

2024/5 Potter Heigham Village Hall Report.

It has been a busy year for the VHMC and great progress has been made to improve the Village Hall.

First of all, we amended the Constitution to make it reflect the activities of today. This was completed at the AGM last year and accepted by the Commission. The new structure of the VHMC has 8 Trustees representing user groups, 5 Trustees appointed by the Parish Council (but not necessarily members of the Council) and three general elected members. All Trustees are elected each year so if you have an interest in becoming a Trustee, please let us know.

The VHMC was concerned about the very large electric bills we were getting, especially given the installation of the solar panels. After a tremendous amount of work by Sheridan and Stan, we were able to get a significant amount returned to us from EON. Because the bills were so high it had meant that the Committee felt unable to commit funds on much needed capital repairs and improvements.

Thanks to this refund and generous support from the Parish Council we have now got the annex roof repaired and insulated, and the garage roof and doors replaced. We now have an outdoor garage that is watertight, which will provide much needed storage space.

A new financial reporting system has been created so we better understand our expenses and revenues and has also enabled us to budget for future needs.

The Produce and Craft Show purchased a 12m x 6m Marquee that is available for hire and certainly enhanced attendance at the show last year along with the addition of the well-attended Dog Show.

At the Produce & Craft Fayre Robin Graves-Morris was thanked for the 15 years' service he gave to the Village Hall as Chairman and given a small gift in appreciation.

Thanks to the generosity of the Mardlers, the Art Exhibition organisers, the Produce and Craft Fair and funds raised through Bingo, we have been able to put in new hall entrance doors and replace the main external entrance doors that are now fully accessible, water heaters are in all the toilets and a PA system has been purchased.

Sheridan secured a grant from the National Lottery fund to cover the cost of a Ball-wall on the playing field. It has proved to be a very popular attraction.

Finally, we now have a Facebook page dedicated to the Village Hall.

I express huge thanks to our great committee who are working hard to ensure that our Hall is well maintained and well utilised.

The AGM is on Wednesday 18th June starting at 7pm, all everyone is very welcome.

Donald Pickering,

Chair