

Edgmond Village Hall Report

Parish Council Annual Meeting – 9th April 2019

Good Evening.

The past year has been one of gentle but significant change for your village hall.

We continue to see more daytime bookings which supports the healthy financial position. As well as serving private hire requirements we have a healthy number of user groups. From time to time some of our user groups go through peaks and troughs of membership which can put their finances under strain. Hire charges have in real terms reduced for local users. As a charity with the aim of facilitating local user groups we have a policy of supporting local users with temporary reductions and hire charge holidays when appropriate.

The new Kitchen is in regular use and has been improved with new equipment and fittings. Production of food and refreshments at table top events having become something of a feature.

Events like the quiz nights continue to win high levels of praise from attendees.

Finances have continued to improve and our main issue has been in getting suppliers to quote and proceed with the projects identified.

The Events Team continues to generate operating surpluses on events and although hire charges to community groups have not been raised in the past 10 or so years we continue to cover running costs with all surpluses from volunteering going straight to improvement works.

In the past year we have installed a P.A. system with Bluetooth streaming to the extension; fitted new kitchen units; purchased numerous pieces of kitchen and cleaning and gardening equipment; converted the previous ladies WC to create new storage cupboard and open storage; continued the extension paving to link with the car park; decorated the main hall; installed a new floor to Room 2; installed LED lighting to the main hall.

We have begun electrical improvement and maintenance works to all areas of the village hall. This will enable separate access and escape from the village hall and the snooker room respectively; progress with insulating the roof sections of the main hall and the addition of softer lighting; decoration of the sloping ceiling sections.

In the grounds, further cultivation and management of previous planting continues. Repairs and resurfacing of the car park are on the list but lower priority.

In summary, the Village Hall remains financially secure with good reserves and plenty of improvement still to be done.

We hope to continue to be able to generate surplus funds for improvements in the coming year.

EVHMC offers its grateful thanks to amongst many others, Harper Adams University, HAU Students Union, Edgmond Landscapes,

Our Grounds Team volunteers

Our Events Team volunteers

David Neate

All the many other contributors in and around Edgmond village.

Our user groups for their continued support.

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