

Ashbocking, Swilland and Witnesham Women's Institute

Committee's Annual Review 2025

Rosemary Nicol, our President, has guided us through another busy year of meetings and events. We must thank Rosemary for the excellent job she has done for the past three years as she hands the role to her successor, Gill Reidy.

We have had a busy twelve months with several highlights to recall. The speakers have been entertaining and informative on a wide variety of subjects. We were delighted to meet a local vet, explaining the human/animal bond, the story of Cardinal Wolsey born in Ipswich, a storyteller from Charsfield, a London firefighter who became an author to name just some of the 2025 programme. Our thanks go to Nourye and Rosemary for seeking out suitable speakers and setting out the programme including our summer outing to Berghersh Place.

Thanks go to our members as well for serving the monthly teas, taking part in the competitions and bring and buy sales, creating advertising posters, also supporting the sales of WI diaries, calendars and spring bulbs.

We have been involved with the community, offering places at the Christmas wreath making and fusion glass workshops to non-members, arranging a litter pick in Swilland and Witnesham and helping with refreshments for a charity open garden at Hall Farm Cottage.

Monthly walks, averaging 3 to 4 miles, have continued throughout the year led by members and friends.

Ladies have attended the Suffolk East Federation of WIs Annual Meeting in March, Group Meeting, Annual Parish Meeting and entered teams for the SEFWI spring quiz and walking treasure hunt.

Having welcomed 4 new ladies this year, our membership is 32 and we have an average of 25 attending each month.

Our records show another successful WI year for Ashbocking, Swilland and Witnesham so again thank you to all our members for their contributions.