

POTTERSPURY VILLAGE HALL

Potterspurvy Village Hall Committee - Chair's Report 2024

2023/24 has been another good year for the Village Hall in Potterspurvy. It continues to be much used with 14 regular groups using it on a weekly basis, in addition to the Potterspurvy Players who hold an annual theatrical event . My thanks go to all these groups for their continued patronage.

Costs across the board continue to rise but with the help of volunteers we are managing to reduce maintenance costs and are trying to build a small surplus in our finances to reserve for future planning. As part of a review of our finances we have managed to claw back some overpaid utilities costs and are running a short survey to look at priorities for future projects. We have reviewed and increased our fees again to ensure our continued viability. Our aim is to ensure that income from our regular users covers our day to day running costs, while fundraising and private bookings supply funds for additional investment. We are slowly building a contingency fund to future proof our existence. We have put in place an Electrical Safety Policy and invested in machinery to undertake PAT testing to be able to implement this ourselves. All this helps us remain one of the best value local village halls in the area.

There has been a change in Office Holders on the Committee this year. Marilyn Abbott stepped down as Treasurer after many years long service in the role. We thanked her with a gift of a gardening voucher and are pleased that she is continuing in her role as Key Holder and supplier of the key for private bookings. Jon Millidge has taken on the role of Treasurer bringing his financial expertise to the Committee, and Bev Sylvester continues as Secretary.

Without a great deal of volunteers time our running costs would rise exponentially. In particular we have had help in clearing the garden and guttering and maintaining our lighting. I also want to mention the excellent support we receive in keeping the Hall clean and the floor beautifully polished.

Finally, I would like to thank all members of the committee for their support in keeping the Hall tidy, organised and well connected to the village itself.

Louise Boyle
Committee Chair