

Ashfield Community Council Annual Report 2025

Chair: Sam Thomas

Treasurer: Geoff Henney

Council members: Andy Pitts, Graham Greene, Mike Harrison, Monica Brown, Ryland Thomas, Richard Ellis, Simon Garrett.

The year 2024-2025 has been another successful year for the village hall since we made substantial renovations between 2020-2022. I am pleased to report that the hall has continued to be busy with a range of village events, and private bookings.

This year we held a range of events including, regular pop-up pub evenings, a Christmas social evening and coffee morning, and of course the annual BBQ which continues to be one of our most well attended events! In addition, we have had another quiz night, and our thanks go to Malcom Pease yet again, who continues to keep the village on its toes with his excellent questions, and to Sue Pease for ensuring everything runs smoothly. The fish and chip night also proves to be popular, thank you to Graham Greene for organising this event again. We are always interested in planning a range of events that our community wants to attend, so please do speak to us if you have an idea or event that you would be like to have in the village.

I am very glad to see that the hall has continued to host a range of private bookings within the community. Cyclists' events are still a major income generator for us, and thanks go again to our wonderful community of cake bakers, who make these events possible. The hall also hosts weekly Pilates classes, which you are welcome to attend if so inclined, as well as stained glass classes and karate classes.

The regular bookings and of course the income generated during our events have meant that our finances continue to be comfortable, please do see a separate report from our Treasurer, Geoff Henney for further details. With this in mind, we are always looking to make improvements and to maintain our space. For future use. This year, apart from regular maintenance, we have installed sound baffling on the ceiling following feedback from members of the community. The committee and I are very pleased with its effectiveness and hopefully people have seen an improvement with this issue. There are still plans in the pipeline to improve the bar area and possibly the front door, so watch this space!

Finally, I would like to add my thanks once again to all the members of the committee who work hard during the year with the running, maintenance of the hall and the planning and organising of events. Likewise, I would also like to thank all the volunteers and residents of Ashfield who support us and our events in various ways throughout the year.

Sam Thomas.

Chair 23/04/25