

WHITECROSS VILLAGE HALL

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ANNUAL REPORT 2019 - 2020

The Annual Report for the year May 2019 to May 2020 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 2020 AGM was scheduled to meet on the 5th May but had to be delayed to an unknown date in the future, due to the Covid 19 virus outbreak and the inability of the Committee to arrange a meeting at the hall until the legal restrictions on public assembly are lifted. This report will be circulated to the Committee electronically and copies posted on public noticeboards.

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 Trustees are responsible for all aspects of the management of the Hall. The Hall is a freehold property. Committee members are elected on a one, two and three year rotation and may then apply for re-election. On the 7th May 2020 most of the Committee were contacted electronically through "Zoom" and agreed to meet for an AGM as soon as it was legally permitted to do so. In the meantime Committee members would continue in their previous role as follows:

The Committee comprises the following members, who were elected at the AGM on Tuesday 7th May 2019: Chairman: Gavin Shakerley; Vice Chairman: Linda Harrison; Secretary & bookings diary: Margaret Shakerley; Treasurer: Gavin Shakerley; Key holders: Joan Bunt & Alison Hunter; Maintenance: Toby Wakeham & Joan Bunt; Advertising & PR: Kim Carcas & Margaret Shakerley; Events & Carn to Cove: Alison Hunter; Produce Market: Liz Luck; Parish Council: Margaret Shakerley & Joan Bunt; Parochial Church Council: Joan Bunt. During the year the following members were also elected to the Committee: Helen Doe and Diane Pearce. The Chairman proposed that as a mark of appreciation of all the support Mary Collings has given to the Hall over many decades, that on her retirement as a long standing member of the Village Hall Committee, she be made an Honorary Member. This was unanimously agreed by the Committee. It was also recorded that key holders were as follows: Gavin & Margaret Shakerley, Linda Harrison, Joan Bunt, Helen Doe, Alison Hunter, Liz Luck, Pat Moore (Lanteglos Parish Council), Liz Smith (Whitecross & Village Gardening Club). In 2020 Jane Wakeham joined the Committee.

The Committee met four times during the year on the 7th May 2019, 26th August 2019, 21st October 2019 and 2nd March 2020. The Annual General Meeting, scheduled for the 5th May 2020, could not take place at that time due to the Covid 19 Pandemic restrictions.

The hall's website at www.whitecrossvillagehall.org.uk is very informative with a “Home” page; “About the Hall”; “What's on”; “Hire the Hall”; “Location” and “Contact Us” pages. Details of the new BACS system were added to the website.

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 in the winter months. 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 has been refurbished for the hall's exclusive use.

The hall is utilised as the local polling station. Social events include coffee mornings and Age Concern events. Regular users continue to attend for Pilates classes. Whitecross & District Gardening Club meets ten times in the year and continues to succeed in acquiring a wide range of knowledgeable and entertaining speakers for

their meetings.

The Treasurer presents the accounts for the year published in tandem with the Annual Report. The accounts are checked and verified by an independent member of the community, which is the accepted audit equivalent for a charity with a small turnover. The accounts show that last years electrical improvements and the installation of the dry air fans and two electric state of the art heaters providing low back ground heating, has resulted in a much more comfortable hall, but at the cost of nearly doubling the bill for electricity. Income arising from the hire of the hall remained constant up to the point when the Covid 19 pandemic restrictions were announced and the hall was closed. It was noted that expenditure exceeded income by £1300, much of which is accounted for with the repainting of the hall's interior at £1857. The Treasurer was pleased to report that the village hall account remained healthy and should see the Hall's finances through to the post pandemic period.

Hall users will be introduced to the facility that they can pay and be paid directly through the BACS system.

Noticeable trends from the accounts show that the local Produce Market, in its fourth year, has again proven to be a great success and provided a significant contribution to hall funds. The numbers attending Coffee Mornings continues to suffer, as the more elderly members of our community found it more difficult to get out and as such Whist Drive evenings have now ceased.

Last year's major project, the painting and redecoration of the main hall, was completed in October. The painter remarked that the East wall was in a bad state of repair and was letting water seepage into the structure. This will form 2020's major project and Paul Rollings has been booked to do the work.

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. To this end, the Committee agreed that John Venning (local architect) be asked to provide advice on possible alternative ideas for the Stage and Committee Room area, with the aim of producing an additional multi-purpose space.

On 24th March 2020 the Government announced a complete social lock down to try and reduce the effects of the Covid 19 Pandemic. The village hall was closed and all the scheduled events planned to be held at the hall cancelled until further notice.

Gavin Shakerley

Chairman
Whitecross Village Hall

6th May 2020