

CLENT PARISH HALL REPORT - 2025 FOR VESTRY MEETING 8 MARCH 2026

At the meeting of Administrative Trustees last month, Mrs Anne Harris announced that she would be retiring from her roles as Chairman and Trustee from the date of the Vestry meeting. For over thirty years Anne has been a dedicated, hard-working Trustee and has been in the chair for fifteen of those years. She has always helped new members of the Committee and shared her extensive knowledge of the Hall and the village. We will miss her very much and presented her with a bouquet of flowers to thank her.

In June 2025, Revd Kim Topham was co-opted onto the Committee as a Trustee and will replace Anne Harris as Chair from 8 March 2026.

Our Keyholder, Jane Collins, has also resigned from the post she has held for fifteen years, to take effect from Easter 2026. We thank Jane for her devoted commitment to turning out in all weathers and at all times of the day and evening, dealing with regular and casual hirers. Jane has worked together with the Bookings Secretaries, James and Tricia Bradbury, to form an excellent team to support all hirers of the Hall. It has been another extremely busy year for bookings, and we wish to thank James and Tricia for their diligent support, which is appreciated by all those who use the Hall.

For the first time in its history, there was a disturbance outside the Hall in July 2025 when an 18th birthday party got out of hand. Following an extraordinary meeting of the Committee immediately after this incident, the hirer agreed to pay damages, and the booking conditions were amended to reflect any potential issues which may arise.

Clent Connect continue to hire the Hall for their Saturday and Wednesday pop-up cafés which are extremely popular, providing a focal point for many Clent residents. Clent Connect Hub will mark its third anniversary in March 2026. We are delighted to witness their success in the community.

We wish to thank the Fundraisers who, once again, have provided entertainment and funding to help the Hall's finances. This year they funded a bench commemorating Jon Prior which has been placed at the front of the Hall.

We wish to thank Paul Timmins, who continues to carry out all maintenance and repairs on the Hall. He has carried out the Risk Assessment and, in that connection, has replaced all signage so that it complies with the requirement to make all signage accessible.

The following projects planned for the Hall this year are: -

- CCTV outside the Hall on the front, side and back of the Hall
- The radiators will be replaced
- The Hall will be redecorated
- Improvements will be carried out in the kitchen, including a professional deep clean
- The audio-visual system will be replaced.

To carry out some of this work, the Hall will need to be closed for a short time.

Ann Griffiths replaced Diane as our cleaner in March 2025. We wish to thank Ann and her daughter, who assists her in her work.

We would also like to express our thanks to Ian Dawe, our Treasurer, and Mark Taylor, our new Auditor.

Ann Thomas – Secretary to the Trustees of Clent Parish Hall

Administrative Trustees:

**Anne Harris (chair), Revd Kim Topham, Neill Robb, Nick Maybee,
Paul Timmins, Ann Nation**