

REPORT TO THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING 15TH APRIL 2019 ON BEHALF OF EVENLEY VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

We are mid-way through our five year plan and we have made good progress. Full detail of what has been achieved over the last twelve months will be covered in detail at our own annual general meeting on the 10th June but the highlights have included new entrance doors, internal and external decoration with new flooring in foyer and corridor. The valley guttering on the main hall roof has also been replaced. We have been financially assisted with various grants, in particular over £13k was allocated to us by WREN, an organisation who have previously supported the village hall.

We have finally had superfast broadband installed in the village hall by Gigaclear, albeit after a long drawn out saga. I would again like to thank the Parish Council for their support in achieving this installation.

Routine maintenance, inspections and safety checks take up significant time for trustees Mike Boshier and Chris Hart who help ensure that the village has a first class, safe, accessible, well maintained village hall and I thank them for their contributions.

Alison Millard, who was elected as a new trustee last year, took on responsibility to ensure that the hall was clean and tidy for users. Kate Tuckey played a significant part in this up until her sad, untimely death. We would like to place on record our appreciation for Kate and again offer our condolences to her family. Alison temporarily took over the cleaning of the hall until she found a replacement and I thank her for her contribution in ensuring the hall is well-presented.

Tony Stevens continues to manage the village hall funds well, ensuring that we achieve our targets, maintain good cash flow and ensuring that we have a contingency fund for the unexpected. I would like to thank Tony for his contribution with this. Overall, the village hall remains financially stable, with running costs covered by income from bookings and contribution from the 200 Club.

The VH 200 Club continues to be a success, providing £ 1,100 funds per annum whilst generating 5 prizes each month for residents of the village (amounting to £ 95 each draw). Due to none renewals, we presently have 190 members and are seeking a further 10.

The hall continues to be available for social use, art, recreational, educational and leisure activities for the benefit of Evenley residents and hall's users. Joyce Stevens is the Booking Clerk and she endeavors to ensure the hall is well used, which it has been over the last twelve months with new regular sessions being added. I would like to thank Joyce for the hard work she has put in to achieve this.

During May, we will be sending out notification of this year's village hall AGM, inviting clubs and societies using the hall to be represented on the village hall management committee. All the existing elected trustees have indicated that they will seek re-election for another 12 months to continue to deliver on the five year plan. During the summer of last year, a trustee had to leave the management committee due to their ill health, creating a vacancy for a trustee to take on the responsibility of minute secretary. A role currently temporarily carried out by Joyce Stevens. Again, we will be inviting Evenley residents to apply for this role.

Overall, the trustees have ensured that the village hall meets the requirements of the hall users; we have met our obligations under Charities Commission regulations and complied with the terms of the Deed of Trust. The village hall remains financially stable despite large sums being spent on improvements. The village hall is a non-profit making charitable organisation and its trustees are all volunteers giving their time generously for the benefit of the village.

Chairman Eric Millard