

Bolsterstone



Village Hall

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2025 was a very busy year but brought the financial rewards we had been striving for. Bookings were consistent and with our weekly groups this kept the Hall in demand for a wide variety of uses. The newly formed Art and Crafts group gained in popularity and became well established during the year. The Quilting group made it their project for 2025 to create a quilt for the Hall to depict all its user groups and we are looking forward to the unveiling of this in March.

We are acutely aware of our responsibility in keeping the building well maintained and visually welcoming. Sadly our Village Hall sign became a victim of the severe gales early in the year but thanks to a successful grant application this was replaced with a very smart and more informative one. A grant application to the Bridge Shop covered the cost of necessary plastering in the entrance porch and an unsightly patch in the kitchen.

Our regular Cream Teas have gained us a very favourable following and the first Mothering Sunday Afternoon Tea was such a success it will be repeated in March. Not forgetting the Dads, we are planning to host a Father's Day event in June. The Summer Fayre was busy but brought very deserving rewards as did the Harvest Auction, the Christmas Fayre and for the first time the Rag Wreath Making event in early December.

Our fundraising events are always busy and this highlighted the need for a more efficient layout of the kitchen. We contacted a Commercial Kitchen Catering Company well known to us and had plans drawn up. Whilst we knew this was an expensive and ambitious project, Stocksbridge Town Council were holding a Participatory Budgeting Event in October so we applied and were awarded the maximum of £20,000 towards this. In early December we applied to Awards for All to partnership fund this and we are keeping our fingers crossed for success so that our project can proceed. The shortfall will be made up from our own funds.

It has to be said that our younger Trustees are driving things forward with their fresh and innovative ideas whilst taking the weight from older shoulders. It is heartening to know that they will continue building on the foundations of previous years and that the future of the Hall is in safe hands. All our events are now on our Facebook page with social media giving us the coverage we could never have envisaged years ago. We look forward to what 2026 will bring with confidence.

Carol Webster, January 2026.

Bolsterstone Village Hall Trust
Registered Charity Number 1029634

Bolsterstone Village Hall Trust Accounts 2025

	2025	2024	2023
Grants and Donations	21,695	500.00	230.00
Rents	6,542.80	7,083.00	6861.00
Fundraising	8679.25	4548.93	0.00
Interest	63.26	103.52	49.00
Other		0.00	
Subtotal	36,924.46	12,235.45	7140.00
Utilities Rent and Rates	4,830.72	2,871.41	2886.00
Post and Phone	0.00	0.00	0.00
Printing costs	0.00	0.00	0.00
Repairs, Renewals and servicing	2109.83	3903.75	6,888.00
Cleaning and maintenance	1547.24	2234.19	1558.00
Insurance	1388.86	1283.47	1250.00
Other	1405.13	541.35	
Manual Adjustment		21.78	
Subtotal	11,281.78	10855.95	12582.00
Cash	49.20	0.00	457.00
Savings account	3366.64 (63.26 interest noted above inc in this figure)	3303.38	5200.00
Current Account	31742.34	6212.12	2479.00
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Date 24 March 2026

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