

ASH VICTORIA HALL COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT 2025/2026

Victoria Hall Management Committee Report

Committee Members

At the Annual General Meeting (AGM), the following positions were re-elected:

- **Chairman & Booking Secretary:** Dave Brown
- **Treasurer:** Brian Everitt
- **Secretary:** Susan Bowles

Additionally, six other members continue to serve on the Committee.

Financial Overview

Following discussions, it was agreed that a modest increase in charges would be implemented for the upcoming year. This adjustment is in response to rising energy costs and the ongoing need for building maintenance.

The Hall remains a central fixture in the community, maintaining strong relationships with regular users and hosting a variety of one-off bookings. Notably, the Paranation Ghost Hunting Group was one of the most recent bookings.

In terms of charitable contributions, Dave Brown and the Victoria Hall Committee have successfully raised over £14,719.70 for charity this year.

Income from bookings has remained strong, and the Hall is nearly fully booked, comprising both pre-programmed events and one-off private hires. The current bank balance stands at a healthy £15,000. This is a positive position, particularly given the age of the building and the regular need for repairs and upgrades.

Building Maintenance and Repairs

Various repairs were carried out throughout the year, including:

- **External Doors:** New front and left-side external doors were installed, chosen carefully to match the Hall's historical look and feel, with a direct like-for-like replacement approach.

Looking ahead, the next major maintenance project will focus on the **redecoration of the toilets**.

Councillor Paul Golding

Ash Parish Council Representative