

**Braunston and Brooke Village Hall AGM March 2022**

**Report of the chairman of the trustees for 2021**

Welcome to the 2022 Annual General Meeting of Braunston & Brooke Village Hall Trustees.

Happily, 2021 was a busier year than 2020. The hall was open for much of the year, and, despite the coming and going of COVID restrictions, clubs re-established themselves and life generally returned to the hall.

As well as a successful quiz, and the return of wedding celebrations, we sponsored a village street party to raise spirits in the summer. In October we celebrated Halloween with a fantastic party, and the Advent Fayre returned in November.

We plan to follow the street party up with another jubilee street party in June.

Again, the committee put in a deal of work to make opening possible, with restricted numbers, effective social distancing and the updated cleaning schedule contributing to the safety of our users.

Whilst the Hall was not quite the familiar vibrant focal point for social activities in the village, the Committee met regularly (sometimes on Zoom) to be sure that all regular tasks were undertaken, and that it was kept in good shape.

During the year we had the chance to repair the outside paths and attack the garden, as well as carry out some roof repairs.

Again, despite the absence of traditional revenue from lettings and the May Fayre, a full year of rental from the flat provided significant revenue, which was again boosted by grants from the Rutland County Council. Consequently, finances are in good order as will be evident when presented in detail by the Treasurer.

During 2021 the committee has again reviewed its compliance with Charity Commission expectations, and we again filed an annual report to the Charity Commission. Following the 2020 positive review of Fire and Safety precautions we kept a focus on safety and updated the Village Hall Management Policy.

Finally, thanks go to all the 2021 committee members who contributed to running the village Hall, even in periods of lockdown, and to the many villagers (and ex committee members) who helped in so many ways. It is gratifying to know that the hall is coming out of the COVID pandemic with a healthy outlook. We are all looking forward to the revitalisation of our community hub in the village and the resumption of the many activities which the hall supports.

**Jim Atack, Chairman**