# ATWORTH VILLAGE HALL AND RECREATION GROUND
# CHARITY NUMBER 305461

## CHAIRMAN'S ANNUAL REPORT 2025

The AVH again had a mixed year in 2025. During the year, we lost some of the groups that had used the hall for some time. However, during the autumn we were fortunate to retain the L2L Group for the coming school year. The L2L group (Launch 2 Learning group) teaches children who has problems with being taught in general schools. Although we are lucky to retain this group for another year, there is no guarantee that this group will remain at the AVH in coming years.

It was hoped that new groups would be found and would book to use the village hall and especially the meeting room. Unfortunately this has not happened. There is still scope for more booking, especially children parties and business users, which would improve our income.

The meeting room has still not attracted many users, however the L2L group does use this room during Monday's when the Pilates use the main hall. The L2L group however, books the meeting room for inhouse meetings and for examinations for the children. The meeting room is helpful for booking committee meetings especially when the main hall is in use. As you know, this space is ideal for holding small meetings, interviews, courses, or as an office for people who would like to work outside of the office but would prefer to not work from home. Hopefully the meeting room will be used more in future.

Last year we held a successful event at Christmas when the choir called Choired for Sound came to the village hall. They sang not only Christmas Carols but also other Christmas songs. The number of people who attended this event has never been very high, but those who did attend, seemed to have had a good time. At this event we carried out a Christmas Draw for a prize of a Marks and Spencer's Hamper. This was very successful as we had more entries to this draw than the annual 200 Club event.

Each year we try to carry out at least one project to enhance or improve the village hall or recreation ground. After many months and constant delays from the Wiltshire Council Planning Department, planning permission was eventually granted to install lights in the car park. These lights were eventually installed in January 2025 in the AVH car park. Considering that in the winter months the AVH car park was virtually dark, these lights proved to be great success and appreciated by all village hall users.

Each year we invite ROSPA to carry out an inspection of all the play equipment in the recreation ground. This is to ensure that all play equipment is kept to the highest standard. Where a piece of equipment is deemed to be high risk it is either refurbished or replaced. In 2025, all equipment was again given a green light as being low risk, except for the wooden swing which was given a yellow light. This item was identified as a high risk as the legs were

rotten under-ground and the surface cover is becoming dangerous. The swing was replaced in 2025 together with new rubber matting fitted under the swing.

All other equipment is monitored weekly and monthly to ensure that the play equipment is checked regularly and does not develop any faults that needs addressing. Overall, the recreation ground and play equipment was still in very good order.

The contractors selected to cut the grass in the recreation ground has again done an excellent job by keeping the grass short and not having any rolled grass. This has been noticed by many users of the recreation ground.

The village hall still operates the 200 club. The numbers of people who bought shares in the 2025/2026 season was slightly down on the previous year, but it is still very successful. It would help if more people joined each year so that the prize money become more attractive and it would bring in much needed funds for the village hall to continue to maintain and improve the facilities for the people of the village.

Unfortunately the recreation ground still has cases of vandalism. When this happens, it is always reported to the Police who don't do anything as we do not have CCTV. Unfortunately cases of vandalism take time and money to rectify and spoil the enjoyment for all other users. In time security camera's will be installed which may help to identify the culprits. This information can then be shared with the police.

The AVH has an ambitious set of plans for the future in their rolling five-year plan. These include providing a hard surface in the car park and installing a walkway all around the recreation ground. Obviously, these are high-cost projects and will only be carried out when funds are available.

Finally, I would like to thank my fellow trustees (both past and present) for all their help and support during the year in aid of the Charity.

Chairman _____ Dated ____/____/____

**Atworth Village Hall and Recreation Ground**
**Treasurers/Fundraiser/200 Club Account Jan 2024 - Dec 2025**
**Statement of Account 2025**

| Income | 2025 | 2024 | Expenditure | 2025 | 2024 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | Wifi equip | | |
| Fete | | | WIFI | £ 617.92 | £447.62 |
| Hall Hire | £ 19,085.00 | £ 4,889.00 | Electricity | £ 391.02 | £836.16 |
| Hall Hire Casuals | £ 1,187.37 | £ 2,865.00 | Gas | £ 577.51 | £955.00 |
| Tennis | | | Hall Maint | £ 1,439.91 | £1,936.09 |
| Christmas Hamper | £ 435.00 | £ 515.00 | Rec Maint | £ 11,502.76 | £4,789.61 |
| Grants (wilts) | | | Admin | £ 236.44 | £319.20 |
| Grants (Parish) | £ 4,521.94 | £ 2,516.00 | Cleaning | £ 1,517.99 | £ 1,471.84 |
| Misc | £ 737.08 | | Misc Expenses | £ 4,815.33 | £ 4,136.82 |
| 200 Club | £ 1,240.00 | £ 1,296.00 | 200 club misc | £ 41.25 | £ 20.00 |
| bank tr | £ 3,492.00 | £ 6,362.12 | 200 Club Prizes | £ 634.50 | £ 545.00 |
| Grass Cutting | £ 4,124.94 | £ 4,691.00 | Transfer Rates | | £ 358.87 |
| Misc | £ 229.00 | £ 296.00 | jubilee | £ 1,034.99 | £ 5,611.27 |
| Car Parking Lights | | £ 4,500.00 | Rec Equip | £ 2,343.93 | |
| concert choir | £ 311.40 | £ 289.35 | Misc | £ 6,414.40 | |
| Wine Tasting | £ 105.00 | | chco bingo | | |
| Car parking | £ 350.00 | £ 420.00 | Bank Charges | £ 21.25 | |
| Fund raising | | | Tr Grass/Ins | £ 3,492.00 | £ 6,362.12 |
| Gates | £ 25.00 | | Hall equipment | | |
| misc | | | | | |
| sub total | £ 35,843.73 | £ 28,639.47 | Sub total | £ 34,046.21 | £ 22,178.33 |
| Balance C/Forward | £ 2,544.30 | £ 162.22 | Balance | £ 4,341.82 | £ 6,623.46 |
| Total | £ 38,388.03 | £ 28,801.69 | Total | £ 38,388.03 | £ 28,801.79 |

**Balance sheet**

| Assets 31st Dec 2024 | | | Assets 31st Dec 2025 | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Bank balance | £ 23,144.17 | £ 16,619.73 | Bank Balance | £ 24,965.89 | 23144.17 |
| | £ 1,797.52 | £ 6,524.24 | | | |
| returned to fund | £ 24.20 | | | | |
| Total | £ 24,965.89 | £ 23,144.17 | Total | £ 24,965.89 | 23144.17 |

We certify that these accounts are in accordance with the Village Hall Books of Account and Bank Statements.

Treasurer Alda Sinclair Independent Examiner

Date 2nd September 2026 Date 2.9.26

AUDITORS STATEMENT
FROM CHECKING THE ACCOUNTS OF
ATWORTH VILLAGE HALL AND
RECREATION GROUND

The Accounts of Atworth Village Hall and Recreation ground are in a sound financial state at the end of the accounting year December 31st 2025.

Treasurers Account

Hall Hire Regulars have increased during the year due to the 2L Learning Group using the Hall on a regular basis. This has helped significantly with the running of the hall. Hall casuals are down but they can vary on a year to year basis.

Rec Maintenance has increased which includes the Grass cutting and repairs to Children's equipment. There seems to be an increase overall in costings on repairs on the Rec for which there is no apparent finance stream or budget. Vandalism also has played a part in the costings.

200 Club

Numbers not high but it still attracts members and helps support the Hall and Recreation Ground.

Fund Raising Account

Has a good Balance which will help to support plans that The Trustees have.

Signed
Alison Denise Fox

