



## **Fremington and District Community Group**

### **Report for the period January 2025 to January 2026**

This last year has seen the group lose some of its long-served members but had new members joining. One of the most pleasing occurrences is the increased attendance at our monthly spruces by members of the community.

The spruces are held almost every month and alternate between Fremington, Yelland and Bickington. We took August off as many people were on holiday.

November saw us put up the poppy display in readiness for Remembrance Day and received a lot of support from the community. November also saw us take down the poppies and put up the Christmas lights and trees. These were conducted in place of the monthly spruce.

Throughout the year we have been well supported by the Parish Council team who have lent the van and tools to us for the spruces and assisted us with information when requested. We now have a yearly licence to use the village green which has given us a lot more flexibility in organising events. Thank you to all at Beechfield.

Plans are still ongoing for re-vamping the stage and we are looking forward to Spring 2026 when work will begin. We have managed to re-introduce the electrical supply to the stage. This was achieved by members of the group who dug the trench and re-filled it once the cable was laid. A pity the weather was so wet, but it was successful. James Electrics carried out the electrical installation, and we thank them for their work and support. The cost was funded by Fremington and District Community Group.

Various events were planned throughout the year. The Easter Egg Trail proved as popular as ever with 298 children taking part. We were able to use the Scout Hut as the centre and are grateful for the support we receive from the local scout Group. A Pimms and cream tea event was held on the green and the weather held fine for us resulting in a lot of people attending. In November members of the committee attended a Basic Life Support session with Apex Medical, who donated their time for free.

However, the weather was not kind this year and a late summer party had to be cancelled and the Christmas Light-Up on the village green also had to be scaled right back due to the weather conditions. Disappointing but we wanted to ensure the safety of everyone.

A lot of people have given us their support this year and we would like to thank Fremington Parish Council, North Devon Xmas Trees, James Electrics, Woolmers Farm, Bodens, The Fox, Han Court, Lights4Fun, Westy, Fremington Primary School, St Peters Church, Apex Medical, Highway Solutions and the community for their continued support.

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