

PONTESBURY ANNUAL PARISH MEETING 2021. VILLAGE HALL REPORTS

HABBERLEY VILLAGE HALL

No social functions were held during the year due to Covid 19, but management and maintenance are ongoing - sundry costs arise and the grant of £10K was very welcome in covering these. The normal AGM was not held in May so the Trustees assumed control with the assistance of the main officers.

The outgoing Secretary Janet Radford organised a team of the former committee members to give whatever assistance was needed in the community. A photographic competition was organised and included in the Habberley Newsletter and the 100 Club continues. Over the Christmas period a carol service was held in the car park of the Mytton Arms with social distancing observed.

We look forward to being able to function normally once the Government relaxes the "lockdown".

Pontesbury Public Hall

Because of Corona virus restrictions our lettings were drastically reduced, all classes were cancelled, Broadplace was one of these and we are sorry to hear they will not be returning. We still have bills to pay such as the electric to keep the hall at a constant minimum temperature and water rates for cleaning.

We have taken the opportunity of this quiet period to have the hall decorated.

We are ready to open the hall at short notice when restrictions are lifted, this is due to grants from Covid 19 small business grant £10,000.00, Shropshire County Resilience grant, £500.00 and £500.00 private donation.

The Trustees thank P.P.C .and S.C.C. for their help in this difficult time.

We all hope 2021 will be a better year when we can welcome back our customers.

You can keep in touch with the Public Hall through the Pontesbury Village News Letter and the hall notice board.

Many thanks, Trustees

CRUCKTON VILLAGE HALL

Cruckton Village Hall has had a very quiet 12 months.

They have moved forward with the renovation plans whilst the hall has been unable to be occupied/used. Decoration works have been underway in the main hall/side room and they have carried out repairs to the suspended floor in the side room. There are still an extensive list of works to be completed pending the funds to pay for it. As per my previous report, moving forward they need to update the toilet area and the kitchen as well as hopefully install a more economic and efficient heating system together with installing some solar panels to lower the carbon footprint.

The aim of the committee is to have an attractive, environmentally friendly public space for the benefit of the local community. Therefore, it is imperative that the hire of such remains at an affordable level to ensure that it can be used by all members of the community and as such they are seeking to obtain all necessary funding for the improvements through any other means apart from increasing the hall rental charge.

I personally wholeheartedly support keeping the hall hire affordable for all whilst providing a venue that is modern, warm and attractive for all users. It should be seen as a hub of the local community and promote local events accessible to all, therefore assisting the uphill struggle against many of today's sociological concerns including mental health, loneliness etc which are becoming more prevalent in rural communities.