

TEVIOTHEAD VILLAGE HALL – CHAIR’S REPORT 2025/26

I will keep this report for the year as brief as possible. In many ways the year seems to have flown past but when you look back over the many activities that have taken place in the hall then a lot has happened.

Once again there have been quite a lot of events held in the Hall meaning it has been quite well used throughout the year. These have ranged from concerts, BBQ, a games night, Quingo, weaving, ‘techy’ surgeries, lunches and afternoon teas to a variety of meetings and drop-in information events and private hires. Some of these have been organised by the Hall and others by outside organisations or individuals.

Most of these events have been well attended especially the Other Roads concert, the BBQ, the Will Ogilvie evening, the recent Quingo event and of course the lunches and afternoon teas are always popular whilst the weaving group continues to attract new members. However the planned monthly Kurling evenings have largely failed to attract any sustainable numbers.

The Hall’s constitution states the Purposes of the organisation is -

‘To provide and maintain Teviothead Village Hall as a community facility for the benefit of the inhabitants of Teviothead and environs as defined by the Teviot Valley.....for recreation, leisure and educational purposes of all kinds with the object of improving the conditions of life of the said inhabitants’

and ‘To promote citizenship and community development in the area of benefit’.

With this in mind the committee have continued to try and maintain and improve the Hall so that it is a safe and welcoming place to visit and hopefully make any visit an enjoyable one. We have also tried to put on a variety of events which will hopefully appeal to as many people as possible.

Improvements this year have included new internal noticeboards, new kitchen equipment/crockery, some more new chairs and some tree surgery to remove some dangerous overhanging tree limbs and branches. We will continue to try and carry out improvements to the facilities as laid out in the Constitution.

We are grateful to the Langhope Rig Windfarm Community Benefit scheme for the grants to cover some of these expenses.

The finances of the Hall are becoming increasingly challenging. Some of the major costs are rising rapidly – insurance, electricity, oil, tradesmen etc. All the events that we run make a profit or at least break even. Letting income is quite good but still expenditure continues to outstrip income. This isn’t sustainable long term. We will discuss this more fully when we look at the annual accounts.

Looking forward hopefully the Hall will continue to be used by the community as a hub where locals and others can meet up for a variety of activities. We will continue to put on a variety of different events but we are always looking for new suggestions for events that might be popular. We would hope to attract even more people to participate in Hall activities by signing up more people to the email list so that they are kept aware of what is going on. Because increasingly everyone seems to be leading busier lifestyles it will be important to keep a balance and not try and run too many events in the Hall.

Finally my year as Chair has been made easy by the committee. We have a very good team who know their roles and everyone just gets on and does all that has to be done to run the Hall - and that’s quite a lot at times. As well as the committee there are also a number of other volunteers who help throughout the year. And so a big thank you from me and everyone who uses the Hall to the committee and all the volunteers who help. Thank you.

W Douglas, Chair, 24/03/26