

The cost of printing the newsletter rose from £400 to £600+ last year and a further rise is anticipated this year. In addition the current printer – the cheapest I could find – is unreliable in terms of turnaround times. Sometimes it's 2-3 days and others 9-10. That makes it difficult when publicising upcoming events such as the A21 meetings as I can't always be sure when it will be ready to distribute.

So when there is a time pressure I'd like to be able to use RDC's print service, which offers a 48-hour turnaround but costs £35-£50 more per issue (depending on pagination).

If I used RDC for each issue the total cost for six issues would be £900+ but that's the worst-case scenario.

Current advertising brings in around £400pa but I have secured three new advertisers, which should boost revenue to around £550.

After the next issue there will be £200 in the newsletter account.

Re payment: the Whatlington News account run by Ken Jones has now closed due to him leaving the village.

At present I have deposited existing funds in my business account until I can set up a separate newsletter account, or possibly combine with a community account.