

Gratefully, 2023-24 has been a full year without disruption. All local non-commercial groups have reported increases in membership and have expressed satisfaction with the facilities provided at the Hall. Recent new groups include the Sea Cadets, a Yoga class and a table tennis group is about to get started. Equipment for table tennis has been generously donated by the Potter Heigham Trust Fund and a marquee by the Produce Show. The Produce Show has also supported the purchase of the new outside doors, the Mardlers and Art Show have supported the new internal doors.

So much depends on dedicated people running groups, tending to the needs of keeping the Hall and the grounds in good condition and managing the growing administrative side of the facility. Sheridan, Stan, Louise and Amy must be expressly acknowledged and thanked for their ongoing contributions together with Bob, Paul, Robert and Barry who regularly take care of a wide range of issues.

The annual operating costs still exceed the hall hire income, however, the grant from the Parish Council has enabled us to keep the local village group hire rates as low as possible despite the problems of inflation and rises in costs. An application for funds to offset operating costs in 2024-25 will be submitted to the Parish Council. A grant has also been submitted to the National Lottery seeking funding for a Ball Wall. Funds raised from events such as Bingo, Concerts, Jumble Sales, Produce and Art Shows, together with donations are the main way that we have been able to keep improving the facilities together with grants that require matched funding.

Renewal of both the internal and external double doors have been commissioned. The Playground is very well used, and the equipment is inspected annually by ROSPA and weekly by Paul. We are planning to increase equipment to encourage greater use of the Field. Several improvements are still needed such as levelling the floor, tree lopping, and reviewing the waste disposal systems.

Community Action Norfolk submitted their report on the management and administrative procedures adopted by the Hall Management committee and were very complementary about the current position. The Committee agreed that the Constitution needed to be updated and this is currently in progress with a village wide meeting held on March 19th when there was great enthusiasm for new possibilities for new sports groups.

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Parish Councillors on the committee as trustees were Sheridan Turner Secretary, Stan Chapman Treasurer, Harry May Vice Chair, Donald Pickering, and Robin Graves-Morris Chair. In the future all representatives will automatically become trustees of the Charity.

Thank you to everyone who helps to keep the Hall running so well.

Robin Graves-Morris Chair - Potter Heigham Management Committee. March 22nd 2024.