



AGRA Community Update Meeting

16th September 2026 v4 Website



Agenda

- Chairman's Address
- Finances
- Achievements
- Ash Neighbourhood Plan
- Planning and Enforcement
- Coffee Break
- Q&A
- Raffle Prizes



Chairman's Address

- Housekeeping
 - Car Registration
 - Fire Exits
 - Coffee Break
- Raffle
- Committee Membership
- Volunteers
- Donations
- Ideas



Committee Membership

Principal Officer	Role
Paul Finning	Chair
Carolyn Bannister	Treasurer
VACANT Paul standing in	Secretary
Norman Bristow	Examiner of Accounts

Non-Principal Officers
Veronica Alden
Norman Bristow
Andrew Dawson
Louise Robertson
Tom Sewry
Doug Spendlove
Gillian Squibb

Thanks to Gill Squibb for her fabulous work as chair and of course to Ray Rogers for being a fantastic secretary and never giving up!

Volunteers for the committee please. Our meetings are once a month over a drink and we'd love to have some new people and opinions



Achievements



Achievements #2

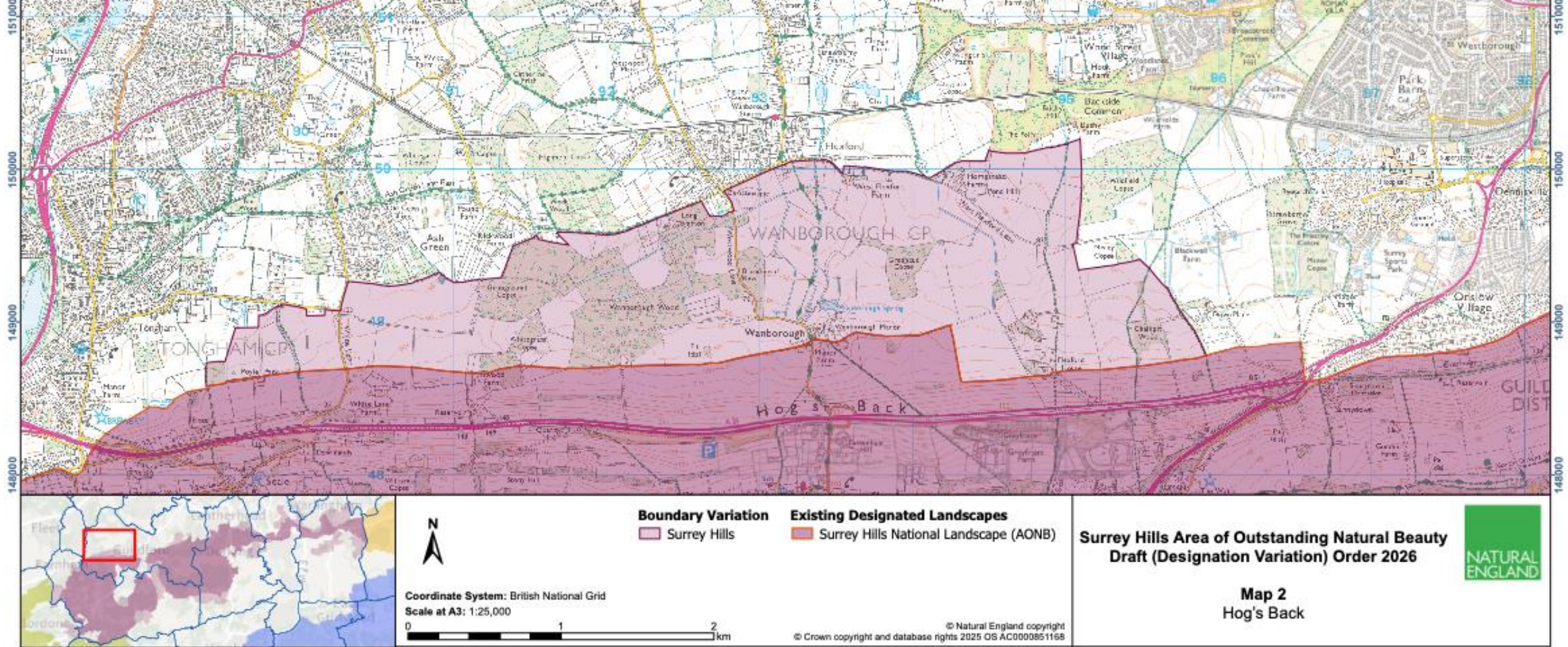
- New Ash Green sign installed! Thanks to Ray Rogers (4 years!), Sue Wyeth-Price, Guildford and Ash Parsh councils
- Notice board area kept tidy, flower bed installed, planted and watered bar in drought!
- Blue Verge now in place on Foreman Road although there are teething troubles as it keeps getting mowed!
- Thanks to all who helped on the Ash Green litter pick in March. A second litter pick up White Lane towards the A31 was also done. We'll organize another in the spring along with a Village Walk.





Challenges

- Community Speeding Group we don't have the volunteers and the training is complicated. However, you will have noticed the Police monitoring speed in White Lane more often. Please voice your concerns to the Police, e.g. by visiting the Ash Centre on a Tuesday afternoon
- Blue Verge on Chester Bridge roundabout
- Fly tipping at A31 end of White Lane

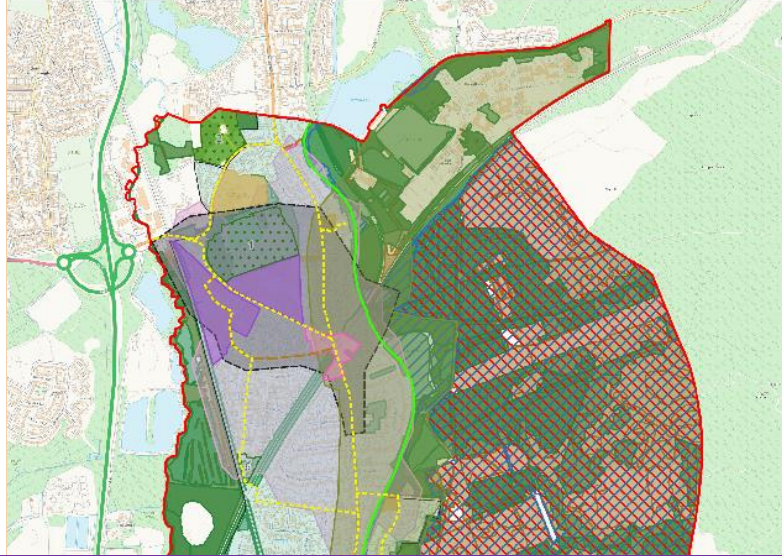


Proposal for extension of Surrey Hills AONB

7th September 2026, Natural England submitted proposals to the Defra Secretary of State (SoS) for an extension of the Surrey Hills Area Of Outstanding National Beauty. See:

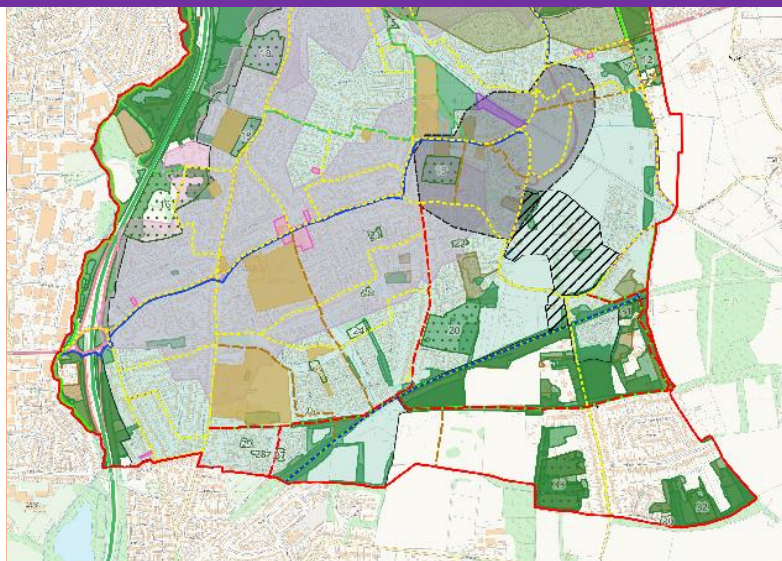
<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/extension-proposal-for-surrey-hills-national-landscape-submitted>





AGRA gives its full support to the Ash Neighbourhood Plan which is a great step forward.

Please vote at the referendum on Thursday October 29th [see how to vote here](https://www.guildford.gov.uk/article/27109/Neighbourhood-planning-in-Ash)



Ash Neighbourhood Plan

Welcome Michael Moriarty, Ash Parish Council - Chair

The Ash Neighbourhood Plan has now been been through examination by Planning Inspector Jill Kingaby BSc (Econ) MSc MRTPI and found to be sound with some modifications recommended.

Thank you to all who responded during this examination.

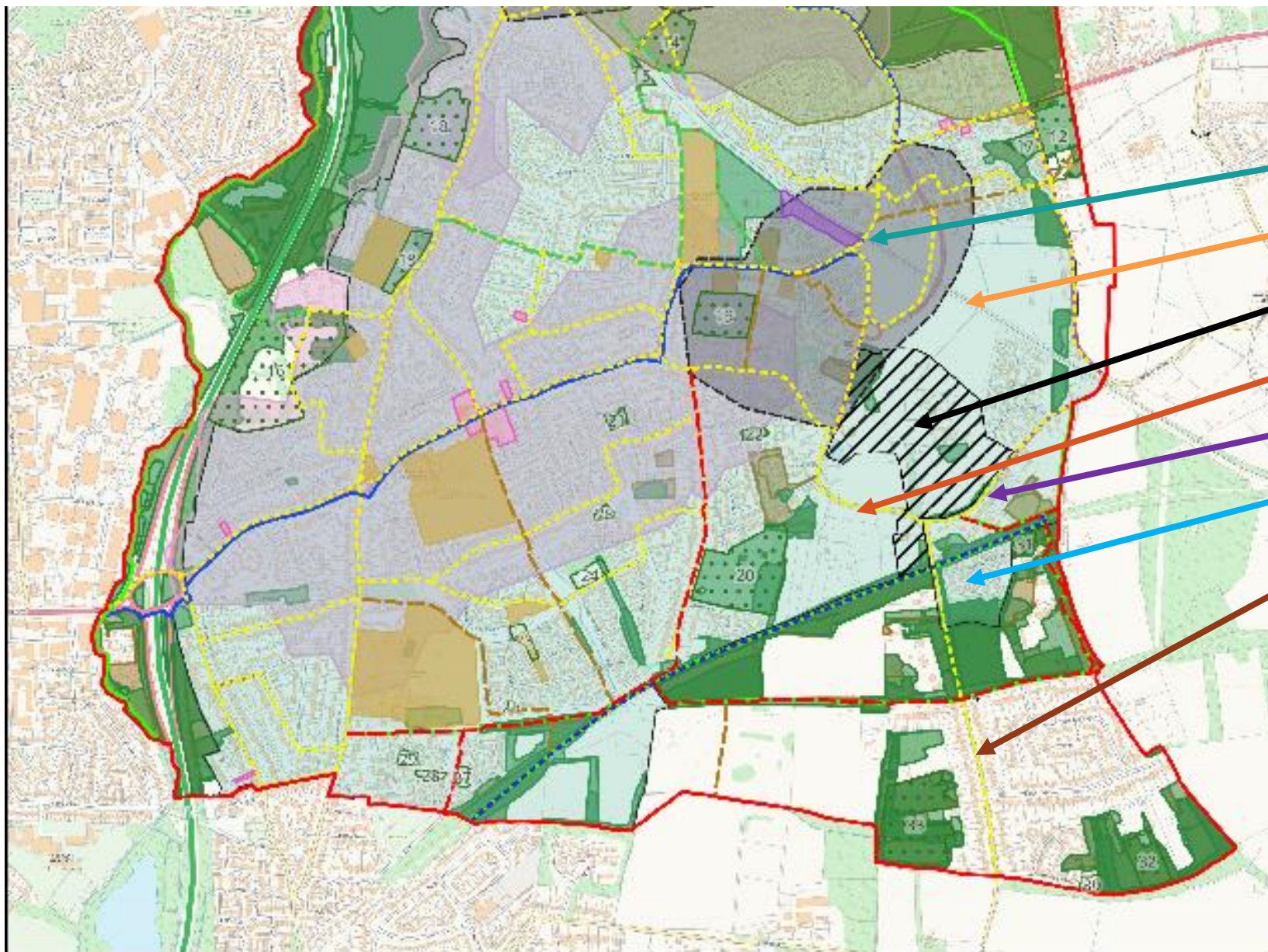
The required modifications have now been made by Guildford Borough Council, and the plan now progresses to a referendum a date for which hasn't yet been set.

Plan referendum version and maps:

<https://www.guildford.gov.uk/article/27109/Neighbourhood-planning-in-Ash>



Ash Neighbourhood Plan #2



Ash Neighbourhood Plan
Policies Map (extract)

Ash Station

Railway Line

Local Gap/Buffer

Foreman Road

Ash Green Road

Compass Rose Road

White Lane

Ash Neighbourhood Plan:
<https://www.ashpcsurrey.gov.uk/anp/>

ANP Policy Map (interactive):
[here](#)



**Guildford Local Plan:
Scoping Consultation**
September 2026



Guildford Local Plan

Early stages of preparing a new Guildford Local Plan with a scoping consultation running from 2nd September to 14th October to get views about:

- What the new Guildford Local Plan should contain
- How we should engage with stakeholders in the preparation of the plan

<https://guildford.inconsult.uk/GLPS26/consultationHome>

AGRA will respond and would be interested to talk to residents doing the same. AGRA have several points about flooding, heritage, building efficiency, green/grey belt, etc several of which the Planning Inspection of the Ash Neighbourhood Plan recommended should be considered.

Planning and Enforcement

Completed, under construction, approved, undecided and possible further developments in Ash Manor area of Ash Green.

Also currently undecided planning application for residential caravan site in Ash Green Lane East.

Ash Parish Flood Forum now running with Sue Wyeth-Price, Richard Lucas plus representatives from Environment Agency, Surrey County Council, Lead Local Flood Authority, Guildford Borough Council Drainage and Borough Councilors



Supporting or Objecting to Planning Applications

Guildford Borough Council planning portal link:

<https://www.guildford.gov.uk/article/24686/Search-for-information-about-a-planning-application>

Search for planning applications via postcode, address, reference or interactive map.

To support or object to a planning application, either:

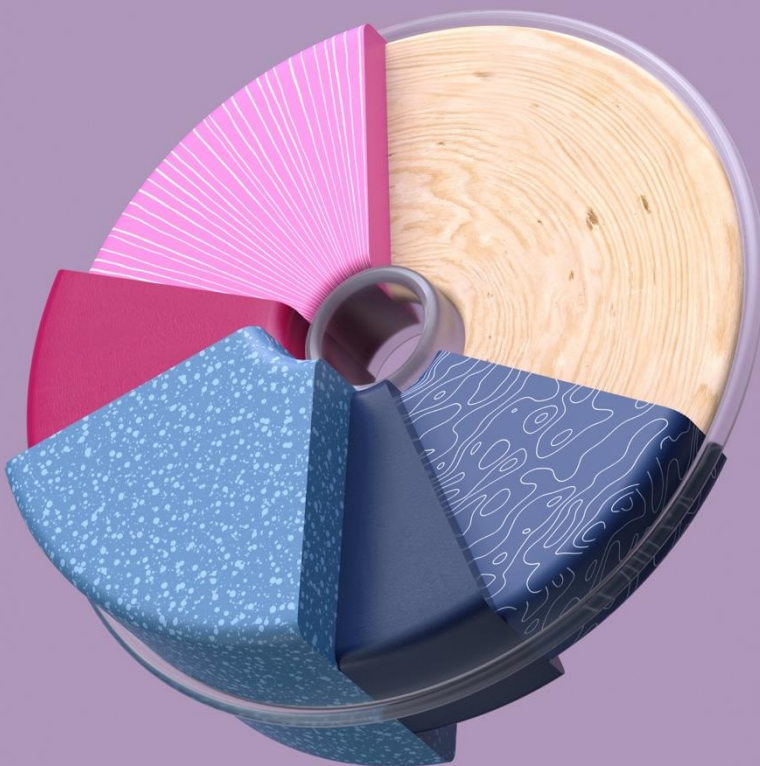
- Use the portal directly (but due to website session timeout build your objection elsewhere where it is saved, e.g. in an email draft, and then copy and paste it in)
- Or, email PlanningEnquiries@guildford.gov.uk with a subject line stating you support or objection to the application with the application reference e.g. 24/P/01158. In your email body, state your support or objection points and sign with your name and address, including your postcode. The email must be in your own words.

Some of the key reasons for support or objection are (if applicable):

- Heritage
- Ecology
- Drainage
- Lack of Infrastructure (transport, healthcare, school places, etc)
- Landscape (not consistent with the surroundings)
- Design (the house designs do not respond to the local housing)
- Lack of sustainable transport (no bus services, lack of suitable footpaths)
- etc



Developer Contributions



Now over £20 million (update next meeting)
 – Please support initiatives such as expanding Ash Grange school and refurbishing its pool
 – We need your help as so much more needs to be done

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Collected for	Amount
Ash Parish Council	45,000
Drainage	80,000
Early Years Education	616,758
Environmental Improvements	9,640
Healthcare	299,105
Highways	6,555,146
Other	81,900
Police	21,221
Primary Education	4,709,086
Public Art	25,000
Recreation Open Space	789,533
SCC Other	106,647
SCC Preparation	5,000
Secondary Education	3,988,974
Travel Plan	4,600
TOTAL 2025	17,337,610
TOTAL 2024	15,571,928



- We need volunteers and are funded by your donations contact us if you can help
- If you are a resident of Ash Green subscribe to our mailing list



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Thank you from AGRA

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