

Stoke St Michael War Memorial Hall

Chairperson's Annual Report – April 2025

Overview

- It was a positive year. The committee worked well together and was supported by an active and enthusiastic group of 'friends of the hall' volunteers.
- The hall was well-supported by the village residents, local groups & external one-off bookings.
- A new user-friendly website was commissioned and launched.

Objectives

- The main objectives for the year were achieved.
 1. Re-establish the relationships with village groups and residents.
 2. Commission urgent building repairs to ensure the building is in good condition and fit for purpose.
 3. Establish a regular calendar of one-off and recurring events to ensure the hall remains financially viable and an integral part of the village.

Financials

- Finances are stable, and a new treasurer is now overseeing them.
- A small operating deficit existed this year, but ample financial reserves exist.
- The hall received additional funding and grants from several groups and local companies, which enabled it to carry out needed repairs on the building and improve some of its facilities.
- A price increase for hiring was put in place from 01.04 with an additional hourly charge for heating to ensure the recent and future energy price rises are covered.
- Full breakdown of finances attached

Facilities

- There are no significant concerns right now.
- However, there is a continual need to fund ongoing repairs and improvements to ensure the facility is fit for purpose and attractive enough for external groups and individuals to hire.
- The VHC will seek financial support from the PC and local companies again in the next 12 months to ensure it can carry out the ongoing

maintenance needed and can operate close to a break-even figure for the forthcoming year.

Events & Bookings

- In the last 12 months, the major events put on by the Village Hall Committee for the residents have been really well supported.
- The monthly film club is steadily building in attendance.
- There are also a number of recurring resident /group bookings now in place, including.
 - Parish Council
 - Sunday Stokers
 - Baby & toddlers
 - Crafty ladies
 - Ali's fitness group
- The VHC also ran a number of joint fundraising socials with local groups.
- The VHC is planning a major celebration in May for the 80th anniversary of VE Day
- A new website will hopefully make the booking procedure even easier for one-off enquiries and be a way of publicising regular events.

Miscellaneous

- The VHC will be agreeing on a new constitution in May as the current one is no longer fit for the purpose it was originally written for as a number of groups referenced no longer exist
- The committee will reduce the number of meetings it holds to 6 times per year, with one-off meetings as and when needed.
- The chairperson would like to thank the VHC and friends of VH for their time and support over the last 12 months.

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Income and Expenditure Account

Year Ended 31 December 2024

	2024		2023	
	£	£	£	£
Income				
Grants		3,250.00		3,060.00
Hire		3,290.00		3,205.00
Events		3,337.65		3,453.41
Bar		2,501.74		3,741.42
Donations		890.00		1,234.99
Interest Received		236.98		
Other				36.74
		<u>13,506.37</u>		<u>14,731.56</u>
Direct Costs				
Events	842.10		2,303.81	
Bar	981.08		1,531.97	
Donations	<u>300.00</u>			
		<u>2,123.18</u>		<u>3,835.78</u>
		11,383.19		10,895.78
Expenses				
Grants			1,372.38	
Cleaning	2,527.63			
Light & Heat	2,469.17			
Rates	865.38			
Insurance	292.24			
Repairs & renewals	3,751.03		2,271.65	
Running costs	1,305.83		5,985.50	
Chubb Fire & Safety	224.98			
Sundry	399.68		230.52	
Purchases			286.58	
		<u>11,835.94</u>		<u>10,146.63</u>
		<u>(452.75)</u>		<u>749.15</u>
(Deficit)/Surplus for the year				