SECRETARY'S REPORT – AGM 2026

After our centenary celebrations last year, this has been a quiet year. We have finally achieved funding to install solar panels and batteries – from CARES and SSE Toddleburn Windfarm. Heather has worked very hard on this and I have also been involved. We were hoping to get extra batteries so that, during long power cuts (which do occur here), the Village Hall can be a warm space for all the community. Unfortunately, we could not get this part of our proposal funded. However, the Hall will greatly benefit from the solar panels.

Unfortunately, Fountainhall School has now closed, so we are now the only community building in Fountainhall and the only facility for the village. Scottish Borders Council came to the Village Hall to consult the community on the closure. However, everything seems to have already been decided . We are still using the school playground for our annual Easter Egg hunt for children, with permission from SBC , but do not know how long that will continue.

During the year we have had art classes for the first time which were very popular and will continue. The Hillbillies, a local band, came and played in the Village Hall and we produced a barbecue at the same time , This was very well attended. Hopefully they will come back again. Unfortunately, New Age Kurling has ended but we are hoping to revive it.

I would like to thank all the Hall Committee for all their hard work during the year- and for keeping committee meetings short and to the point.

Jenny Mushlin, Secretary, Fountainhall Village Hall Committee

Jenny Mushlin 8th October 2026