

Treknow Village Hall Annual General Meeting - 10th April 2024

Chair's Report

The year 2023/24 has been another amazing year for Treknow Village Hall. The committee continues to work hard to include as many members of the community of Treknow and the surrounding area as possible.

The highlight of the year has been the celebration of the centenary of the building of the hall in 1923. There were many activities throughout the year, including a wonderful Open day in July 2023 to celebrate the centenary, attended by many families and members of our community, young and old. We have enjoyed many successful "Cakee Tea" days, a curry night, live music events, a games night, and a village photo taken from not one but two drones! We have hosted regular table tennis and craft afternoons; and we raise funds through raffles and the 100 Club and the "library" is well used.

There is no doubt that the fabric of the hall has been greatly enhanced by the heating system and although it is expensive to run, we have been able to afford it through a far greater use of the hall at all times of the year.

The issues we encountered last year relating to woodworm under the floor have been sorted and we continue to monitor damp patches in various places. The kitchen is a major bonus and allows for our events and private events to include hot food. Various groups use the hall on a regular basis which also raises income. The Treknow Garden Club is a regular user of the hall and their Summer Show is extremely popular. A number of health activities are provided in the hall and provide us with some income.

We have worked hard to "advertise" the hall to all members of our community but the engagement with children and young people remains a challenge, but we are determined to encourage young people in our community to come and find out the potential of a space in the centre of the village. The Village Hall runs a website which has been "visited" by many people over the year. We have had people from as far away as the USA, Poland, Pakistan, Netherlands, Germany and Finland visit the site. We have a social media presence on Facebook, which is by far the most popular tool to communicate and advertise who we are and what we do.

The committee is hoping that people will find the space in the hall suitable for family events, parties and even wedding receptions. Financially, the hall is in a comfortable position and we hope that the hall will be a place where people of all ages in the community will find relaxation, stimulation and entertainment.

As Chair I would like to thank everyone in the local community for their help and for financially supporting our hall. It has been rewarding to see so many people from the community, and from those who choose to holiday in our beautiful area, coming together to support a local amenity and being able to meet, enjoy themselves and make new friends. Once again, I would like to thank all the members of the committee who work tirelessly; in the kitchen, in the garden, front of house and even under the floor. We couldn't do it without you. Finally, I would like to thank Jenny Patterson, our treasurer, who is stepping down from the committee, for all the work she has done for the hall, and for her tireless efforts to maintain a healthy financial position during such uncertain economic times.

Peter Bower – Chair Treknow Village Hall www.treknowvillagehall.com