

Sue Bewick Chair of Village Hall Trustees.

Village Hall Report 2026

Our Hall and the outside areas continue to be well used by the local community and regular users. The hall is also available for private hire. Our website has become one of the main ways that the public finds out about our hall and then contacts the secretary to book the space for various functions. Thanks go to Steve Whitby for the continued maintenance of our website

Over the past year we have continued to welcome our regular users, Dog training, Singing group, Yoga, Pilates and the Bergh- Apton society, to name a few. The local History group use the hall for their archiving sessions every 3rd Wednesday. The microscopy group use the hall once monthly and kindly contribute towards the cost of the halls WIFI. These regular user groups have helped to maintain funding to keep the hall functioning financially. The Coffee and Chat session held on the third Wednesday monthly between 10-12, continues to be well attended and popular.

The hall has held other events such as talks and Christmas wreath workshops and Christmas Bingo. We also hire out the hall for private functions wedding parties, wakes and other private events . These events continue to help with the financial upkeep of the village hall . We have had rising costs of utilities to deal with in the last few years and we try to keep the rentals competitive with other similar halls in the area.

The management committee meets regularly throughout the year and together with our treasurer, we make plans for short and longer term maintenance projects to keep the hall in good order.

The gardens and grounds are very well maintained by a local gardener and the hall is cleaned very efficiently by a local cleaner.

Thanks to John Ling as he continues to maintain the hall on a voluntary basis and often liaises with local businessmen and women to work on the upkeep of the hall.

The adventure playground is maintained by the Parish Council. So continued thanks to them also.

During the last year we have received notification of a Planning Application for a housing development on the land adjacent to the village hall to which the Village Hall Committee have formally objected. We have since heard that this planning application has been halted.

Our last thank you goes out to all the trustees and other volunteers who help with the smooth operation of our wonderful village hall at our many community events

Sue Bewick 21st May2026