

Golant Village Hall.

Report to the Parish Council, May 2025.

The Village Hall Committee is pleased to report on the last year.

The Treasurer's report on the accounts at the February Committee meeting showed for 2024 an excess of income over expenditure, mainly relating to the successful fundraising events held throughout the year. The cost of utilities, building maintenance, regulatory licences and insurance totalled £4,451. The Management Committee had previously undertaken work to reduce utility bills, and we continue to review this. We were able to spend money on new tables, with the help of a grant from the Community Chest. We rely on the solar panel income along with the investment interest to cover overheads, and the solar panel income will reduce considerably in 2035, and so along with the interest received from investments reducing, the Trustees are setting up a working group to ensure that financial planning is effective.

We are grateful for the continued support from many Parishioners who attend functions and book the hall for events. Those who hired the hall during 2024 were: Quay Users Association; Golant Heritage Group; Friends of the Fowey Estuary; Boat Watch Association; St Sampson Parish Council; private parties; table tennis, yoga and the sewing and reading groups. We also hired out the Village Hall furniture and glasses for parties.

GRADS committee and the Produce and Craft show committee, both now formally back under the 'umbrella' of the Village Hall, are using the venue for their events, as did the big coffee morning in aid of Macmillan. In total there were approximately 190 days when an activity of some kind went on in the Hall. The Committee supported and organised the monthly bookshelf, film nights, winter soups, film on the green, bauble making; Orca production, 2 performances through Carne to Cove; along with the annual Meet and Greet, Easter fun day and the Good Friday egg hunt. They also organised a D Day afternoon tea in the Village Hall and D Day picnic celebrations on the Green.

Time was spent by Trustees investigating the suggestion to obtain better access to the Village Hall by reconfiguring the steps and placing a mirror opposite the stairs, so that approaching traffic is visible from that blind spot. This project is being actioned by a working group.

The total hours volunteers worked, not all of whom are on the Committee, amounted to well over 700.

We thank everyone who participates for your contributions of time and fresh ideas, also those with muscles and vehicles. The tables once again went on to the green, off the green, up the hill and down the hill on numerous occasions! Many thanks to those who donated books and jigsaws for the book shelf, or 'just' donated.

A report has been forwarded to the Charity Commission covering the Trustees activities, financial details and our activities to support parishioners as outlined above.

The Village Hall Management Committee Meeting decided in February that there should be a small increase in the cost of hiring the Village Hall starting from 1st April 2025. There has also been a change of Bookings Officer, who now is Martyn Hardy.

That completes our Report.