

CREETING ST MARY VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE REPORT MAY 2026

The Hall continues to be used for regular events as well as individual bookings. There has been a slight downturn in the ad hoc bookings and we have lost 2 of our regular users. This has resulted in a loss of revenue this year from last year's receipts.

In the last financial year we have received 2 grants, one from the Parish Council towards our insurance premiums and a Locality Grant from Councillor Lawrence that enabled us to buy replacement trestle tables.

It was decided to try to brighten up the Main Hall and to that end we bought new curtains and cushion seats for the benches.

Overall we had a deficit of £606 but our current financial position still enables us to meet our required commitments.

We have carried slightly more maintenance in the last year and have recently had to renew the front outside guttering which had slipped and was in danger of collapse.

Additionally we have a number of improvements we would like to undertake which amount to in excess of £60k. These include refurbishing the kitchen and upgrading the solar panels as well as several smaller projects.

We obviously do not have sufficient funds available and will be seeking grants where possible.

Other projects for this financial year include a PA System and screen part funded by the Social Club.

The Village Hall celebrates its 100th anniversary in October and the Social Club have arranged a number of events over the next few months to celebrate this.

There will be changes within the management committee shortly following the resignation of two of our long serving Trustees.

Firstly, Chris Bingley who has served on the Management Committee both as a committee member and as Chair. We will miss her commitment, knowledge and for all she has contributed to the management and upkeep of the Village Hall.

Glynis Clint has also decided to leave the committee after a number of years and has been involved with, and organised numerous Village Hall activities during that time.

I would like to thank them both for their valuable contribution.

Lastly I'd like to thank all the current Trustees and other helpers for their continued support and hard work that makes our Village Hall an integral part of the community.

Janet Mayell

Chair Village Hall Management Committee