

Waterhouses Community Association

Trustees Annual Report 2021-22

Again, this has been a very unusual and trying year for the Hall, with many changes in when we could be open and what we were able to do, not only due to Covid restrictions. We did open in May with small groups, such as the Coffee Morning, Cinema Night, and Toddlers. The first larger events were in September with the Ceilidh and the Macmillan Charity Coffee Morning. The Family Night restarted in October along with the Quiz Night, and next took place in February. There was a Christmas Buffet Lunch for the Seniors and a Christmas Party for the children.

Sadly, we lost one of our ardent supporters in Enid early this year. She will be sorely missed, especially for her unique positive attitude to life, and her tasty cheese delights.

Projects/Activities

Woodland Group and the Orchard – Stefan will give an update on these.

The main hall floor was redone and is looking good, along with a professional repainting of the premises and new curtains.

Two windows in the Committee Room were replaced due to the wooden frames rotting.

Storm Arwen caused major problems in the Village. While some homes suffered loss of power for a couple of days, many were without for at least 5 days. Volunteers opened the Hall for anyone who wanted to come along to a warm place, with food provided and the chance to chat with people and charge their phones etc. Allison Jameson did a grand job on the catering side along with support from our Chair, Vicky, and others.

Unfortunately, in March we suffered a further problem with the tank in the loft overflowing and causing widespread damage to the foyer ceiling, floors, etc. This has resulted in a large insurance claim and is still ongoing, although most of the repairs have been completed. Obviously, this meant that the Hall had to close yet again, firstly to dry it out, then again for the repairs.

Vicky Beasley has spent many hours bringing together policies and actions to complete the requirements of the Council, in particular the Environmental Department re a Food Hygiene Certificate. We must thank her for the hours spent on this arduous task.

Fund Raising

In future we need to raise funds to cover the increasing running costs of the Hall – in particular the rising cost of electricity. This will not be an easy task as Committee Members and volunteers are at an all-time low, and still dwindling as our older volunteers are not being replaced by others. We know that everyone leads busy lives, but if you do know of anybody willing and able to join us – please let us know.

Financial

A copy of the Profit and Loss Report from the Treasurer is available. The full Accounts are available for anyone who wishes to look at them. The highlights are as follows:

Opening Balance of £28k and closing balance of £36k.

Income highlights:

Sale of Land £16634

Covid Start Up Grants £8800

Donation from Parish Council for help given re Storm Arwen £500

Expenditure highlights:

Flooring £2000

Replacement Windows £1100

Re-alignment of paving slabs in front of the Hall £530

Decorators £3700

Insurance £2300

Music and Memories transfer £1500