

Report from the Village Hall Trustees to Annual Parishes Meeting 24th May 2023

Post-pandemic, village hall bookings remained at a reduced level with the U3A and the Scouts not returning, and with ongoing (and increasing) utility and cleaning costs the hall ran at a deficit in the year to 30 September 2023. The Trustees were looking ahead at the possible need to raise additional funds to keep the VH going. However, the use of the Village Hall as a warm room has provided two bookings per week throughout the winter period and the Parish Council has secured funding for a Community Hub to be held one morning per week from March 2023. In addition, Yoga and Sound Bath sessions have commenced hiring the hall too. This is encouraging.

Christmas decorations were restored to the interior of the hall in December 2023.

Mary Wake has managed the Village Hall bookings for several years and we are most grateful to her for her efficiency. Mary stepped down from this role at the beginning of May 2023, and we wish her all the best in her 'retirement'. Filomena Cristallino has volunteered to take over the management of Village Hall bookings and has already begun the task.

In 2024 we will be holding the 100th AGM of the Village Hall. Suggestions for celebrations would be welcomed.

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