

## **Short report on the activities of the Aylesford Village Community Centre from April 2022 to April 2023**

The centre had a successful year with a busy program, regular hirers, bookings for functions and parties and improvements to the centre.

In the last year a number of trustees took part in trainings run by Action with Communities in Rural Kent and NCVO (championing voluntary action).

A new booking system was introduced and it is running well.

Our trustee Alex ran an Easter egg amnesty and raised £50 for the local primary school.

Trustees planted bulbs and flowers in front of the centre.

From September the trustees meeting were held every other month and continue to be over Zoom.

In October the caretaker took a holiday and a number of trustees took over and shared the caretaking responsibilities.

A coffee morning for Macmillan was organised by some trustees and was successful in raising money for this charity.

Two new caretakers started a job share at the end of 2022 and this is working very well.

In November the trustees took part in the Aylesford Christmas Market with an info stall in the Main Hall, this was very successful and a new trustee was recruited.

A master key for most doors in the centre was introduced which makes the caretakers' job easier.

In March another local trustee joined the board.

At the end of March, the secretary Lin Brooks resigned from her post and as a trustee. Other trustees have taken over various responsibilities for the time being to ensure the smooth running of the centre.

A tidy-up of the centre and a repair of the heating systems has been agreed and scheduled for this spring.