



Chair's update for 2025 AGM

1. Thanks
 - a. to Dennis for role as chair for 10 months
 - b. to the committee and volunteers for keeping hall running
 - c. To the community for supporting the events
2. Exterior work completed
 - a. Painting of the exterior walls
 - b. Trees affected by Ash die-back have been felled (following permission being granted by TDC)
 - c. Limb from beech tree removed (safety reasons)
 - d. Creation of green space at front of building – (thanks to Jo, Sandra M. Lee & Phil, John S. Will S. Abi and all who helped)
 - e. Outdoor furniture from Torridge Gates (thanks to Simon)
 - f. VE Day commemorative bench installed
 - g. Several holes in Doorstep Green filled in (thanks to all who helped & Simon for the soil)
3. Interior work completed
 - a. Storeroom – new racking installed for storage of parent's hub equipment
 - b. Storeroom – all regular users sorted their equipment, thanks to SMB team, committee and helpers for sorting & tidying area
 - c. Cleaning cupboard has been repurposed
 - d. Floor in main hall scrubbed and polished (thanks to Tony)
4. Funding/grants
 - a. Asda Community Foundation – Grant of £2,000 given to develop outside space – thanks to Jo
 - b. Wickes – We have been donated in excess of 50 litres of paint to decorate the interior of the hall – thanks to Dennis.
 - c. Bideford Bridge Trust, North Devon and West Devon Community Funds – out of area
 - d. Village Hall Podcast – following and enter their monthly draws
 - e. Balsdon Trust – applied for £1,500 towards refurb of toilets – awaiting decision



5. Events

- a. Christmas barn dance with Ceilidh band
- b. V.E. Day Celebration
- c. Proms in the park
- d. Dog Show & Fete
- e. Themed evening social evenings
- f. Bingo

6. Regular users

- a. Short Mat Bowls vastly increased
- b. Yoga

7. Opportunities

- a. Upper section of car park
- b. Warm Hub
- c. Coffee Morning & Market

8. Plans for the future

- a. Refurb of toilets
- b. Redecoration of interior of building
- c. Upgrade of heating system
- d. Upgrade/installation of sound system/hi-fi/Public Address
- e. Installation of large screen/projector
- f. We'd welcome ideas from the community detailing the events they'd like to see, what we do well, and what we could do better.

9. Reminder of how fortunate we are to have the hall, its location, and to thank everyone who helps and supports us.