

Bromeswell Village Hall Management Committee
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Chairman's Report

Relative to previous years, I'm pleased to report that the last twelve months have been conservative in terms of capital spending and reasonably consistent in terms of operations.

Maintenance requirements for the building have of course been ongoing, the most significant having been the completion of the electrical upgrading works which should now meet the demands of our insurers. This has been a lengthy and expensive process over a number of years but we're hopeful that future expenditure in this regard will be far more limited if not zero. The other key financial spend programmed for the immediate future is the external painting of the Hall, which should commence over the summer.

The fact remains though that our revenue and capital positions remain more constrained than we would like. Bookings remain solid but we have voids largely at weekends and for regular one off events. This limits our scope for further substantial spending and we will need to be conservative in the future unless grants are obtained and/or hiring fees are regularly increased. The latter is something we would rather avoid so as to maintain consistent use of the building and to meet our obligation to provide a community facility whilst at the same time being conscious of ever increasing operational and utility costs.

As to committee membership, this was highlighted in last year's report as being an issue for us and I'm very pleased that we have some new blood joining us with other potential members being targeted. The more members we have effectively dilutes and shares the workload between us and is to be encouraged.

Finally, sincere thanks must go to those members who served during the year, namely Pat for his sterling work administering our finances, Caroline for the minutes and grant sourcing and Sue for organising and administering our bookings. Scott and Margaret's contributions are also very gratefully received.

Tim Gooding,

Chair, Village Hall Committee

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