

## **Annual Report 2020 / 2021**

### **Summary of Activity since May 2020**

Goes without saying extremely limited due to Covid – 19 restrictions. For the majority of the past year the Village Hall has been closed for use. During the very limited 'open' windows the Hall continued to be used by the Dancing Classes and regular users Crafternoon also being joined by the Quilters. This group being drawn by our improved facilities and environment.

All plans for summer use in 2020 for example White Peak Walk, Cream Teas, Jumble sales, car treasure hunt were all cancelled.

On a more positive note the Committee agreed use of the remaining Tarmac grant funding to purchase cushioned chairs for inside the hall and chair racks for easy storage. This is not only making the Hall more comfortable to users but also looks tidier but has created space.

Further through the Tarmac grant the entrance hall has been retiled, with sunken door mat, addressing an identified 'trip hazard'. Also looks very smart!

Additionally the store room has been refitted with bespoke, fit for purpose, floor to ceiling storage. Again enhances the appearance of the Hall facilities, is much organised and offers the Hall's regular users secure storage for materials and resources.

Since the re paving of the patio area, planters and outdoor chairs and tables have been purchased.

New table linen has been purchased for the indoor tables and there are plans to purchase wipeable cloths for the garden furniture.

PAT retesting of all electrical equipment was completed May 2021

Looking forward:

The Committee might wish to consider investing LRSO Covid – 19 grant money to further address energy efficiency in the continued running of the Hall.

### **Planned Activity**

Here we need to tread carefully and follow guidance regarding the re-opening of Village Hall activity. From May it will be possible for some regular groups to reconvene for example Quilters, Crafternoon but with certain restrictions.

There is the potential to use the outside space as the summer progresses holding the promised cream teas etc.

As soon as is realistic and safe to do so a rearrangement of the April 2020 planned Ceilidh and the June 2020 planned car treasure hunt would be lovely.

Taking a quote from the May 2020 AGM report;

**' A priority will be to make our Village Hall a venue that is available to those who wish to meet, share, catch up and enjoy each other's' company once we are safe to do so.**

A whole year on the same applies!

Ruth Yarwood Secretary