



## **St John's Society & Friends of Friendly Gardens**

Annual General Meeting (AGM) Summary

01 March 2026

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### **1. Welcome and Apologies**

### **2. Chairperson's Statement**

- Summary of achievements, funding secured, community improvements, and appreciation of members' contributions.

### **3. Member Updates**

- Active members: 15 (Paul, Sabine, Christine, John, Alma, Nick, Anastasia, Sebastian, Sean, Claire, Rosie, Kim, Jo, Freddy and Kuran)
- Chair, secretary and treasurer voted in.
- New members since last meeting: 0
- Non-active members: 2
- Members left: 1

### **4. Treasurer's Report**

- Balances:
  - St John's Society: £913.74
  - Friends of Friendly Gardens: £500
- Funding sources and upcoming initiatives including Green Roots funding (£32,000), events, and donations.

### **5. Ongoing Activities & Focus**

- Waste: Installation of bins across multiple roads within St Johns.
- Greening: Tree planting (2025–2026), SuDS projects, Friendly Gardens funding bid (£165k) submitted to Green Roots (round 2).
- Ongoing Projects:
  - St Johns Garden redesign and improvement project
  - Woodland Project
  - Ashmead School raised beds initiative
  - St Johns Garden plant sale to be planned and communicated
- Planning: Applications review, conservation area appraisals, healthy neighbourhoods update.
- Arts & Culture: Murals and graffiti removal.
- Transport: Rail plaque project, Rail Timetable Improvement and e-bike bay installation and management.
- Communications: Website, WhatsApp group, comms strategy.



## **6. Forward Focus**

- Delivery of SuDS works
- Progressing of identified projects
- Strengthening planning engagement
- Expanding communications
- Increasing volunteer membership
- Increasing fundraising opportunities

## **7. Closing**

- Recognition of volunteer contributions and outlook for 2026 as a pivotal year.

## **8. Next Meetings** (*specific dates found on SJS website, events page*)

- May, August, November 2026 (Committee Meetings)
- AGM February 2027