

## **Stibbard Village Hall – Year 2022**

### **Report to Stibbard Parish Council AGM 2023**

During the year we embarked upon a series of building improvements driven, initially, by a report that identified subsidence of the male / disabled toilet block. We were fortunate to have funds available from grants made to the Hall during the COVID pandemic and put them to good use as follows;

- Demolished the old male / disabled toilet block.
- Built a new, but smaller, male / disabled toilet.
- Completely redecorated the building interior.
- Installed a new heating system.
- Replaced all the curtains with blinds.
- Installed a safety rail on the entrance ramp.
- Installed a baby changing unit.
- Installed broadband / wifi.
- Boarded the loft void.
- Bought a new cooker.

Consequently, the Village Hall has a completely fresh look and feel and much improved facilities and comfort levels. The biggest task remaining for 2023 will be to clear the shed out and refurbish it.

We had, and still have, a small but committed Management Committee to run the Hall and put on events. To this end we;

- Supported the Platinum Jubilee event both financially and practically.
- Ran at least one event per month and continued to attract regular bookings from local groups as well as individuals. However, we made an operating loss and, whilst we still have a healthy bank balance, we cannot run a loss indefinitely.

Challenges for 2023;

- Attracting enough active people to serve on the Committee and to hold officer posts.
- Cost of living crisis – specifically, the cost of electricity.
- Being able to run more events with limited resources.
- Getting more bookings (both regular and one off).
- MAKING A WORKING PROFIT!

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