



A G E N D A

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING OF

OLIVER'S BATTERY

St Mark's Church Hall, Oliver's Battery Road South, Oliver's Battery, Winchester, SO22 4EZ

Members of the public are invited to attend on:

19th May 2026 commencing at 7:00pm

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James Sheehy".

James Sheehy
Parish Clerk

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

To receive and accept any apologies for absence.

2. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS ANNUAL PARISH MEETING (2025)

To receive and confirm the minutes of the previous meeting held

3. PARISH COUNCIL CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

To receive the annual report of the Parish Council's Chairman.

4. REPORTS BY COUNTY AND CITY COUNCILLORS

To receive any reports from the County & City Councillors.

5. OTHER REPORTS

To receive any other reports from attendees.

6. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

An opportunity for anyone in attendance to comment or raise business.

7. CLOSE OF MEETING

To close the annual meeting of the parish.

Oliver's Battery Events Group Report for Parish Council AGM

It's been a quieter year for the Oliver's Battery Events Group, but one where there have still been some really encouraging moments.

The Christmas tree event was a real highlight. It was well attended and had such a warm, friendly feel to it. It was lovely to see people coming together and enjoying being part of the community. Moments like that remind us how much these events are valued.

We weren't able to run the Easter egg event this year, which was a shame, but we're hopeful that it will return next year. We've also been thinking about other events we might be able to offer going forward, and there's a genuine sense of wanting to build on what's already there.

We've made some efforts to connect with and encourage our volunteer base, knowing how important that is for the future. While that's still developing, there is a willingness to keep trying and to find new ways for people to get involved.

Overall, there's a sense of optimism about the year ahead. We may be taking small steps, but there is a shared hope that we can continue to grow something positive for the community, and create more opportunities for people to gather and feel connected.

Submitted on behalf of the Oliver's Battery Events Group

OB Community Newsheet "OB-Server"

Our newsheet re-started in its present form in autumn 2025, the editor shamelessly recycling the OB-Server title that was coined by a predecessor.

The plan for its content was to continue what has been built up over the years but to go low-tech. We aim for 3 issues a year so that, with the Badger Farm newsheet also coming out 3 times a year, there's local news every 2 months.

There are 3 main sections to each newsheet. Number one, the newsheet is published (and paid for) by Oliver's Battery Parish Council and is its community mouthpiece. Then, we also like to give priority to the other two institutions on the Battery, the school and the church. The second section is given to news of groups active on the Battery together with items of interest that come to the editor's attention. Last and not least, we publish a diary of local events.

Turning to the form of the newsheet, we have chosen 16 pages of A5 composed using Microsoft Word. If the editor gets underwhelmed or overwhelmed with content, we can adjust in four A5 page increments, not a problem. Then, MS Word is widely used and a change of editor ought not to produce an IT or personnel crisis. The aim is an informative, interesting, low-cost publication – albeit not with a posh look and feel.

Most of this is whistling in the wind without "you" coming forward with material. So please get in contact with articles or ideas...

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