Rushbury Village Hall Management Committee

Report to Rushbury Parish Council AGM 27 April 2020

Village Hall Activity March 2019- March 2020

The management committee have experienced a very busy year and have worked hard to maintain and care for the Village Hall until the abrupt closure, in line with the national social distancing order due to the coronavirus pandemic, in March 2020.

Activity 2019-2020:

In addition to ad hoc bookings activity for the year included:

Two yoga classes weekly
A regular weekly booking from Home Education Group and Kids Club
Weekly coffee morning
Weekly badminton, bowls, table tennis and model plane flying club
Shropshire Tai Chi Academy events
Rushbury Village Hall Primary School events
Two musical social events
Camping and Caravan club week-ends
WI meetings
Annual Produce Show and Vintage Tea
Arts and Craft event

Young Farmers Club social events

Private parties

In January 2020 a new venture the launch of a monthly "Pop up Pub" was supported exceptionally well by a wide cross section of the community.

The Hall is also used to host the Parish Council meeting as required, Rushbury Records Trust, joint Parish meetings, production of the Parish Magazine, monthly Tote and as a local Polling Station.

The Village Hall Committee hold regular meetings to manage facilities, review activities, plan future events, and continue to ensure robust financial management.

During the year improvements to the Hall have been undertaken to reduce heat loss in the entrance lobby, improve storage and internal lighting in the main hall. To improve visibility for cars exiting the property work to replace the hedge with open fencing has begun. Volunteers maintain the outside space.

Plans for next year include modernisation and upgrading of the ladies WC to enhance safe washing and drying facilities and reduce water wastage. A Community grant application to support these plans is in progress.

The Committee are most appreciative of the support we receive and thank all those who hire the hall, the cleaners, gardeners, many other volunteers and of course all the people who attend events. We look forward to the time when we can open the hall again.

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(Secretary, Rushbury Village Hall Management Committee. Charity Number 522564) 22 April 2020