

## Village Hall Committee - Report for Annual Parish Meeting 2023

It has been another year of recovery from the effects of the pandemic for the Village Hall.

Many regular hirers have returned and the hall is busy on most weekdays. One notable new hire has been for the Warm Space Cafe by the Roots & Shoots group which is now well established on Tuesday mornings. However the weekend bookings for larger events are still very much down on pre pandemic years which has reduced income. The Hall made a loss in over the calendar year but by careful financial management did not need to dip into financial reserves and as bookings have started to increase again we are back in the black . .

There has been a worrying increase in incidents of vandalism to the hall, both from unauthorised intruders inside and damage to the exterior including to the roof and several broken windows. These have all been reported to the Police. The windows alone cost over £1,000 to repair.

The WiFi in the hall has been upgraded by Oxfordshire County Council , at no cost to the Hall, which will benefit current users and hopefully encourage bookings at weekends .

Future plans include the renovation or replacement of the stage curtains.

The AGM is in Monday 22 May at 7.45pm in Millennium Room and everyone is welcome . We are always on the lookout for help with the running and maintenance of the hall so please get in touch if you could spare a few hours to help keep this village asset open.

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