

Blue Bell Hill Village Hall

Report of Activities 2023

The last twelve months has seen us rebuild after the pandemic. We have had a couple of new regular hirers start and settle in well. We have also had quite a few children's birthday parties and similar events at weekends.

We have carried out an extensive range of maintenance, repairs and improvements. We have been fortunate to find a very good handy man in the village who has been happy to take on an ever growing list of jobs. These include replacing the fence at the rear of the building between the hall and next door neighbour. The steps to the main entrance have needed significant repairs following the slabs becoming unstable. There have also been numerous small jobs that the committee just do not have the time and or skills to complete.

We have installed a WiFi system. This will be for the use of the pre-school to enhance the children's learning. It will also enable us to use a remote controlled heating system, so that committee members can adjust the heating as required, without actually attending the hall and trying to fathom out the complicated control that we had before.

We are in the process of setting up a CCTV system connected to the WiFi. The committee have decided to do this, so we can try to prevent crime and help to detect any that does occur. We can also monitor regular hirers as they access the hall. We know that despite many polite requests, several do enter and leave outside of their contracted hire times. We are in the process of supplying each regular hirer with a copy of our CCTV policy along with the church on one side of the hall and the gentleman who lives on the other side. At the moment, the committee are not planning to share the code with anyone else.