Chair's Annual Report for 2025/26

Overview

1. It has been a year of change for in-house users of the Hall. Ludham Snooker Club is now under new management and Ludham Football Club have started using our football pitch as their home ground. Thanks are due to both these organisations, who have worked proactively with the Hall.
2. Continued financial support from Ludham Parish Council is much appreciated. This has helped the Hall improve its standards through a difficult financial year, which is against the trend of most Village Halls.

Activities

3. Ludham Bowls Club continues to support the Hall's income and is trying to attract new members. They currently have a new greenkeeper who is maintaining the facility to a very high standard.
4. Ludham Football Club has totally refurbished the Pavilion and it is now an amenity to be proud of. The Club is attracting a good number of supporters at their home fixtures.
5. Ludham Snooker Club has been redecorated and is attracting more players under its new management.
6. The Ukulele Group has increased its membership and is a regular Hall user.
7. The Drama Group decided to have a temporary break this year, but hopes to be back performing again in 2027.
8. Spinners & Weavers, Stay & Play, Bell Target Shooting, Pilates and Line Dancing are now well established and continue to use the Hall regularly throughout the year.
9. Occasional use such as children's parties, Christian Church meetings, Health & Safety training and First Aid tuition have all helped to bolster the Hall's finances during the year.
10. The Motorhome Club used the Hall and Field for a weekend Rally in April 2025 and will be coming again in April 2026. They have already booked for April 2027 and these visits contribute greatly to our income.

Maintenance /Improvements

11. Users continue to be very pleased with the cleanliness of the Hall and thanks go to our Cleaner for all her hard work and flexibility.
12. New windows have been fitted to the Hall's toilets and kitchen, replacing the old alloy frames.
13. Wi-Fi is now available to all Hall users, thanks to a generous financial contribution from the Ukulele Group.
14. Agreement was finally reached regarding the Hall's boundary with Sunningdale and the hedge has now been replaced with a fence (at no cost to the Hall). Our side has been left clean and tidy.

And thanks to…

15. **Mark Sutton** both for his time in organising Ludham Village Hall Players productions that have entertained the community and also for their generous financial contributions.
16. **Jacqui Doran and Carol Willoughby** for giving their time freely in organising and running the LVH Stay & Play during school term times.
17. **Bruce Moffat** for continuing to collect electricity usage cash from the Snooker Club
18. **Paul and Maggie Smith** who run the LVH 200 Club, keep Hall accounts and ensure that we comply with all legislation.
19. **The Trustees** who ensure the Village Hall remains available and fit for community use.

Conclusion

20. The Village Hall is in a sound financial position entering 2026/27 but faces a difficult year due to expected rising costs. If we continue to receive the same support from users as we enjoyed this year, we will still be able to maintain our improvement programme and continue to support the community by having a Village Hall that is welcoming and safe to use.

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Chair, Ludham Village Hall & Playing Fields
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