

# **WHITECROSS VILLAGE HALL**

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Registered Charity No: 300558  
Charitable Incorporated Organisation No: 1176075

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## **ANNUAL REPORT 2017 – 2018**

The Annual Report for 2017–2018 summarises the years activities and financial accounts for Whitecross Village Hall. This report is presented to the committee and the public at the Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the hall, which is normally held in the first two weeks in May. The purpose of the hall and the guiding principles that the trustees adhere to, is the promotion of the intellectual, social and physical welfare of the inhabitants of the parish of Lanteglos-by-Fowey and extending to inhabitants of neighbouring communities, irrespective of their race, creed, colour or physical ability. Additionally, to provide a range of facilities that will improve the conditions of life within the community, including use for meetings, lectures, classes and for other forms of recreation and leisure time occupations. The Trustees achieve these objectives by preserving, developing and improving the structure and fabric of the building and its surrounds.

The Management Committee are the Trustees. The Committee for this year comprises the following members, who were elected at the AGM on Tuesday 9th May 2017: Chairman: Gavin Shakerley; Vice Chairman: Linda Harrison; Secretary: Margaret Shakerley; Treasurer: Gavin Shakerley; Bookings Secretary & key holders: Mary Collings & Joan Bunt; Maintenance: Toby Wakeham & Joan Bunt; Advertising & PR: Kim Carcas; Carn to Cove: Alison Hunter; Produce Market: Liz Luck; Parish Council: Margaret Shakerley & Joan Bunt; Parochial Church Council: Joan Bunt; Whitecross & District Gardening Club: Josie Slade. The following members were also elected to the Committee: Sue Shakerley (retired 2018).

The committee met five times during the year ( 9<sup>th</sup> May 2017, 21<sup>st</sup> August, 18<sup>th</sup> September, 15<sup>th</sup> November 2017 & 5<sup>th</sup> February 2018) in addition to holding its concluding Annual General Meeting on 1st May 2018, in which the chairman thanked the committee for their continuing hard work and enthusiasm in support of achieving the aims of the hall.

The most significant decision the Committee undertook in the year was to take forward an application for Whitecross Village Hall to become a “Charitable Incorporated Organisation” (CIO). A sub committee consisting of the Chairman, Vice Chairman and Secretary was appointed to take this forward. The project was worked on over the summer months and the foundation model, supplied by the Charity Commission, was used as the basis for the hall's proposed new constitution,

with amendments made, where appropriate, to reflect the hall's original constitution. In September the committee agreed that the draft new constitution should be accepted and that a Public "Open Meeting" be organised for 17<sup>th</sup> October. In December 2017 we were informed that our application had been successful and our new CIO number is 1176075.

For the historical record, it was noted by the committee, that an Order was made on 29 August 1952 to vest the charity's property in the "Official Trustee of Charity Lands". The "Official Custodian for Charities" is the successor body and the committee assume that the title to the property is held by the Official Custodian for Charities in trust for the hall.

Early in the year the committee agreed to investigate the creation of a website for the hall. "Western Web" were commissioned and the Secretary worked very hard to gather together all the information that they needed. We expect to be on line in a few days time.

With the 2015 complete refurbishment of the kitchen, the hall over the past year has again benefited from good publicity as being a very good venue for successfully catering for parties and wedding events. The introduction of the monthly local Produce Market has been an outstanding success. Regular users continue to attend for Pilates and Zumba classes. The Stretch & Tone sessions have now moved to Lanreath.

Lanteglos Parish Council (PC) continue to use the hall and its facilities for the majority of their meetings. Our Cornwall Councillor holds many of her local "surgeries" at the hall coinciding with the local produce market on the first Saturday of each month.. The PC has commissioned the purchase of a new PC notice board and will position it on the village green. The existing notice board on Whitecross Village Hall's external wall is to be refurbished for the hall's use.

The hall is utilised as the local polling station. Social events include coffee mornings, Age Concern events, Carn to Cove entertainment and regular Whist Drives. Whitecross & District Gardening Club meets ten times in the year and continue to succeed in acquiring a wide range of knowledgeable and entertaining speakers for their meetings.

The Treasurer presented the accounts for the year at the AGM. The accounts had been checked and verified by an independent member of the community, which is the accepted audit equivalent for a charity with a small turnover. Overall income for the year has exceeded expenditure.

This is the second year of the local Produce Market. It has proven to be a great success and as a direct result over £2000 was raised for Hall funds. The number of Coffee Mornings and Whist drives are suffering from dwindling numbers. Hall usage has fallen with 25 group/ individual hirers reducing to 18 as such income from hall lettings reduced by nearly a half. The year saw a reduced schedule of improvements.

The application to become a CIO absorbed a large percentage of the available Committee time and available brain power. Hence proposals to look into possible plans to extend, modernise and refurbish the outhouses/ old toilet blocks, were temporarily put on hold.

In February 2018 the committee was asked by Dr Helen Doe for support in sponsoring grant applications for the commemoration of the centenary of the end of World War One (WW1). The

Secretary and Treasurer were tasked to assist.

Gavin Shakerley  
Chairman  
Whitecross Village Hall

11<sup>th</sup> May 2018