



# Hill and Moor Village Hall

## Annual Report 2025-26

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### Trustees

Two trustees, Pat Stone and Carol Oliver have resigned and have been replaced by Blair Holme and Nick Butler. Linda Foorde-Saunders and Diana Ward remained. Owing to recent changes in personal circumstances, Diana Ward has decided to resign as Treasurer. We would like to thank Diana for staying on to work with the new Committee and allow us to settle in. We are currently recruiting a new Treasurer in time for our AGM.

### Committee Changes

In January the existing Chair resigned and was replaced by Nick Butler. Carol Oliver also resigned as Secretary and was replaced by Blair Holme. New members have been co-opted onto the Committee and an Events Committee has also been created. New members are Ashley Pattison, Gary New and Simon Treacy. David Sanders has also taken on leadership of the Events Committee.

### Finance

As of 16 March, the hall is set to increase its funds from £16,964 to £18,373. A budget has been set for 2026/27. Three new regular bookings have been taken, which will help increase revenue to the hall.

### Report

During the second half of 2025, owing to lack of support, the Village Hall Committee decided to disband and only undertake minimal maintenance and management of hirers. In December a public meeting was held to decide the future of the hall and it was agreed that a new management committee would be formed.

In January 2026, the new committee was able to co-opt a full complement of new members and also formed a new Events Committee. It was decided that the hall needed to be brought into the 21<sup>st</sup> Century and has successfully launched a new website and social media channels. A launch day was held in March, which was a huge success, with over 110 residents attending.

Governance has also been reviewed and the lack of policies and risk assessments has been addressed or, in the case of CCTV, is being worked upon. Outstanding maintenance issues have also been addressed, with a roofer employed to undertake roof repairs. The Committee is addressing the lack of maintenance of the solar panels which, if left, would have an adverse effect on revenue generation and the lifespan of the panels and inverter. In addition, the heating management has now been replaced with a Wi-Fi management hub to allow remote adjustments of the heating schedule.

The Events committee is also working on reintroducing a summer fete/fun day and also the fireworks night. It is also introducing small events, such as coffee mornings to promote community togetherness.

### Future Projects

The Committee is exploring the potential for increasing the solar panels and adding battery storage, with the aim of making the hall a Resilience Hub. Grants will be sought to cover costs as well as replacement of the current solar panel infrastructure, which is starting to approach end of life.

Nick Butler  
Chair 21/04/26