

GREAT WHITTINGTON VILLAGE HALL ANNUAL REPORT TO 31st MARCH 2026

Thank you for attending this years AGM. The hall has had a successful year despite having spent considerably on maintenance and improvements. It made an income over expenditure of £1070 and is financially secure.

I wish to start by thanking the outgoing committee for all their hard work in the year, Chris and Jane for looking after the lawns, Henry and Sue for taking on the verge border and Henry for auditing our accounts. This AGM two committee members, Maggie and Judith wish to stand down having both been committee members for five years but during the year Jane Denchfield has joined the committee.

HALL HIRE.

Hall hire was £1871 which is a reduction from last year. We had hoped that it would increase but there have been two disappointments, due to medical reasons the upholstery class had to stop but hopefully will restart in September and due to family circumstances the Pilates class ended in September. We are actively looking for another teacher replacement for this very popular class. Fortunately the loss of these two at about £800 has been partly offset by increased private usage. We allowed the use of the hall at a much reduced rate as allowed by Charity Commission Law for a charity fund raising event organised by a resident. Also since the year end we have obtained an additional Cardio, Strength and Conditioning class which bodes well for the future. We still charge the same reduced rates we set after the installation of the panels and heat pump and do not expect any increases.

EVENTS

The committee organised 32 events this year, a similar number and type to previous years with 10 coffee mornings, 9 fish and chip nights, 8 National Theatre productions, 2 Highlights productions plus an educational talk, the BBQ and the Christmas fair. These events contributed a net £2373 to hall funds.

OTHER RELEVANT ITEMS

ELECTRICITY.

Eventually over three years after we requested it a smart meter was fitted in February 2025 enabling us to have a smart export guarantee contract as well as a supply one and we now have both income and expenditure shown in the accounts. The result is that we kept the hall warm and were paid £223 more than we paid. A great result. However the wrong type of meter, single rate, was fitted despite us having paid for a multi rate one and we are still waiting for the correct one. EonNext have now failed to install the correct one five times and we are progressing a claim against them for this failure and the excess costs we have incurred.

INTERNET.

Following the introduction of full fibre internet via the Gigabit Rural Project we have a free supply through Alncom. This will save the hall about £450 next year and an increasing amount per year in the future.

MAINTENANCE.

We have spent £3010 on maintenance this year. There have been two major items, the refurbishment of the main hall floor cost £2136 and replacement of a rotten fire door was £736. We regard that keeping the hall in a good state of repair for future generations is a major responsibility.

EMERGENCY HUB

With the benefit of grants from two local wind farms, Green Rigg £5000 and Ray £2522 we have been able to double the size of our batteries to 40kwh. This will enable the Emergency hub, which we hope never to use, to be more efficient allowing about a full day of hall usage before we need

to revert to our generator. It will also enable us to use more of our own generated solar electricity and we thank both of them for their generous support.

GARDEN.

We have improved the garden with work on the entrance border, pruned the laburnum trees and extended the lawn area. Again I thank Henry and Sue for their sterling work on the verge, Jane and Chris for keeping the grass so well and committee members for other improvement works. We plan for further improvements this year.

EQUIPMENT.

The main item we have purchased this year is a new fridge to replace the faulty one in the kitchen at a cost of £241.

HMRC REFUND.

We received a refund of £375 relating to tax repayment on donations for tax years 2024 and 2025. This will reduce in future years as the refund will be on an annual basis.

FINANCE

A detailed income and expense account is shown below

GREAT WHITTINGTON VILLAGE HALL INCOME AND EXPENSE ACCOUNT
YEAR TO 31st MARCH 2026

INCOME

Hall Hire	1871
Events	4806
Donations	840
HMRC	375
Electricity	839
Heritage Books	140
Gigabit Refund	124
Grants	7522
Interest	803
<u>TOTAL INCOME</u>	<u>17320</u>

EXPENDITURE

Events	2433
Maintenance	3010
Gardens	122
Electricity	616
Water	435
Internet	411
Equipment	324
Household and Admin	41
Health and Safety	0
Heritage	150
Insurance	932
Licenses	241
Finance Fees	13
Grant Funded Projects	7522
<u>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</u>	<u>16250</u>
<u>EXCESS INCOME</u>	<u>1070</u>

