

WRELTON VILLAGE HALL

Chairman's Report for the Year 2025/26

The Committee and volunteers

My sincere thanks goes to my fellow Committee members for their dedication and hard work throughout the last year. Equally thanks must be given to the work that our *Friends of the Village Hall* and other volunteers undertake, from the cleaning duties to the inspection of the Village defriballator.

Booking's

Thanks to Wendy Brooks for looking after our visitors and groups who continue to book the Village Hall, and looking after the *Bookings Calendar* on our website. Again we have had a steady income throughout the year, from our villagers who continue to play table tennis, the craft group, the woodcarvers, and the conversationalists on a Sunday. We also have the Playgroup, Young Farmers, Fitness friends, and an increase in private functions.

Finance

Paul Cosgrove has continued his steadfast work as our Treasurer, and thanks is given for his professional work in looking after the Village Hall's finances. Income was up by 2.3% and expenditure was down by 22% so we can report another healthy profit for the year.

Thanks to Kathi Wheeler for auditing the accounts.

Building

No major work has been carried out this year, but after many months of trying we have managed to get a quote from a building company for the complete refurbishment of the ladies and gentlemen's toilets. The disabled toilets, where we have had water damage, is to be repaired and decorated. The front fascia, leading, and flat roof will be upgraded where necessary. A drainage ditch is to be installed at the front entrance, which will stop surface water and mud from collecting.

Prior to any work being carried out, I have applied for a *Building's Refurbishment Grant* from the *Jack Brunton Charitable Trust*. This Trust offers grants to charities in the North Riding of Yorkshire, and they will meet in May this year to consider our application. I will keep you informed as we progress.

Many years ago the bell was stolen from the Village Hall, and thanks to Andrew Clarke a wooden replica has been made. This will be installed in the summer.

Events

Our main events, *Stalls-on-the Green*, the *Wrelton Village Show*, *Harvest Supper*, and *Xmas at Belmont*, have raised valuable funds for the Hall again this year. Thank you to all who help organise these, and special thanks to Tony and Anne Miller at *Belmont*. To the villagers I thank profoundly for their support in raising funds for the Village Hall.

The *Quiz Night* at the Hall continues to be a success, and is highly enjoyed by those who take part. New faces are always welcomed, especially from *Wayside*, dates are advertised monthly in *The Wrangler*.

Playground

The *RoSPA* report again gave all our playground equipment a favourable outcome with just some minor adjustments to be made. Thanks to our volunteers who continue their inspections.

A new ramp was replaced on the zip-wire. Thank you to our village volunteers who cut-back the bushes and tackle the dreaded willow, and weed the rose beds.

We will again be requesting a grant from the *Parish Council* for the upkeep of the playground.

Don McFarlane

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