

UGBOROUGH VILLAGE HALL ANNUAL REPORT FOR UGBOROUGH PARISH COUNCIL MARCH 2022

Ugborough Village Hall Committee manages the provision and maintenance of the Ugborough Village Hall facilities for the community of Ugborough and the surrounding area and is committed to enabling as many people as possible to access the facilities provided by the Village Hall.

The Committee meet monthly to which all user groups are welcome. These meetings provide an opportunity to share concerns, information and consult with users about the running of the Hall. The Committee will have met using Zoom for eleven meetings by the end of this financial year, with the Annual General Meeting and May 2021 Committee meeting being held at the Village Hall during May 2021 complying with the Coronavirus disease (Covid-19) restrictions applying at the time.

Due to Covid-19 and Government restrictions for this financial year, the Village Hall has unfortunately had limited use once again. Although hires have been made, there have been regular cancellations because members of the event have tested positive for Covid-19, or the event involves vulnerable people. However, the Village Hall has seen a gradual increase in numbers of hires including both groups and individuals: Preschool, Toddlers, Breakfast Club, After School Club, Preschool Meetings, Yoga, Sustainable Saturdays markets for local suppliers with the Café, Tuesday Lunch Club, Children's parties, Police Commissioner Election, Parish Council meetings, Parish Annual meeting, Defibrillator Training, non-denominational Christian meetings, Greener Ugborough Parish meeting, Village Hall AGM and Amateur Dramatic Group Meetings. All hires have been Covid-19 restriction compliant.

Virus control measures have been in place and the cleaner/caretaker services continue within the Village Hall including additional cleans and "fogging" as required.

This year has seen the first-floor meeting room carpet replaced, and the gas combination boiler replaced, which provides both the heating and hot water.

The Village Hall accounts for the year ending 31st March 2022 will show the Hall to be in a healthy position financially despite limited hire opportunities. The accounts reflect the generous Covid-19 small business support grants applied for and provided by the Government via South Hams District Council, totalling £10,667 to date. Also there has been some use of the Village Hall and the continued day to day ad hoc support provided by volunteers giving their time at no cost. Thank you to you all.

The Committee continuously review the Hall environment, fabric, systems and equipment, including potential future improvements and uses. Minor repairs and replacements have been required in this last financial year. Planned annual legislative maintenance works have taken place as required during the year.

The hire charges are reviewed on an annual basis in May each year.

The Village Hall enters the next financial year with hires gradually increasing, Covid-19 and some consequent hire cancellations likely to occur. It is currently anticipated the monthly meetings will carry on being virtual for the time being.

The Parish Council defibrillator continues to be housed externally on the front of the Village Hall and all appropriate weekly and monthly checks are completed and reported to the Parish Council and South-Western Ambulance Service Accreditation Scheme.

We would like to pass on our thanks to all those, who for the last 12 months have been part of the Committee. The Committee wish to express their appreciation to all those who have provided support in various ways for the Village Hall, to the groups and individuals who have hired the Hall, and also the Government and those Bodies who have provided grant funding to the Hall.

Thanks also to our cleaner/caretaker Annie Douglas who took over from Helaena Pilcher during this financial year, both have kept the Hall looking good and provided the additional support required due to Covid-19 requirements for Hall Users.

As a final note, the Ugborough Village Hall Annual General Meeting is currently being planned to take place in the Village Hall and will be subject to Covid-19 restrictions. The date has yet to be confirmed with the required prior public notice being given before the meeting.

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