

Snape Village Hall Management Trust

Annual Report 2021

This year has been difficult for the committee with problems finding a chairman following the resignation of our previous chairman due to ill health. Many of the committee are way beyond retirement age and have put in sterling work keeping the hall going over many years. This year we have shouldered the burden together and not only made significant improvements to the structure of the building, but managed to keep the essential services we provide to the village going where it was possible to do so. We kept our coffee mornings going by meeting outside in gazebos. Many volunteers helped with the erection and dismantling of these four gazebos bought with a generous Covid Re-start grant.

We also arranged for a caretaker to take on many of the tasks that had previously been done by the chairman and others such as checking the fire alarms, clearing up after less than helpful hirers, window cleaning – fogging the hall during Covid precautions etc. etc. This has proved very helpful to the committee.

Taking advantage of the halls closure, with a number of grants we were able to have the kitchen refitted, the front parking re-surfaced and additional disabled parking and hard standing to the rear of the hall. (The latter will be paid for in the next financial year thus accounting for the surplus this year, due to money arriving one year but the bills being paid the next) We are hoping to complete the last our major tasks by re-sealing the floor in the hall during the next financial year. Then, I suspect, it will be like the Forth Bridge and we start all over. The hall is now heavily used with few spare sessions available and its usage does take its toll on furniture and decoration.

Another issue that needs improving is the heating, but due to the asbestos in the lining of the building this is proving difficult, but with rising utility prices, we will have to consider this in the coming year.

As Acting Chairman, I have been supported by all the committee and I thank them and the many volunteers for their support. I particularly want to thank our bookings secretary who takes over not only the bookings, but oversees and liaises with the caretakers, all the works contractors (of which there have been many this year and all the building maintenance and also to the treasurer who keeps the invoices going out and keeps our finances in check. Thanks also to the volunteer who helped get the annual accounts in order and our very patient independent examiner.

Hopefully this year we will find a young and enthusiastic person to take over as Chairman

Mary Wyllie

Acting Chairman