

**ASH & DISTRICT MUSEUM SOCIETY**  
**ANNUAL PARISH MEETING REPORT 2025-2026**

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 volunteers have continued to seek wase to promote visitors to attend and become a member, in order to raise funds.

The Annual General Meeting was held at the Ash Centre on 21<sup>th</sup> November 2025. All Trustees put themselves forward to serve for another year and this was accepted by the Membership. Mr Dennis Wheeler was appointed as chairman, replacing Mr Richard Tolly, who had been chairman for many years.

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](mailto:ashmuseum@ntlworld.com).

Councillor John Tonks  
Trustee and Ash Parish Council Representative.