



Thornborough Village Hall Annual Review 2022

Prime Objective:

The village hall management committee have met their prime objective of keeping Thornborough Village Hall open for use by villagers and village organisations.

Income:

Income from hiring the hall falls far short of the routine running costs of the hall. Our 59 clubs bring income of nearly £2000. There is a trickle of new members and a loss of current members of about 5 per annum.

The village hall committee are very grateful for the annual £1000 grant from the parish council, without which we would not be able to keep the hall open. Even with this grant and the income from the 59 Club, we will make a bigger loss than previously, due mainly to huge and increasing electricity bills.

TVH Management Committee are also very grateful for the support from TPC in seeking to obtain grants to allow refurbishment of the hall which is a long-term project. The first priority is an injected DPC then onto other works including refurbishing the toilets, improving insulation and heating. The intention is to make the hall more comfortable and attractive to hirers as well as a lower cost to run.

Thornborough School:

The hall has a special rate hire agreement with the school for one hour lunchtime use until 31st July 2022. This agreement has conditions on both parties, including precedence for hirers paying regular hire rates and allowing the school to use the hall at other times during the week if it is not in use.

Wednesday Outreach Post Office & Community Café:

The PO has been open most Wednesdays 2:00p.m. to 4:00p.m. and has continued with a new rental agreement for another year. The P.O. rental allows the hall to be used for the very popular community café which predominantly acts as a fundraiser for the school.

TVH Maintenance:

The management committee are well aware of the toilets becoming increasingly scruffy, although everything works and they are kept clean. Before we can refurbish the toilets we need to address the underlying cause of the problems and the reason why plaster is coming off the inside of the walls in the hall – rising damp.

Booking Secretary:

Our bookings secretary Sue Kenyon continues to do an excellent job, requiring little or no work from the committee. Hall lettings have a few regulars like band practice, WI, Yoga sessions, art club, football meetings and a smattering of parties, etc. Thursday evenings (5:30 – 8:30) sees the popular wood fired Pizza van outside!

Thanks to the Committee:

Excellent work is done behind the scenes by David Telford our new honorary treasurer, Steve Wilkins as chairman and Tracy Sapwell as honorary examiner of accounts.

Bernard Garbe

Hon. Sec. Thornborough Village Hall Committee (garbeb+TVH@gmail.com)

For bookings: Please contact booking secretary Sue Kenyon on 07704 730466 (call or text anytime), or call 01280 824783 (between 5:00 and 8:00 p.m.)

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