

HIBALDSTOW VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE

TRUSTEES REPORT 2016

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The committee consists of members of Hibaldstow Village who work on a voluntary basis to run and manage the Village Hall and Playing Field as a charity.

At the present time, there are eight members on the committee. Bryan Sheppard agreed to continue in his role as treasurer of the committee as a non-member and our thanks go out to him for all the work he has done during the year. Elaine Broomhall agreed to continue in her role as secretary and booking clerk, and our thanks go to her for all the hard work that she has done for the committee this past year. Our thanks also go out to the members of the committee, who continue to work to keep the committee going.

VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT

The main committee is responsible for managing both the hall and playing field until there is an increase in membership.

SOCIAL EVENTS

No social events have taken place during 2016.

FUND RAISING

A Table Top Sale was held on the 19th November and was very successful. The money raised from the sale was used to purchase a new cooker for the kitchen. Because the table top sale was a success, it is the committees' intention to run this event again in 2017, but on two occasions; late spring and early autumn.

Over the Bank Holiday, 25th May to 29th May, the Austin A30/A35 Owner Club will be holding their National Rally on the Playing Field.

Those taking part in the event will be coming from all over the British Isles and as far away as Holland.

The organisers of this event are expecting up to 150 classic cars to take part, and members of the public will be made most welcome.

VILLAGE HALL

As with the previous year, the committee have mainly concentrated on the upkeep of the hall, carrying out several minor repairs in the process. Whilst we would like to carry out a major refurbishment of the building, it was again decided to put it on hold until both membership and finances increase.

However, the committee has discussed at length, ways of carrying out improvements to the kitchen and changing rooms as well as the addition of a meeting room. This is something that we hope to be able to pursue during 2017.

The caretaker of the village hall, Andrew Garlick left us at the end of March, and a new caretaker, Kim Wardle took over the role on the 4th April. Alison Ward is currently employed as cleaner for the hall and the high standards set by her from the previous year are still being maintained.

Our thanks go to both Kim and Alison for all their hard work during the year.

PLAYING FIELD

As with previous years the committee are indebted to Jon Taylor for the work he carries out, maintaining the playing field.

The existing children's play area is to be replaced and refurbished and a fitness trail provided. Orders have been placed with the two companies concerned and the work should be completed by the summer.

The rabbit fence referred to in the previous trustee's report is currently ongoing and should be completed within the next few weeks.

FINANCE

A full income and expenditure breakdown is given in the treasurer's report.

As previously stated there are still severe financial threats to the hall and additional income needs to be found to guarantee the halls future.

HALL AND PLAYING FIELD USE

The hall and playing field continue to be used by groups of all ages on a regular basis with the hall being used for four nights during the week and Mondays and Tuesdays during the day. The hall also gets used for parties and the occasional wedding reception, and other special events at weekends; together with the bowls, football and cricket club. However, since the closure of the pre-school the hall is still underused during the day and alternative hirers need to be found to increase the use and income for the hall.

The playing field generally, continues to be well used by the footballers and cricketers, and with the introduction of the new play equipment and fitness trail in 2017, it is hoped that these new additions will encourage greater use of the playing field.

PLANS FOR THE FUTURE

As with previous years the main objective for the committee in the next twelve months is to increase the income of the village hall by means of fund raising events, encouraging more people to hire the hall by advertising and promotion of the available facilities. As previously mentioned, it is hoped that the improvements and refurbishments to the hall can be progressed further in 2017.

CONCLUSION

Although 2016 has not been a successful year for the committee, we believe that with the hard work and commitment of the committee members, we will be able to improve the situation and continue to manage the hall, for the benefit of the residents of this village for many years to come.

David Stothard

Chairman Hibaldstow Village Hall