

High Ercall Village Hall - Annual Report for EMPC AGM 15th April 2025

The last 12 months have been very busy and the Village Hall has seen a significant increase in bookings. It's good to see the Hall being used by all sectors of the community.

Community Bar has been open every available Friday (private bookings always take precedence) and where possible the Hall is made available free of charge for non profit events (last being Shoe Box Appeal).

Solicitors were officially appointed to start Title Registration of the Hall and Playing Field. The lawyers legal process is complete. We await the Land Registry confirmation.

The Hall is the new home for 6 junior football teams from Ercall Colts Football Club. They have managed to secure funding due to the fact they have a permanent base. We all agree the Playing Field has been under used in recent years and good to see the facilities at the Hall being used for youngsters and sport.

Rainbow Unit are another welcome addition of young children to the Village and the Hall. They meet once a week during term time and are thriving.

Pride & Joy continues to be the major fund raising event for the Hall and on the agenda again for Summer 2025.

Over the Christmas period the Committee agreed that the major events would be based on us giving something back to the community. A film night for children was a great success as was Carols by Tractorlight with food and entertainment all provided free of charge. Our community were appreciative reflected in their generous donations.

We have some community favourite events with Quiz night and Coffee morning topping the charts. We'll continue to try new ideas and listen carefully always to community feedback.

Our fund raising events to date have been mainly focused the renovation of the toilets and kitchen. Tenders went out but quotes sadly not commercially viable so plans are afoot to scale down the much needed refurbishment and move forward on a more affordable budget.

Our 'Cuppa Club' on Thursday mornings is proving to be popular. We open the Hall to the community for a cuppa, biscuit and a chat. Word is spreading with new friendships already forming.

Work is ongoing to develop the area at the far end of the playing field around the memorial bench with wildflowers and bird boxes.

To conclude, we are blessed with a diverse and hard working Committee who are able to cover most aspects involved in running the Hall. Everyone plays their part from bookings, IT, leaflet and ad design, promotion, regular social media updates, bar stocking and bar volunteers to cleaning, kitchen duties and maintenance.

All helps to keep the engine running.