



PRESTON BISSETT
VILLAGE HALL

Village Hall update – February 2026

Dear Villager,

The Trustees want to thank everyone who has contributed to the hall, whether that be raising much needed money, making use of the facilities for parties etc, or attending events. It is now much more welcoming compared to five years ago.

In case you are not aware of the regular activities they include the Friday evening pop-up pub, bridge afternoons, coffee mornings and yoga. Everyone is welcome.

We have been concentrating on improving the interior by:

- Managing the damp and providing frost protection by installing a pair of night storage heaters.
- Replacing the dishwasher thanks to a generous donation.
- Installing hot water in the kitchen – to follow.

Our next big project is to update the old playground to an entertainment area, by:

- Laying a maintenance free surface.
- Replacing the sheds with a three bay garage incorporating a barbecue area, a kitchen area and storage.
- Tidy up the back of the hall and the garden walls.

The total cost is expected to be about £45,000. HS2 has promised approximately £26,000 and we have additional donations amounting to about £7,000. So, we are still £11,000 short.

Do you have ideas to help us close the funding gap? Please get in touch and/or shout loudly. Otherwise, please support our fund-raisers.

We are aware that the hall can feel cold at this time of year. Unfortunately, due to the size of the building and limited regular income, we are not currently able to improve the heating. Regular users have found that lighting the fire alongside the infrared heaters and fans helps. Once the hall is full, however, there is usually plenty of hot air!

Please let us know your thoughts and feedback.

We look forward to seeing you in the hall.

Yours faithfully,

Mark Payne, Jason Mackay, Anna King, Harry Morten and Carl Shute
The Trustees