



Annual General Meeting

April 24th 2026

Start time: 7.30pm





Agenda

- Apologies for Absence
- Approval of Last Year's Minutes
- Chairmen's Report
- Treasurer's Report & Subscriptions for 2026/7
- Election of Trustees
- The Otford Superstar Award

- Otford Protection Committee Report
- Grey Belt Documentary Clips
- Speaker: Richard Knox-Johnston

REC ●



Apologies for Absence

Carol Bent

Harry Oldham





For Approval

➤ 2025 AGM Minutes



Chairmen's Report



THANK YOU Trustees & Management Team!

- Carol Bent
- Graham Bignell
- Phil Clucas
- Claire Croft
- Patty Chatterjee
- Jenny Kelly
- Harry Oldham
- Rod Shelton



THANK YOU!

▶ THANK YOU to Our Volunteers

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2025 Events & Activities



Otford Village Hub

Public group · 10.0K members



OTFORD FETE
 Monday 26th May • 11am - 4pm
 THE 200TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE MODERN RAILWAY

THEN NOW

The Otford Great **BRITISH BARBECUE**

Bank Holiday Monday
 25th August • 12-6pm
 On the Village Green
 BBQ served until 3pm

Live music, afternoon tea and cakes, including ice-cream, wine, beer, soft drinks, and children's activities will continue until 6pm

Bring your own rugs and chairs and enjoy the day

Purchase a £1 advance ticket, before Friday 22 August, at one of our dedicated outlets and get £2 off your chosen meal, including children's lunchboxes

Scan the QR Code for more information



Join The Fight!

Protect Otford

CERTIFICATE OF Excellence

Awarded in recognition of achieving Gold Level in the category of

It's Your Station
 to
Otford Station Volunteers

Sponsored by Merseyrail, Julia Townsend Chief Executive, Community Rail Network, and COMMUNITY RAIL AWARDS



THE DINOSAUR THAT ATE EASTER

Quick, Children we need your help!
 ...the Dinosaur is going to eat our Easter Eggs. Can you help us spot as many Easter eggs as you can around the village and save them from his greedy claws?

Easter Eggs will be in shop windows in the High Street and the Parade, and hidden along the footpaths taking the two.

Children will be able to report how many they've counted to the lovely people in Hillie Fleur's, Isabel's Messy (on the Parade), Fire & Country (near the pond) or 'Yvonne's Shop in Tullon Lane - to claim a small prize.

Please remember to leave the egg where you spot them for others to find and count.

4th April until Easter Monday

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THE OTFORD SOLAR SYSTEM

25TH ANNIVERSARY

RE-LAUNCHING SATURDAY 26TH JULY 2025

12 NOON, OTFORD RECREATION GROUND

OTFORD CHRISTMAS PENGUIN TRAIL

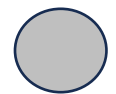
Sat. 29th November to Sun. 14th December

Children... how many Penguins can you find hiding in the shop windows of Otford High Street and Otford Parade?

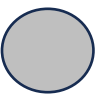
The trail is FREE - and all you have to do is write down each Penguin's name and what Christmas item they are with.

Please remember to bring some paper and something to write with...!

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Nurturing Community Spirit!



2025 Supporting Local Causes



Village Christmas Tree



Library Bench



Christmas Dinners



Watering the Heritage Orchard



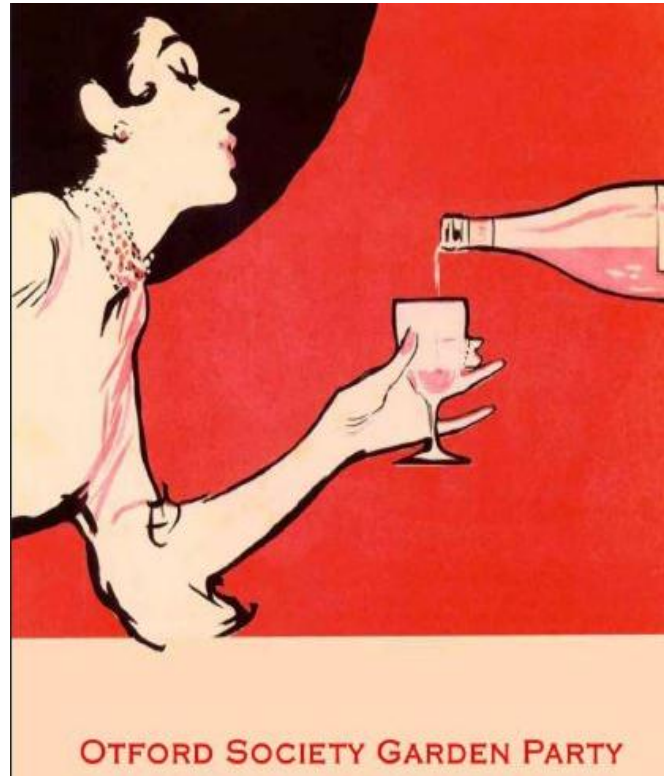
Village PA System



What's Coming?



Otford Village Fete
Monday 25th May 2026



Garden Party
Saturday 27th June 2026



Otford Christmas Fayre
Saturday 21st November 2026

Can YOU Help?

- Can you spare just an hour here and there?
- Email volunteers@otfordsociety.org.uk
- Join in the fun!

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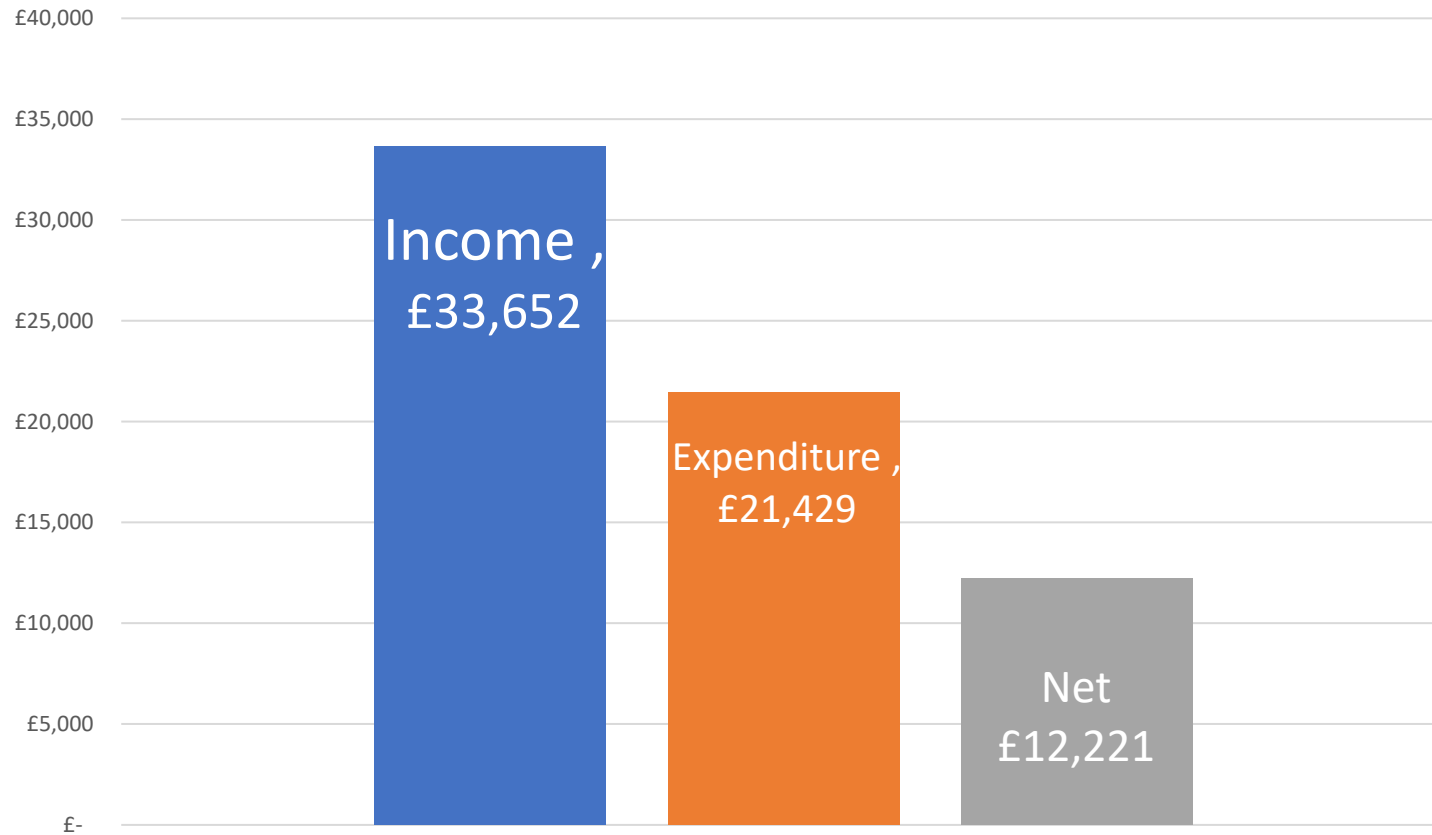
Treasurer's Report

January to December 2025



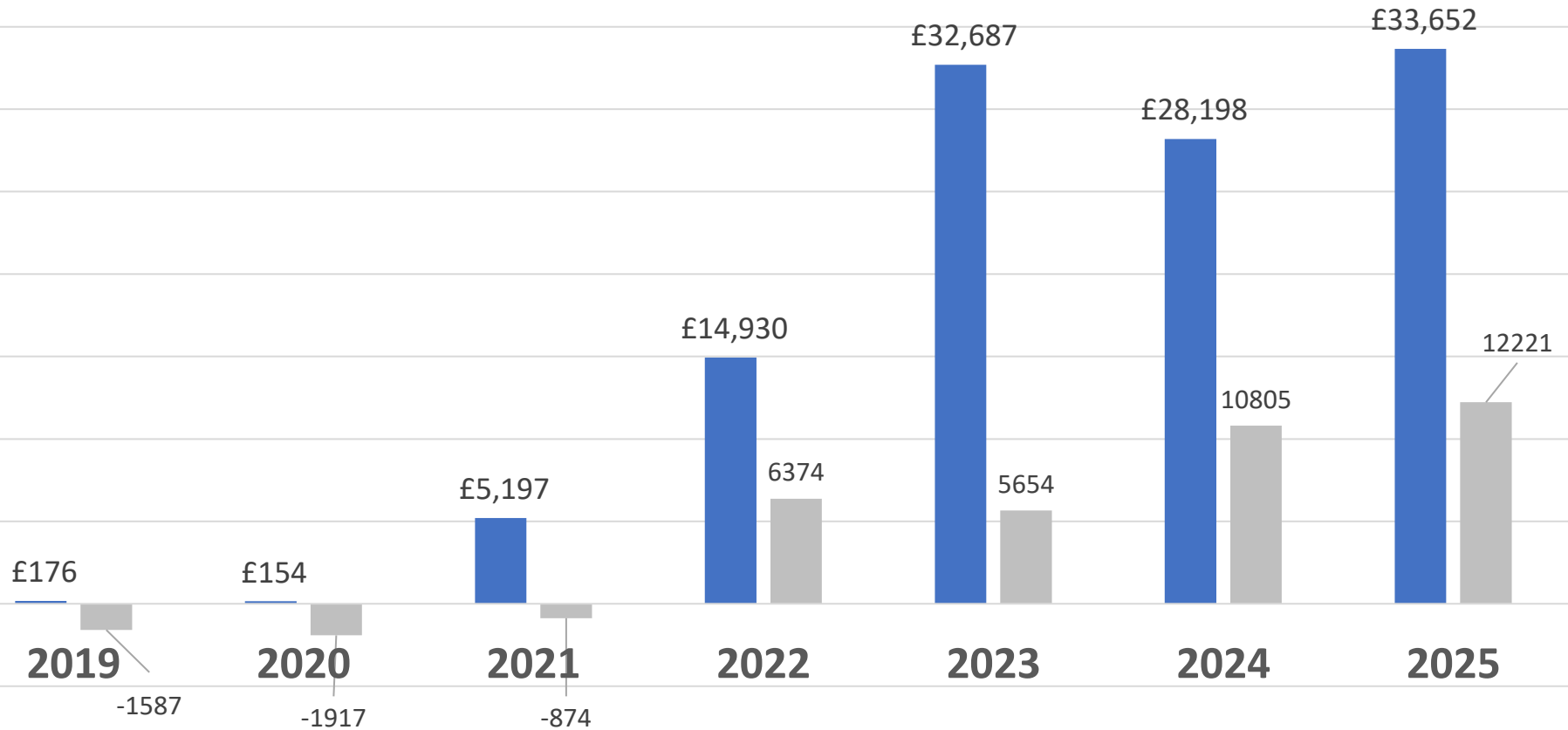


Receipts and Payments 2025



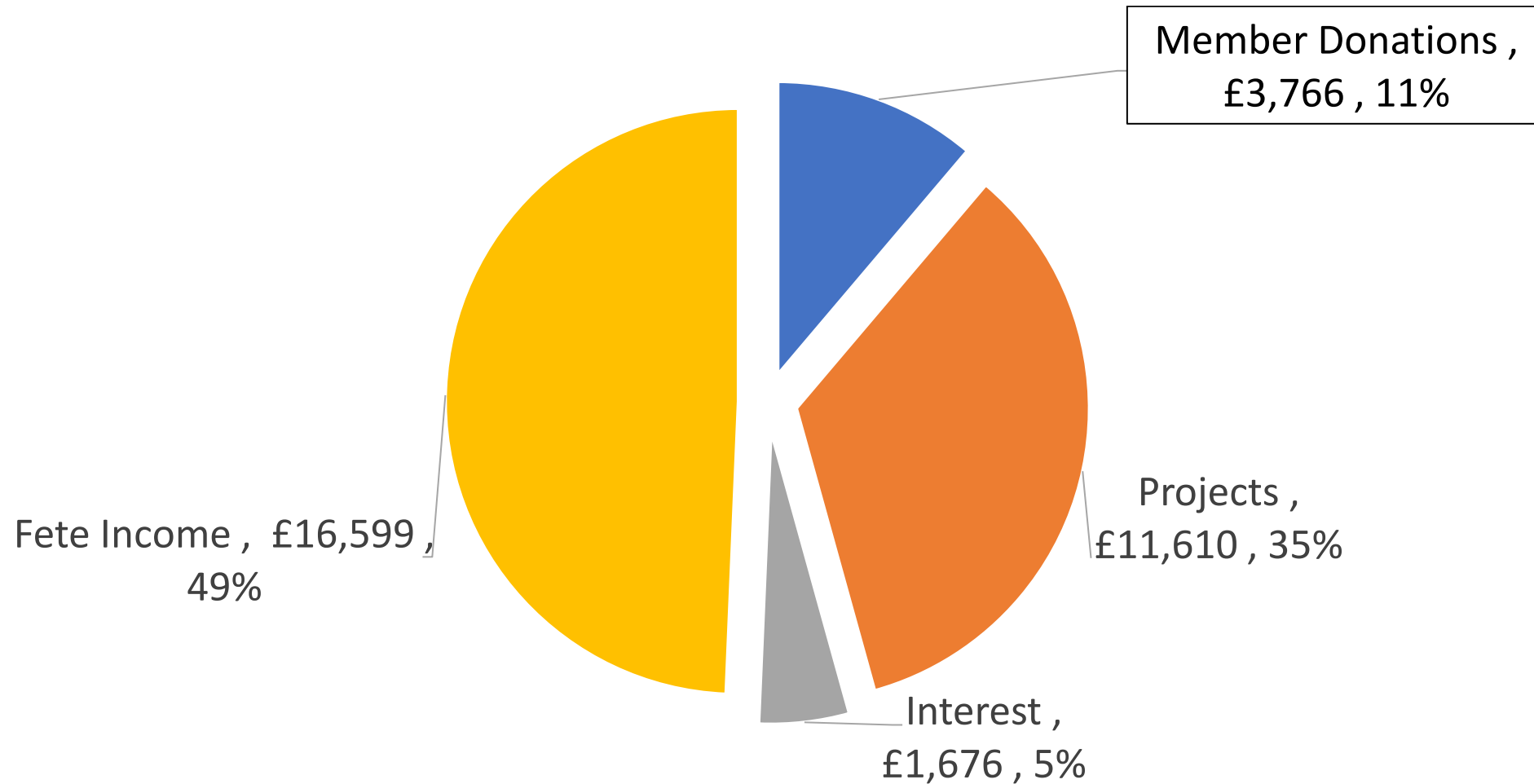


Receipts and Payment - History



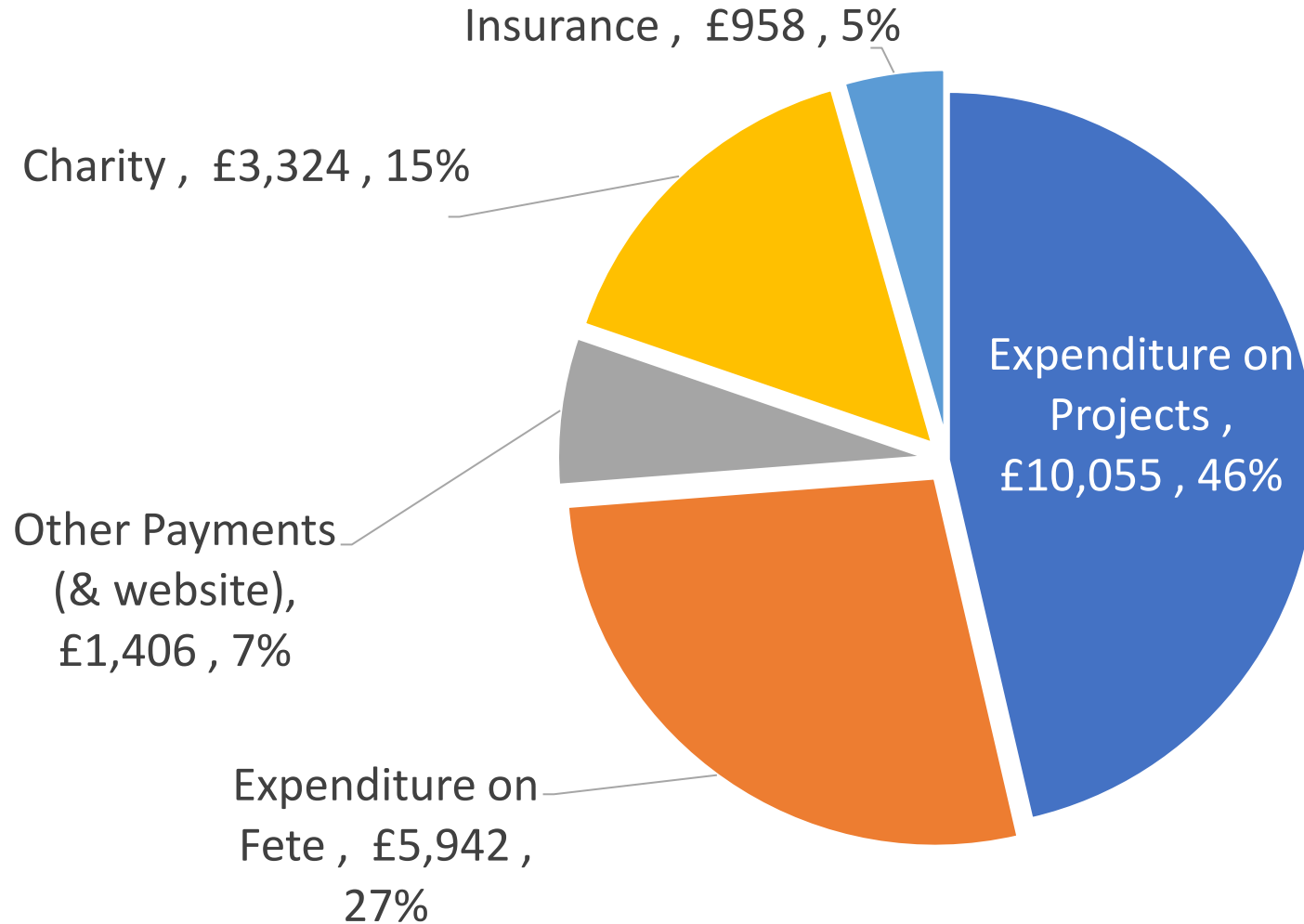


Receipts (£33K)





Payments (£21K)





2025 – Fete

£16,599 Income

£5,942 Expenditure

Overall Profit – £10,657





Projects

Fete Wheel of Fortune	
Summer BBQ	
Christmas Grotto	
Christmas Fayre	
	Income = £11,610
Spreading Warmth	
AGM/November Meeting	
Easter Eggs	
Apple Trees	
Solar Relaunch	
Xmas Lights	
Xmas Tree	
	Expenditure = £10,055





Fete Fund 2025

£3300 = Allocated for 2025

£1550 = Spent to date

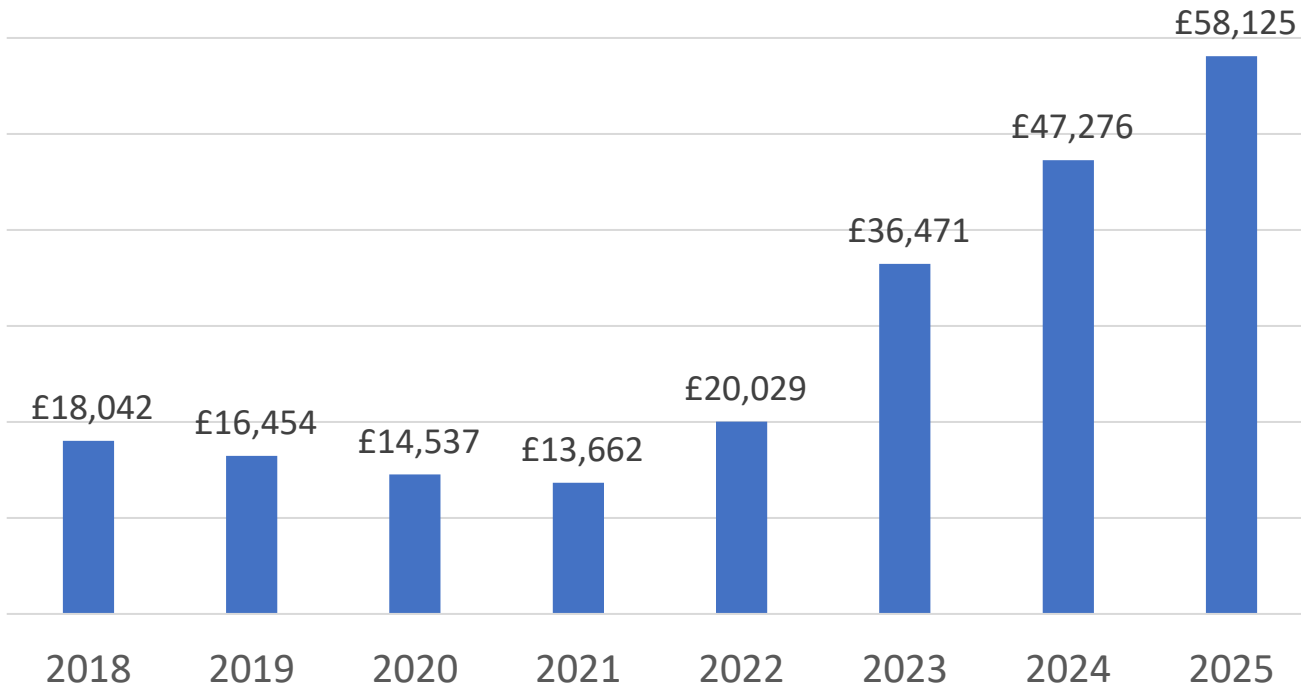
- Watering the Orchard
- Library, Planter and Bench
- Christmas Lunches
- PA System for Hire





Net Worth

31st December 2025



Savings Acc.	£	50,000
Current Acc.	£	8,125
Cash	£	0
TOTAL	£	58,125

**New Assets -
£400 (Two Gazebos)**





Reserves

Village Protection Fund

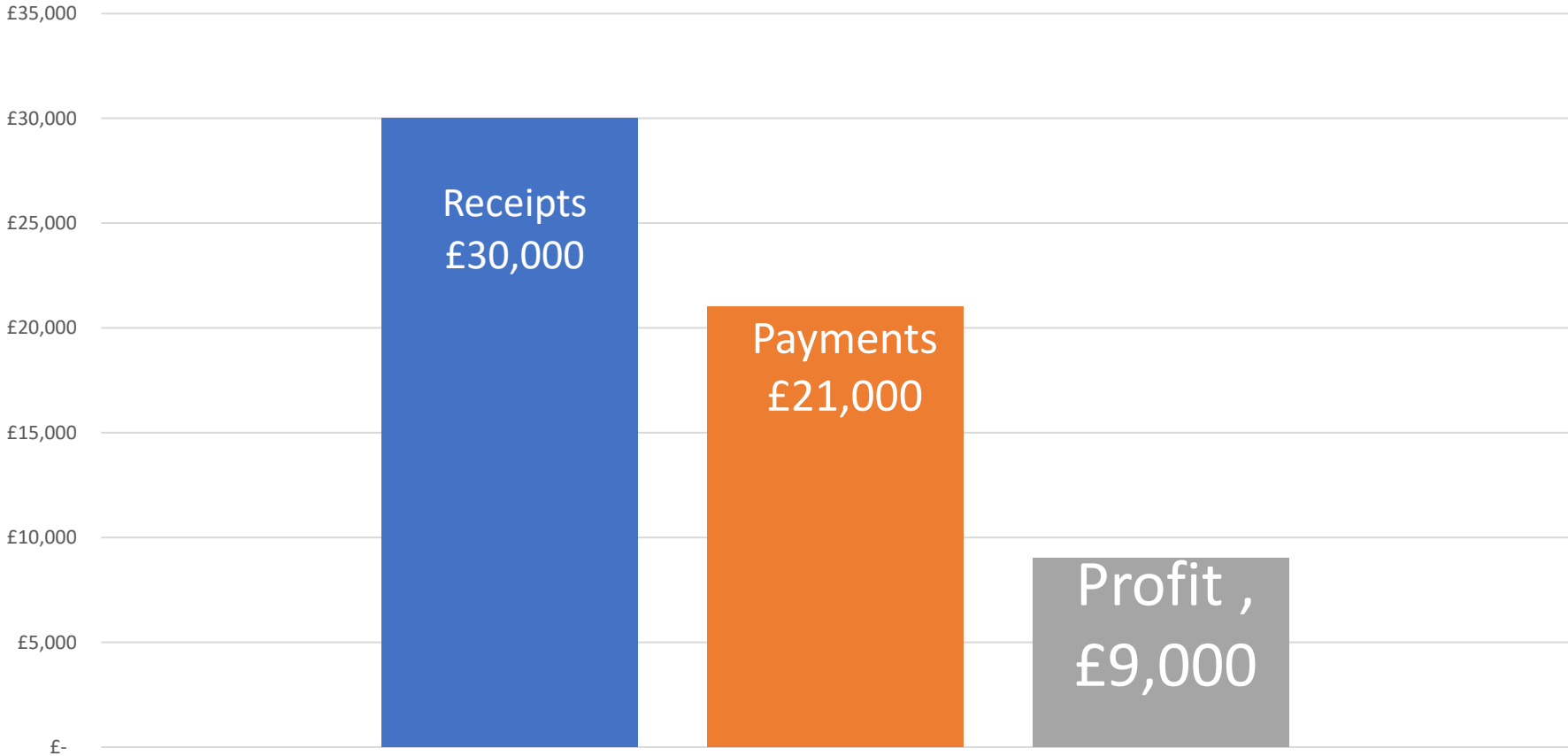
Savings Account (1st January 2026)	£50,000
Current Account	£ 5,000





Budget 2026

(incl. Fete Profit £10k)



2027 Subscriptions

- Aim to Keep Subscriptions Affordable
- Preference for Standing Orders to Ease Administration
- £5 per member payable by Standing Order
- We Welcome **Voluntary Donations** to Support the Village Protection Fund



For Approval

➤ 2025 Accounts



For Approval

➤ 2027 Subscription: £5.00 per Person

Election of Trustees

Chris Sutton

Claire Croft





The Otford Superstar Award



The Otford Protection Committee

- Protecting Otford from unreasonable development
- Protecting our Green Belt for everyone's future

THANK YOU For Fighting With Us!



The Otford Protection Committee

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Sevenoaks District Council – Local Plan

- Regulation 18 – December 2025
- Regulation 19 – July/August 2026



Consultations
'Have your say'

- Final submission to UK Gov – December 2026

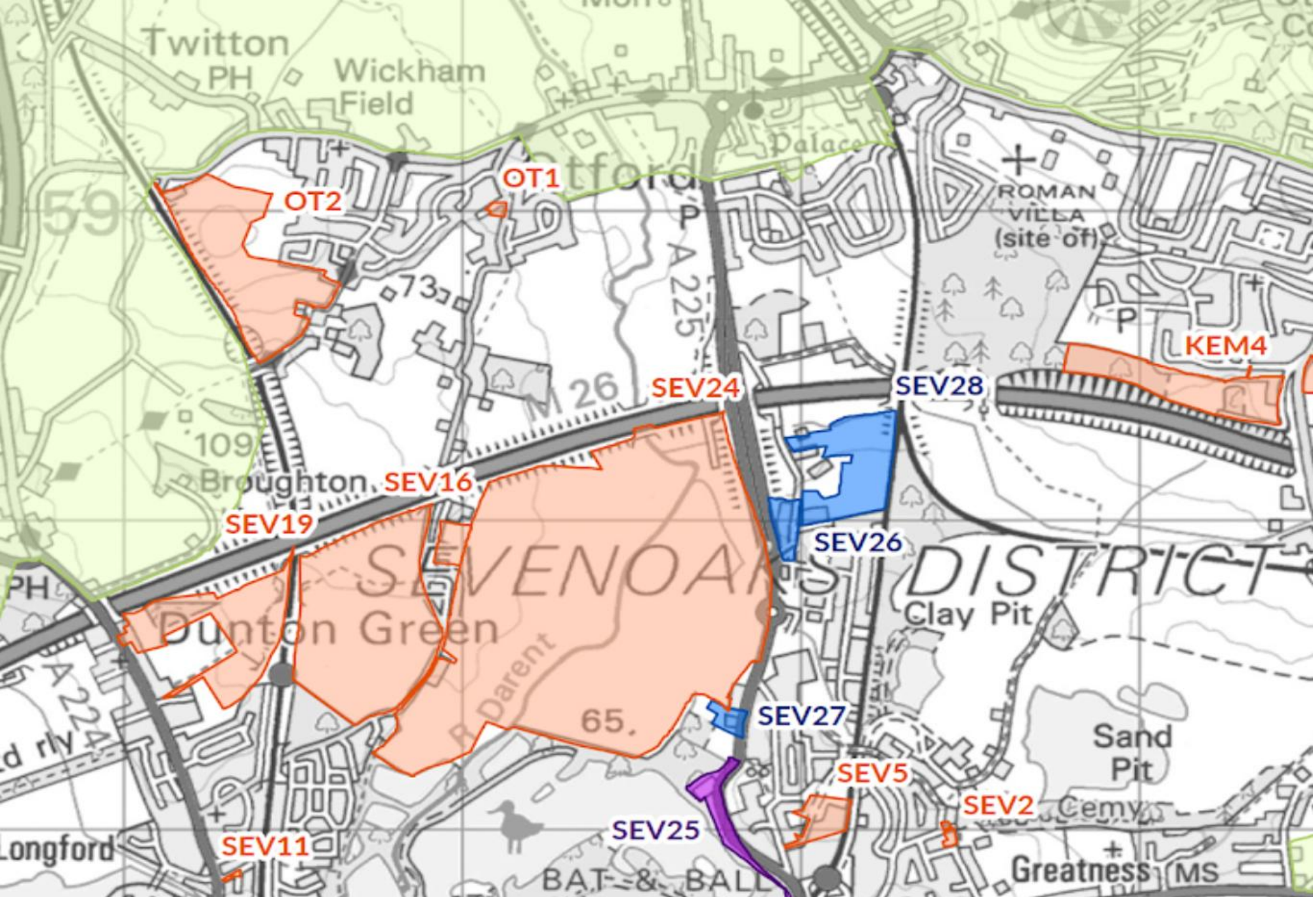
- Examinations in Public – 2027



Public hearings with representation
from residents (and lawyers for
developers)

- Plan Adopted - December 2027
- Building starts 2028/29







New Houses (with c. 2 miles of Otford)

• Bat & Ball Quarry	950	Approved
• Fort Halstead	650	Approved
• OT1 – Ryecroft Otford	7	In Plan
• OT2 – Hale Lane	150	In Plan
• SEV 16/19/24 – Sevenoaks Rd	1,500	In Plan
• Kemsing – various	333	In Plan
• Broke Hill	850	Disputed
• Halstead – various	227	In Plan
• Misc Others	100	In Plan or Approved

Total New Houses

4,767



Putting this into context

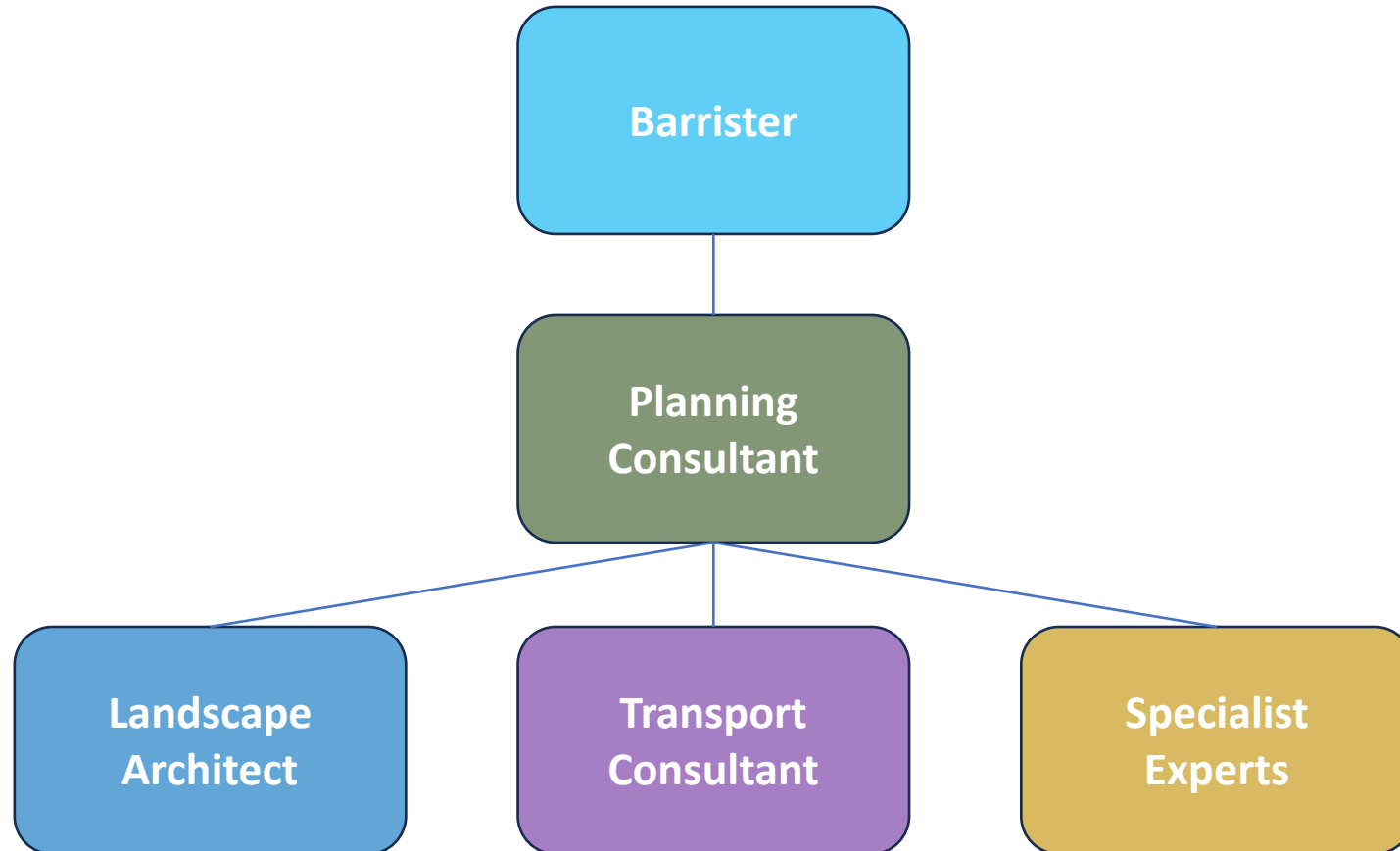
- There are approximately 1,400 homes in Otford
- The 2021 census says the population of Otford was 3,500
- On this basis (2.5 people per household) we can expect **an extra 11,000 people** in or moving through our village
- Kent has a higher than average number of cars per household (1.36) – so we can expect an **additional 6,500 cars** on our roads

Regardless of losing our greenbelt;

- Can village road cope with this increase ?
- Are there enough schools / GPs / Hospitals ?
- Are the roads sufficient for such a significant increase in people ?



What OtSoc is doing

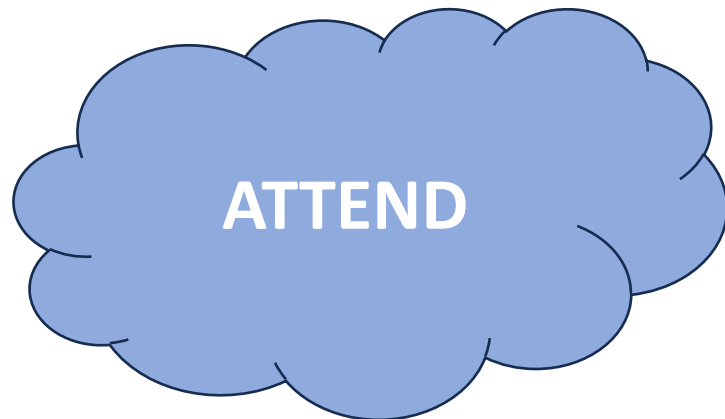
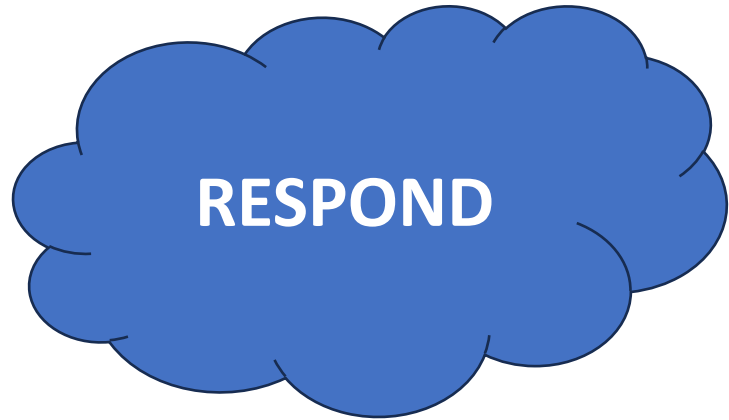


What OtSoc is doing

- For the OT2 site (Hale Lane) – a full, evidence backed objection was submitted in December 2025, including;
 - Independent report on transport, public services, walking/cycling, access and sustainability
 - Independent report on Landscape viability and impact
- The SEV16/19/24 – we have commissioned expert reports on these sites and expect them well ahead of the summer deadline
- We need to be mindful of this Government moving the goal posts – they are proposing major changes to National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF)



What can you do ?





Clips from Green/Grey Belt Documentary Film





London
Green Belt
Council

Richard Knox-Johnston

Chairman, The London Green Belt Council





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