

Westhope Village Hall
Annual report for Diddlebury Parish
Council
2023



Bringing people together

Registered charity number: 522585

Summary

Thanks to helpful advice and financial support from the government and local Parish council, the village hall has come through the covid pandemic, during this last year (2022/2023) covid has sometimes seemed like a distant memory.

Activities have been fully resumed within the hall for some time now. Most of the users were attending regularly again, but to be expected some people at the start of 2022 were still a little weary due to covid numbers picking up over the winter of 2021. By the second half of the year it was business as usual and with the hard work and dedication of the committee we held another fabulous year of activities.

The financial position of the hall is good, we are all well aware that rising costs, especially utilities, will impact us and a review of our charging regime is going to be inevitable for the year ahead.

The major refurbishments of the hall is going well, with the new roof completed and three new doors installed, we have turned our attention to inside the hall. The new kitchen is planned and due to be installed in the summer along with updating of the toilets. These refurbishments would not be possible without the grants received from the National Lottery and the Parish council, we are extremely grateful to both. Going forward it is hoped that these planned refurbishments will improve the hall's resilience and reduce utility costs.

Objectives

The objectives of the village hall and its trustees as set out in the governing document remain unchanged.



The Year

The local mother and toddler group “Corvedale tots” take residence at the village hall. We were honoured to offer this long standing group with a safe place to meet.

Our monthly bingos, a highlight in the calendar. Its always a great evening supported by many and lots of fun is always had.

Our annual harvest supper was once again a huge success, this is thanks to people supporting the event and the people who put so much work into ensuring runs as it does.

We have held successful rummage sales, the hall has been full to bursting. It was lovely to see people catching up over tea and cake and grabbing a bargain at the same time.



The coronation event had a wonderful turnout and hopefully we did the King Proud. Young and old had a great time coming together and marking this historic event.

Our regular events of Whist drives, yoga, clover club are all back up and running and are being well attended.

Financial Situation

Our financial situation remains stable, again thanks to grants received allowing us to complete refurbishments.



The year ahead

The year ahead will see the completion of all our planned refurbishments.

We will continue to investigate grant applications to enable us to fulfil our goal of further refurbishments.

We will continue to advertise the hall and ensure that groups and activities are well attended, it will remain the mission of Westhope Village Hall to “Bring people together”

Issues

There are no significant issues, complaints or disputes to report.

Amie Watson

Chairman and Parish Council representative.