

Ellerdine Village Hall Report to 2025 Annual Meeting of Ercall Magna Parish

2024 was a busier year of private bookings at Ellerdine Village Hall (EVH). The hiring charges were reviewed to start in January 2025 with an increase of £2 per hour. There is still a low number of new or regular community groups apart from WI and Messy Church, but activity groups such as yoga, dance, cycling clubs and pony club have hired the hall. However a new social craft group has proved very popular which was successful in receiving grant funding from the Telford & Wrekin Welcoming Spaces fund to cover hall costs and materials. In addition, a book club recently started and is steadily growing.

We have revamped our website and improved the design, layout and visibility with a range of options to make enquiries for bookings. The website remains simple but without a need for regular updates.

A new trustee was co-opted in March 2024 and another new member was elected at the AGM in November which now gives us 11 trustee management committee members. These new members bring enthusiasm, different experience and fresh ideas to the management team and are a welcome addition.

The EVH team have held quiz nights, including the popular annual event in aid of the RBL Poppy Appeal in November, as well as a well-attended family Halloween party, Christmas Fair and coffee morning during the recent Village Halls Week. This last event was themed around volunteers and aimed to celebrate the 50 years since the new hall opened in March 1975. We have a range of events planned for the year, with a fete in September 2025.

Trustees continue to plan, fund and deliver improvements to the village hall to ensure that this valuable community facility remains relevant and available to local residents now and in the future. We have recently had a roof survey which has highlighted remedial works required within the next 18 months. We are also seeking additional funding for fire escape doors and would like to thank the parish council for the recent grant of £1000. Plus all the support received this year from issues relating to road flooding.

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