



Parish Council Report – April 2023

Chairman Darren Smith

Another year passes for the Village Hall Team, with changes in the coming months to keep our 'offer' fresh within the village network, and our key 'customers'.

We are working on a 'Mission Statement' that will example our aims and focus for People to reference. We will publish this, and a printed record placed up in the Village Hall. We continue to focus on being at the centre of most recognised events and are gearing our programme to be as inclusive as possible across All age ranges. This has meant the scaling back of some events and putting on serious thinking caps for upcoming possibilities. We continue to review our positioning in the villages social calendar being very aware of our local businesses, and schools' events being carried out alongside our own.

We have relaunched our own Facebook Page, with a growing support, and timely advertisements supporting not only our own, but known village events alongside.

We are currently working on a series of project's

- ✚ Cinema Night at the Village Hall
- ✚ Sound/Lighting units onto the Stage area
- ✚ New flooring to reduce stage floor surface noise
- ✚ Proposal for NEW Windows in the main hall
- ✚ Potential re-model of the Kitchen
- ✚ Installation of heating system timers
- ✚ Continued support of the Church 'facilities' funding
- ✚ Continued support for the Village Farm

Alongside that we are building in contingencies for

- ✓ New Roof
- ✓ External redecoration

Our focus this year has been centred on a more selective ‘events’ programme and will continue to be so through the upcoming Year. We ensure that we support all local, and major events. We have recently reached out to the PTA at our adjacent Trottiscliffe School to synchronise calendar’s, events and support where needed.

- ✚ Coronation Weekend Event
- ✚ Cheese & Wine Tasting
- ✚ Village Summer Fete
- ✚ Halloween Party
- ✚ Fireworks
- ✚ Annual Christmas Party

A full year’s revenue from Montessori, with charges increased last year in line with other village hall charge systems, (and due to increase again in September) to ensure that we not only remain competitive, but also face into increasing power/fuel charges. This has been supplemented by an increased weekend booking from our village-based business “Trottiscliffe Willow”, Yoga Classes, Theatre Group, and Table Tennis Club.

We have also contributed to the upgrading of the play equipment in the park behind the village hall and look to support more local incentives in due course. The village hall financially supports the publication of ‘The Tatler’ and the support of a series of distributors to get issues out into the village homes. This all carried out by a team of tireless volunteers who step up at every request made by Me.

Funds at the last update were

<b>NWest Current</b>	13870.09
<b>NWest Deposit</b>	11640.33
<b>Redwood 35 Day Notice</b>	15227.47