

**Report on the activities of the Aylesford Village Community Centre
from April 2024 to April 2025**

The centre had again a successful year with a busy program, regular hirers, bookings for functions and parties and improvements to the centre but we also saw an increase in outgoings due to repairs, updates on Health and Safety risk assessments and fire risk assessments as well as increased utility and cleaning costs.

From May 2024 the AFC has been renting the locker rooms at the centre.

Two trustees retired.

More tidying-up of the centre was done and the up-to-date calendar for maintenance, repairs and improvement projects is being used.

The trustees' meetings are being held every other month with every other meeting a face-to-face meeting at the centre.

In October the trustees held a successful AGM at the centre.

Our third coffee morning for Macmillan organised by some trustees and Alex Birtwistle was very successful and another one for this year is planned.

In December the whole centre was given over to the Aylesford Christmas Market which was again very successful. Unfortunately, there was not enough money left from donations and income from the market so the centre did not receive a donation this year.

Between Christmas and New Year some trustees together with the caretaker managed to clean the chairs in the centre.

The job share between two caretakers is working well.

In the autumn, the decorating of the whole centre through Community Payback Scheme was finalised and the work was almost finished in April 2025, the team will come back in the summer to finish off a few outstanding jobs.

We are also planning a fundraising evening with live music entertainment in the summer.