Fiddington Parish Chairman's Report 2025

Welcome to the Annual Parish Meeting.

Over the last year we have seen a number of planning matters across our desks, to name a few standouts, we have seen..

* Proposal to build a new house in the Garden of Brook Cottage.
* Whitnell Farm barn conversion
* Keenthorne Nurseries: Change of use (refused) & errection of portal frame building (approved)

We have welcomed a new Councillor Ray Norris

We have been approached by our MP Ashley Fox who intends to open a drop-in session here soon.

We have seen our white lines at Forge Cottage renewed

Road widening into the village has been welcome but not without compromise from drivers.

We continue to have a watchful eye on Mill Farm due to complaints and observations regarding HPC workers appearing to be using the bus without being a resident in the campsite.

The Parish Council have paid to have the mud on Whitnell Lane to be cleared.

We have consulted about making a 20mph limit through the centre of the village and we have paid £800 towards the village hall committee and plan to continue supporting their hard work & events

Finally a big thank you from me for the Clerk and our parish councillors for their commitment to this voluntary role.

FIDDINGTON VILLAGE HALL

CHAIRMANS REPORT FOR THE PARISH COUNCIL

20TH MAY 2025

Good evening, everyone.

I am pleased to present this year's report on the activities and management of the Village Hall.

The Village Hall has continued to serve as a vital hub for our community. Over the past year, there have been a wide range of regular group activities, including the Art Group, Band Practice, Book Swap, Jumble Sales, Christmas Dinner, the Fiddington Show, and various Church events such as the Sausage Sizzle. Also, Robin Kinahan has held another successful wine event.

The hall is also frequently booked for other events such as birthday parties, weddings and funerals.

Our financial position remains stable. The present amount in the account stands at £17,720...which is similar to this time last year.

Thank you to the Parish Council for their generous donation of £800 — it is greatly appreciated and makes a real difference, in an environment where there are less grants and other support available.

Ruth Brazier has supplied cooked breakfast over the winter during the monthly Book Swaps and we are pleased to say she has agreed to continue these over the rest of the year. In doing this, she raises between £38 and £92 profit, each month for the hall funds. Her hard work is much appreciated.

Our usual 3 Jumble Sales are also a major source of income and have raised £2,335 in the last 12 months.

The Village Hall continues to be managed by a dedicated group of volunteers. I would like to extend my sincere thanks to all committee members for their hard work — in particular, our Treasurer Heather Hawley and Booking Secretary Marianne Parr, whose efforts have been invaluable.

The Village Hall remains an essential asset to our parish. We are committed to ensuring it continues to be a welcoming, well-maintained, and responsive space for the whole community.

Thank you for your continued support.

Respectfully submitted,

James U'Dell

Chairman, Village Hall Committee