

Shimpling Village Hall Chairs Report JULY 2025

Village Hall Management Committee

Following the year 2024-5 AGM held on the 28th April, all positions on the committee were nominated and agreed. (see attached up to date membership). The year 2024-5 finances have been reviewed by an independent assessor and agreed.

Finance - we currently have sufficient funds to cover regular commitments including those taken on from the Parish Council in 2024.

With the installation of the solar panels, we have already seen a reduction in the energy bill for June compared with last years bill. Once the export tariff has been sorted by EDF we should also generate income.

Regular Events – The evening Pilates class which started in January on a Wednesday (term time) 6.30pm, the attendance continues to be sufficient to make it viable.

Zumba Gold continues Friday at 1pm with just enough attendance to keep it going.

Film nights attendance continues to cover the costs of the film licence and film rental and its valued by the regulars.

The Rural Coffee Caravan continues to attract a good attendance, and the charity plan to bring their van, advice and expertise to the village in 2025.

Other potential classes

The committee has discussed at many meetings the needs of young residents of the village and what activities they would like in 2025. It was agreed that there needs to be DBS checked coaches for any sessions for under 18yrs and the committee are thus not able to do these themselves. Finding a table tennis coach (as we have a table tennis set) was proposed as one way forward and we continue to work on finding a suitable person.

We have also had a pool table donated by a resident and this will be advertised along with the table tennis set as activities available to do in the hall

Other Events

The Arts & Crafts sessions that have attracted sufficient interest are the pottery events so another is planned for Saturday 22nd November with a focus on Christmas decorations - it will be suitable for adults and children.

The Silver Jewellery making session was again postponed and a new date will be agreed.

The Summer Dance this year on the 9th of August at Shimpling Park Farm Barns will be a Barn Dance with Ceilidh band Catch the Pidgeon playing. Ticket sales have been slow to get going but we have now reached 50 which is the minimum number to break even. Further advertising will hopefully generate additional sales in the final couple of months

A “Vernon’s Quiz” is planned for the 15th November and we are negotiating with the new pub management to hopefully have them supply the fish & chip supper.

Maintenance & Improvement Projects

As previously highlighted, the external maintenance and redecoration will need to be done this year. There is damp in the toilets and blown plaster on the exterior walls. The committee has started to seek quotes for the work which will be passed to the Parish Council.

Chair SVHC

Shimpling Village Hall - Committee Members 2025-6

Committee Members Recruitment

The Management Committee is committed to the Equal Opportunities Policy and will ensure that any staff or volunteer vacancy is open to all to apply. It is the Committee’s policy to recruit Committee members who represent the groups or organisations that use the hall or can offer specific skills or experience that can fill gaps in the Committee’s knowledge or capability. All new members are provided with an information document (SVH Management Committee Roles and Responsibilities) that outlines the duties and responsibilities of Committee Members.

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Treasurer: Jenny Pine

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