

Pavenham Village Hall Annual Report

Year Ending December 31, 2025

Introduction

This report highlights the activities and financial performance over the past year and provides a summary of the plans for the village hall. The running of the hall is entirely dependent on the efforts of volunteers and members of the community, and we are extremely grateful for the support provided by them.

Overview of Activities

Community Events

The hall hosted a variety of local community events including:

- Regular sports and social meetings
- Monthly educational and social events
- The Village Show and a jumble sale

We also serve as a venue for a variety of external hire events.

Community and External Hires

Income from community and private bookings for celebrations, birthdays, and religious and corporate events have decreased by 30% compared to the previous year.

Improvements & Remediations

Our financial position has been affected by increased expenditure in this area. Highlights are:-

1. Hall, committee room and entrance lobby redecoration,
2. Replacement of car park fencing,
3. Addition of second commercial electric cooker and replacement of dishwasher.
4. Replacement of dilapidated junior swings.

Financial Performance

Income

The total income for the year was £15,442, a decrease of 11% from the previous year. The primary sources of income were:

- Hirings: £8,237
- Sports clubs: £1,781
- Feed-in: £1,536
- 200 Club: £936

- Parish Council Grant: £2,384

Expenditure

Expenditure totalled £21,428. The main items of expenditure were:

- Maintenance and repairs: £7,146
- Utilities and other operating costs: £10,012
- Asset purchases: £4,270

Net Loss

The hall reported a net loss of £5,986.

Future Plans

Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) Status

We are progressing with the steps necessary to change the status of the village hall and playing field management committee from an unincorporated charitable trust to a CIO. This will improve legal protections for the management trustees and facilitate trustee recruitment.

Conclusion

Pavenham Village Hall continues to serve as an important venue and meeting place for the events and regular meetings serving the parishioners of Pavenham. The support of the community is vital to sustaining its operation, and we look forward to continuing to serve as a hub for social, cultural, and educational activities.

Dave Smith, Chair, Pavenham Village Hall and Playing Field Management Committee