

Report to the Parish Council, 2026

Little has changed since our report last year. The LINK magazine has continued to be produced throughout the year, with double editions in August-September and December-January. While it continues to be primarily a church magazine, it also informs villagers of what is happening throughout the area, and reports on events that have been held. We receive articles from the school, local clubs, the community shop as well as Parish Councils, Village Halls and the churches and chapel. The children of Somersham School continue to take up our colour picture competition for the Christmas edition, with all entries then displayed in the shop. The front letter spot is taken in roughly alternate issues by our Rector, Revd Dan Harrison, with the other writers being chosen to highlight varying areas of general interest. The summer double edition features writing by children moving on from Somersham primary school to high school.

While we do not aim to make a profit, when the cost of paper & printing rises, we do have to make sure we have enough funds. Advertisers continue to be our chief source of funding, supported by donations from individuals and organisations in appreciation of this community outreach. We would hope this includes Somersham Parish Council! A small increase in charges was made last year and we probably need to revisit this next year as costs continue to rise. Each issue, with a print run of around 800 copies, currently costs at least £450.

The LINK is distributed free of charge to every house in Somersham, Flowton, Offton and Willisham. Additionally, a few copies are available to visitors in the shop and there are 18 postal copies, mostly to past residents who are glad of this means of keeping in touch with local events and happy to pay the postage. It is also available on-line.

The current editorial team of 7, 10 magazine distributors in our village (plus more in the others) all volunteer because we feel it is important to keep this service available into the future.

Kate Dines,
Chair of committee