

WHITECROSS VILLAGE HALL

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ANNUAL REPORT 2018 – 2019

The Annual Report for 2018–2019 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 1st May 2018: 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 & Margaret Shakerley; Carn to Cove: Alison Hunter; Produce Market: Liz Luck; Parish Council: Margaret Shakerley & Joan Bunt; Parochial Church Council: Joan Bunt. From CIO guidance notes it was decided that representation from the Whitecross & District Gardening Club was no longer relevant and Josie Slade was thanked for all her help. During the year the following members were also elected to the Committee: Helen Doe and Diane Pearce.

The committee met four times during the year (1st May 2018, 6th September, 8th November 2018 & 7th February 2019) in addition to holding its concluding Annual General Meeting on 7th May 2019, in which the chairman thanked the committee for their continuing hard work and enthusiasm in support of achieving the aims of the hall.

An early success was the establishment of the hall's website. The secretary worked very hard to gather together all the information needed by “Western Web” to set up the site which is now on stream. It is at www.whitecrossvillagehall.org.uk. It is very informative with a “Home” page;

“About the Hall”; “What's on”; “Hire the Hall”; “Location” and “Contact Us” pages.

The refurbished and very well equipped kitchen continues to make a considerable contribution. The hall over the past year has again benefited from good local publicity, as being a great venue for successfully catering for parties and weddings. The kitchen facilities are tested every month at the local Produce Market. Committee members and willing volunteers cook over a hundred pasties and provide an unending supply of teas and coffees.

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 commissioned the purchase of a new PC notice board and it has been positioned on the village green. The existing notice board on Whitecross Village Hall's external wall is currently being refurbished for the hall's exclusive use.

The hall is utilised as the local polling station. Social events include coffee mornings, Age Concern events and weekly Whist Drives. Regular users continue to attend for Pilates and Zumba classes. 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. A folk band called the “Church fitters” engaged through Carn to Cove was a particular success and saw the hall “crammed to the rafters”!

In February 2018 Whitecross Village Hall 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. Successful applications for grant support were made with another application to The Armed Forces Covenant Fund to sponsor “There but not there” silhouettes. The hall became the engine house of the “Lanteglos Remembers World War One” project and Helen's team created a much admired display honouring the 28 members of the Parish who died in the war. The exhibition started at St Saviour, Polruan and then was reconstructed at St John, Bodinnick. Its final resting place was the parish church at St Wyllow, Lanteglos, for the Remembrance Services on 11th November 2018.

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. The hall's electrics have been improved, dry air fans installed and two electric state of the art heaters have been purchased to provide low back ground heating. The Treasurer was pleased to report that income matched expenditure over the year and that the village hall account remained healthy and could contribute in the future for further improvements.

Noticeable trends from the accounts show that the local Produce Market, in its third year, has again proven to be a great success and provided a significant contribution to hall funds. The numbers attending Coffee Mornings and Whist drives continues to suffer, as the more elderly members of our community find it more difficult to get out. Income from hall usage has returned to a better level from the previous year with 19 regular group/ individual hirers.

The Committee agreed that next year's major project would be the painting and redecoration of the main hall. The Committee hope to finalise plans to safely accommodate the Isobel Pickering archive which represents a significant historical record of the local families that lived and worked in

Lanteglos-by-Fowey.

Gavin Shakerley

Chairman
Whitecross Village Hall

7th May 2019