

WHITECROSS VILLAGE HALL

Whitecross Village Hall, Lanteglos-by-Fowey, Cornwall PL23 1NF

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Annual Report 2024 - 25

The Annual Report for the year May 2024 to May 2025 summarised the years' activities and financial accounts for Whitecross Village Hall. This report was presented to the Committee and the public at the Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the Hall. This took place on 17th June 2025. The annual report, incorporating the year's accounts which were verified on 19th May, was circulated to the Committee electronically and copies posted on the Hall's noticeboard.

The purpose and principles of our village hall, that the trustees adhere to, is to include all of the inhabitants of the parish of Lanteglos by Fowey, without prejudice, to feel part of the community and to feel welcomed into the hall. In addition, the Trustees hope to provide facilities that would improve the conditions of those living within the Parish, with the hope that it will be available for meetings, lectures, social and leisure times, and classes, both well-being and educational. This is achieved by upkeep of the fabric and structure of the building and its surroundings.

The Management Committee are the Trustees. The Trustees are responsible for all aspects of the management of the Hall. The Hall is a freehold property. Committee members are elected on a one, two and three year rotation and may then apply for re-election.

The Committee comprises the following members: Chair: Suzanne Flynn; Secretary: Shanie Herbert; Treasurer: Kim Carcas; Maintenance: Toby Wakeham & Joan Bunt; Social Media and Events: Jane Wakeham & Charlotte Kettle; Produce Market: Liz Luck; Bookings: Sophie Simmons. Margaret & Gavin Shakerley, Ruth Talling and Diane Pearce continue as Committee Members. Danielle Ayres resigned in June 2024 due to family and work commitments. Our thanks are given to her and we hope that perhaps in the future she will be able to reconnect to the Committee.

Committee meetings took place on 24th May 2024, 20th September 2024, 26th November 2024, 21st March 2025.

The monthly market is going from strength to strength with around 24 different stalls, depending on availability, with a good turn out from the locals and visitors alike. The hire of a commercial oven in 2023 is still invaluable in the fast cooking of the ever popular pasties. The one aspect that the market struggles with is in finding extra volunteers to help out. This is something that many charities and community groups struggle with but we will keep trying to encourage more people to join in.

The hall continues to host regular pilates and yoga sessions, the monthly Whitecross & District Gardening Club and various ad hoc social events and private parties. The Committee put on a very successful music event in August with a local band, which was a great social and community occasion and also boosted the funds, plus two talks from two very different local people. Highlights from a retired BBC cameraman's career and a film documenting a charity journeying from Bristol to Gambia with prosthetic limbs. Both very well attended and hugely interesting. Coming up in 2025 will be Afternoon Tea and Sea Shanties, plus a quiz night with further events in the planning stages.

After receiving the IEA (Independent Energy Assessment) report the committee endeavoured to obtain a grant for solar panels to try to alleviate the energy bills, but were sadly turned down due to the large number of applicants. Further grant applications will be looked at in the future as they arise as the energy costs for the past year for the hall were enormous. It would be wise for the Committee to take another look at how best to cut these costs.

The accounts for the year, which were checked and verified by an authorised independent member of the community (Philippa Young) and signed off on 19th May were presented. The accounts reflect that the Monthly Market is still an excellent means of income throughout the year as well as being a fantastic community event, topped up by occasional fund-raising events. More events like this will be very helpful in maintaining the fabric of the hall and for funding future improvements, specifically converting the east-end stone building and transferring the tea and coffee kiosk inside, and also the possibility of an internal re-decoration programme to keep the hall up to standard, plus additional work on the roof.

Finally I would like to thank each and every member of the Committee for their support and commitment to Whitecross Village Hall. Without their hard work there would not be a hall to welcome the local community to.

Suzanne Flynn

Chairman

Whitecross Village Hall

17 June 2025