



Potterspury Village Hall Committee

Chair's Report 2020

This year has been a strange and challenging year for the Village Hall and Potterspury as a community, with very limited use of the Hall.

May I once again take this opportunity to thank all the members of the committee for their help and support during this difficult year. I would particularly like to thank Marilyn Abbott and Bev Silvester for their able and invaluable support as officers in helping to keep the hall running, albeit at a much lower level due to the Pandemic.

My thanks also go to all the groups who continued to use the Hall prior to Lock Down.

Following the first lockdown, we implemented a number of Covid 19 safety processes including the installation of hand sanitisers at key points, the development of a Covid 19 Risk Assessment, the closure of the kitchen and toilets and regular sanitisation of the Hall. Following these measures three groups started to use the Hall. These were Zumba, Tai-Chi and Think Dance Education Group.

The lock down period afforded the opportunity to carry out some much-needed refurbishments to the Hall. The Kitchen, Lobby and Toilets were repainted, a broken cistern replaced in the Ladies toilet, two damaged doors were replaced, the two main Hall notice boards were framed and painted as was the one in the Lobby. The railings at the rear of the Hall were repainted and the patio area at the front of the Hall were power washed. My thanks go to Bev, Jess and Tori for their hard work in achieving this.

In terms of fundraising before the lock down, Whist Drives raised £335, our thanks to Jenny Walker, Quizzes raised £195, Book sales £191, and Coffee Mornings £207. We also had two donations totaling £450. Private hire of the Hall raised £799.

We were also very fortunate to receive a grant of £10,000 from South Northants Council as part of the Covid 19 support fund.

Mark Silvester
Committee Chair