre on 15th November 2024. All Trustees put themselves forward to serve for another year and this was accepted by the Membership.

With this in place it is hoped that more volunteers may come forward so the Chapel can open more often.

New members are always welcome, and membership is very affordable at just £5.00 a year. If you would like to join, please contact the Treasurer Mr Richard Tolley, ashmuseum@ntlworld.com.

Councillor John Tonks
Trustee and Ash Parish Council Representative.