

Pontesbury Pavilion & Community Hub

Pontesbury Pavilion & Community Hub has had another busy year, more and more groups and individuals are wanting to hire spaces for groups, use the meeting room for meetings. 1:1 private appointments and exhibitions. It is really lovely to come to work to a bustling and vibrant community building.

SMART Export Energy As you probably read in last years' Pavilion Annual Report, we were lucky enough to get some funding and installed solar panels on the roof of the Pavilion. This has proved a really good decision, especially due to the wonderfully sunny summer last year. But and this is a very big but getting registered for SMART Export Energy took patience to another level. Yet, perseverance won, and Pontesbury Parish Council (& the Pavilion) are now registered to receive payments for energy we export to the grid. At the time of writing, we have not received the annual sum, but I can let you know that the Pavilion electricity costs have almost halved, good news all round.

The **Pavilion Maintenance Programme** continues annually, but there have been some additional expenditure this year:

Repainting the Meeting Room, due to the extensive use of the meeting room, the paintwork was looking tired, so the Council agreed to spend funds on repainting this room to give it a fresh look for 2025. Again after a year of extensive use and, unfortunately, some groups not following guidance about sticking items on the wall, we are painting the room once again in the first quarter of 2026. But, the Parish Council recognises that the building is well used and therefore such uplifting maintenance is required.

Water Boiler - another unexpected expense was the need to replace the water boiler in the kitchen in 2025. Pontesbury Parish Council wish to thank all the groups that had to wait a littler longer for their kettles to boil for refreshments, we very much appreciate you bearing with us.

Pontesbury Festival - well done to all who organised the Pontesbury Festival, especially the writing competition and the performers of their pieces in the Pavilion - it was a magnificent weekend for the community of Pontesbury.

Clothes Bank - working in partnership with the Coop Store and Leukaemia & Myeloma Research UK, the Parish Council have brokered a clothes bank in Pontesbury to raise funding for the research of leukaemia and myeloma research. This is a well-used facility and in recent months extra collections have been requested. Thank you to all the generous people of Pontesbury for your donations.