Annual Report for Glemsford Village Hall – April 2026

Glemsford Parish Council acts as Sole Trustees for Glemsford Village Hall, which is a registered charity.

We have had a busy year at the Village hall, seeing lots of lovely members of the public booking the main hall for parties and events and have been seeing bookings coming in for the Heritage room. The work done to improve the acoustics in the Heritage Room have done just that but also elevated the room and we've had lots of lovely feedback.

In October we started to track how many bookings were using the Heritage room and to date, since October there have been 7 casual bookings with 3 groups having made regular bookings and 2 more have enquired and hope to confirm later this month. We are so happy to see the room getting regular use.

The year hasn't been without its problems,

- The air conditioning unit broke down and had to be repaired twice, we are now entering a service plan to prevent that in the future
- The heaters in the main hall burnt their fuses and had to be 'made safe' until the sockets could be replaced with a higher grade product
- The ladies and disabled toilets blocked at the Christmas Event and needed to be jetted, the man hole has been monitored since and additional jetting has been done on 3 occasions to prevent complete blockage again. This is expensive and so additional cistern tanks were fitted to the toilets in March which we hope will prevent the regular blockages.
- The kitchen immersion burnt out and needed a part replacing and then later needed an upgraded socket
- The car park flooded at least twice and needed a new drain pump
- The WiFi connection was severed and so for 3 months a backup option was in use
- The solar panels have had damage on two occasions, the latter costing around £1200 in lost solar energy

Looking a little more at the positives,

- New comfy chairs were put in the Heritage room
- Swift nesting boxes and a caller were put on the rear wall and Swifts were seen nesting
- A heater was added to the kitchen
- New tables were purchased for the Main Hall
- The PC put on a fantastic Christmas Fair, using all three rooms and filling the carpark
- MP James Cartlidge held his seniors fair
- Ashcroft Leisure used the hall at Christmas to provide food hampers to those identified as needing the support

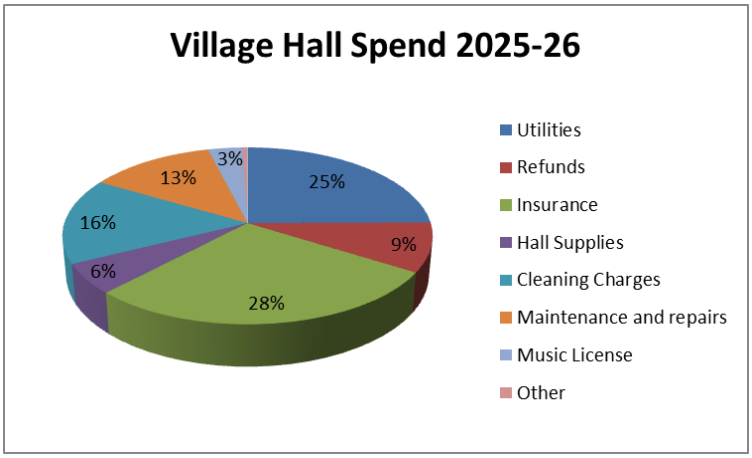
We also recruited a new staff member to the cleaning team, who has been a great asset to the team.

Plans for the year ahead include starting a Village Hall Social Media page / group, replacing the water tank and providing hot water to the taps in the toilets, refurbishing the Old Library to make it environmentally friendly, insulated and to start renting it out as a meeting room, for hot-desking and for smaller group sessions. Looking at options to replace the electric heaters with a safer 'cool touch' option and adding round tables to the Heritage room making it a great option for Wedding Parties, quizzes and music events.

Finance facts and figures 2025-26

Starting Balance	£11,354.06
Money In:	£ 16,461.08
Money out:	£ 16,730.95
End Balance:	£ 11,084.19
Loss of:	£ 269.87
Energy Balance	£1,528 credit, this offsets the loss in accounts.

Village Hall spend 2025-26		
Utilities	£	4,104.54
Refunds	£	1,480.00
Insurance	£	4,671.37
Hall Supplies	£	913.68
Cleaning Charges	£	2,590.72
Maintenance and re	£	2,081.03
Music License	£	567.84
Other	£	86.25



A special thank you goes to the following people for their help, assistance and volunteering their time and skills to support the Village Hall

- Adrian Southgate, who has done so much work in and around the Village Hall and kept an eye an everything
- Laurie Milton, who has been on hand to do DIY tasks around the hall
- Alan Poulton, who has kindly fixed lots of plumbing issues
- Tim Tunbridge, who has stepped up to fit the Swift boxes and help out around the hall
- The Angel pub for donating glasses to be used by hall users
- Dave and Henry Howard for helping with vinyl signs and some DIY tasks
- Lesli Tunbridge, who has worked tirelessly to obtain grants for use at the Village Hall.
- Wendy Hall and Debbie Broadbent, who arranged the PC's Christmas Fair and put the Village Hall back on the map