

Braunston and Brooke Village Hall AGM March 2023

Report of the chairman of the trustees for 2022 – including building report

Welcome to the 2023 Annual General Meeting of Braunston & Brooke Village Hall Trustees.

Happily, in 2022 we returned to our usual level of activity after COVID restrictions were finally lifted. The hall was open throughout the year, clubs re-established themselves and life returned to the hall.

We held a fantastic Queen's jubilee street party in June, and we're planning to follow this up with a King's coronation street party in May this year.

In October we celebrated with a fantastic Big Band dinner Dance, and the Advent Fayre was back in November. Tracy and Nick held another two successful quizzes,

Again, the committee put in a deal of work to keep the hall and gardens up to scratch. We installed a new public address system which allows music to be played as well as providing microphones for quizzes. We also completed a major electrical upgrade to bring us into full compliance with current regulations. Future projects under consideration are: improving insulation; updating the heating system; installing waste water treatment; and adding solar panels to the roof.

The Hall renewed its position as the vibrant focal point for social activities in the village, and the Committee met regularly, without recourse to Zoom (!), to make sure that all regular tasks were undertaken, and that it was kept in good shape.

We were again involved in the return of Braunston's May Fayre which generated some revenue, which was again boosted by grants from the Rutland County Council, and we saw another full year of rental from the flat. Consequently, finances are in good order as will be evident when presented in detail by the Treasurer. The Flower and Produce Show returned to be welcomed by a drought; attendance was still very good.

During 2022 the committee has again reviewed its compliance with Charity Commission expectations, and we again filed an annual report to the Charity Commission.

Finally, thanks go to all the 2022 committee members who contributed to running the village Hall, getting it back to running order after the pandemic, and to the many villagers who helped in so many ways. We are all very happy with the contribution that the village hall makes as the village community hub, supporting the many activities which have become a staple of village life.

As this was my last year as chair of the Management Committee, I would like to thank you all for the support you have all given me in the role.

Jim Atack, Chairman