

POTTERSPURY VILLAGE HALL

Potterspurty Village Hall Committee - Chair's Report 2025

Potterspurty Village Hall has had a good year to date. The Hall is much used by our regular groups and we have seen an increase in one off bookings for parties and events. Our rates are seen to be of good value in comparison to other Village Halls and venues in the area.

Costs across the board continue to rise but having increased our rates last year we are in a good financial position, both on a day to day basis and in terms of reserves. Last year I reported that we intended to increase our reserves. We managed to do that and are confident that any future large repairs or necessary expenditure will not constitute a problem. One downside of holding reserves is that we are now liable to Council Tax but this is not a huge expense and one we are content to pay given the security of our financial position.

Our main fund raising event, the annual Craft Fair, has taken place and I am pleased to report that we raised just over £1000 for the Hall on that day alone. The History Society hosted The Potterspurty Pottery Day in October which was a fantastic event for the village. John Hellins School were involved and many families came to take part in the activities and learn about our history as a centre for pottery in the area. Providing teas and coffees raised a further £400 for the Hall. I am especially grateful to our supporters in the village who provide both cakes and help at these events.

On a not so positive note, this autumn has seen an increase in vandalism to fencing and lights outside the Hall. We have increased security lighting outside the Hall and are repairing the damaged fences. I think we will need to ask our local police presence to be a bit more visible around the Hall over the winter as an extra deterrent.

There has been no change in Office Holders on the Committee this year and our Committee meetings continue to be well attended. I am grateful to all our regular groups, their Committee representatives, our Secretary, Bev Sylvester and Treasurer, Jon Millidge, for all their time and support. Without this the Hall would be unable to function.

Louise Boyle
Committee Chair