

High Ercall Village Hall

Annual Report 2024

The previous twelve months have not only been productive but also challenging. In August 2023 there was a major change in committee member make up. We were sorry to lose senior members of the team through personal circumstances but as a result a new temporary committee was formed to carry on the good work.

We have purchased over the last twelve months thanks to funds raised from Community Bar Events, Pride and Joy and of course hirings the following: - New tables, new chairs, emergency doors in the bar area, exterior security door in the bar and storage area (to be constructed) by the kitchen.

New LED dimmable ceiling lights now fitted in the main hall and full CCTV system now installed. We arranged for a full drains survey, completed the new meeting room and replaced the Emergency Lighting System. Also updated was the fire safety equipment and full fire report commissioned.

The toilet refurbishment is progressing, building regs completed and we are awaiting the tender documents before going to tender.

A new website has been created, incorporating a new booking system, which should improve our profile and make running the hall more efficient. Bookings are well advanced and take up from new hirers is encouraging.

Refurbishment of the bar room is a work in progress and future projects include roof insulation of main hall, new internal fire doors and planning for the kitchen to be updated. The playing field path continues to be used and is proven asset to the community.

Of course, none of the above could have been achieved, not only with the support of past and present committee members, without our band of merry volunteers.

Our AGM is in May, where as well as election of key officers, input from residents will be welcome. The committee will require a review of our prices as a whole to ensure our fixed expenditure (i.e. Hall running costs) are covered.

Ray Wickson

Acting Chairman HEVH