

Farthinghoe Village Hall - 2021 report

Good progress with the Hall this year despite the reduction in bookings due to Covid.

The following improvements have been made in the past two years:

1. The roof has been insulated with a grant.
2. We now have stage curtains thanks to a grant from Coop.
3. A heating system has been installed and is controllable via the internet.
4. Fibre Broadband installed.
5. New flooring in the main Hall but waiting for some faults to be rectified.
6. Storage area extended into roof space which has been boarded and safety rails fitted at first floor level.
7. Central hot water system purchased and awaiting installation.
8. Ballet bar brackets replaced and walls decorated.
9. BBQ and paved area completed.
10. Rose arch and stone seat installed for weddings etc.
11. Shelving expanded in Committee Room for books (Read and Feed)
12. Kitchen upgrade planned, including the floor.
13. Outside sheds upgraded and awaiting new metal roof installation.

Finances:

We have received some grants from the Council. Income obviously down but normal bookings were up pre Covid. Interest in Weddings and other larger events from the surrounding area is increasing due to the improvements at the Hall.

Electricity costs have risen as a result of heating installation and we will be reviewing hire charges this year.

We continue to support the school with hire rates for PE now approaching the Villager hire rate, parents using the car park for drop off and pick up, teachers parking, hosting the container for equipment, storing equipment etc.

A Village Show is planned for September with the produce going across to the Church for Harvest Festival.

An application is being prepared for an HS2 grant for Solar Panels and Battery to complete the main Hall upgrade.

Grounds maintenance will now be contracted out to relieve the pressure on the Volunteers.

As at 31/03/2021 we have a positive balance of £23,000

Thanks:

Just a quick reminder that the Hall continues to open and function because of the many Volunteers. In addition to the main Committee, we get support for events, maintenance etc. from others in the Village. This is an important aspect of running the Hall and the Table Tennis Club is a good example of something proposed by the Village, managed by Barry and a purchase of a new table by the Committee which has now been paid off by the hire fee.

So I conclude with a massive thanks to those who make things happen.

David Hancock
Chair, Farthinghoe Village Hall Committee (FVHC)