

HARDINSTONE VILLAGE HALL REPORT TO HPC ANNUAL MEETING

2024

The Village Hall is still a very popular venue for many Child friendly groups and regular social activities. The environment in which we are operating is incredibly challenging due to big increases in costs and we are still feeling the effects of the pandemic like many organisations. Our bookings are steady; However, we always struggle to fill the afternoons slots and weekend bookings are sporadic, not as good as previous years.

At present we have money in reserve, but we are eating into it year on year. We are looking at ways in which we can replenish our reserves from external sources via grants and donations. (Most hall and community centres are surviving on such funding).

We have for many years successfully operated the hall as a self-financing facility, but we now need help applying for funding and have considered ways in which the hall can remain an asset for the village and by possible restructuring. This included approaching Hardinstone Parish Council for help by asked them to consider taking over the management of the building. Unfortunately, they declined as they felt the hall was not financially viable. Other avenues are currently being explored.

Our small committee of dedicated volunteers work hard to support Gaynor our manager to keep the hall in a very good condition available to all village residents. Our longstanding Chairman feels he has done all he can for the hall and is now stepping aside at our AGM on June 11th, 2024. We are looking for a new chairperson with fresh idea to take the hall forward.

If you are interested in keeping this facility successful for our village and would be interested in helping, by joining our committee or being considered as the new chairperson please get in touch with the Manager or Committee at hardingstone@outlook.com