

SYRESHAM VILLAGE HALL ANNUAL REPORT 2023

Syresham Village Hall, Main Road Syresham, a CIO charity with the registration number 1160674, has now been open for almost 5 years. The hall is owned and run by the CIO. The hall is insured by Zurich, and our cover includes all the appropriate liabilities, including that of our members and trustees.

Our aim is the provision and maintenance of a village hall for the inhabitants of Syresham and the surrounding area, without distinction of gender or political, religious or other opinions. It is used for meetings and classes and other forms of recreation and leisure activities and events, with the aim of improving the lives of the aforementioned inhabitants. As I have said many times before, it is important that we remind ourselves of this at all times, so that we continue to ensure that we fulfil this aim.

The last year has seen the village hall resume its normal activities. Our regular users resumed their meetings and we held our annual Scarecrow Festival and Art Exhibition. Our weekly Coffee Shop continued to thrive, thanks to the rota of volunteers who bake cakes and run the event each week. I would like to take this opportunity to thank them all for the excellent service they provide, not only to the village hall, but the village too. I would also like to thank our Booking Clerk Gary and his assistant Steph for the excellent work they are doing. They have increased the number of hall users and it is certainly thanks to them that we have a very healthy diary of 'What's On' and forthcoming events.

I would also like to thank all of the Village Hall Trustees for the great work they have done to support and maintain the hall during the last year.

Our accounts are in a very healthy state and have been prepared by our Treasurer, Gill Swinford, and audited by Cathy Corns, and I thank them both for this. We have continued to promote the hall on our website www.syreshamvillagehall.co.uk and our thanks go to Keith Watts for managing this website. Our fantastic sound system is working well, as indeed is our upgraded broadband. Our hearing loop system requires some improvement and we are working to remedy this in the near future.

The village hall is very aware of the need to reduce our carbon footprint and support the village's efforts to counteract climate change. We now have a large blue recycling bin for the use of our hirers and a facility to recycle clothes for the village to use. We continue to look at the installation of electric vehicle charging points in the car park and solar panels on the hall roof.

Our cleaner Yvette Gardner has continued to clean the hall and I thank Yvette yet again for the excellent work she has done during the year.

We were very pleased to hold an event in the hall during the Coronation Weekend to thank the volunteers for all the time and effort they give to the village, in order to ensure that our community continues to thrive. We will be holding our Scarecrow Festival on 24th and 25th June and we have our Art Exhibition planned for 13th – 15th October. We look forward positively to what promises to be another busy and interesting year for the village hall and we thank everyone for their continued support.

Syresham Village Hall
Registered Charity No 1160674
Income and Expenditure Account 1/4/22-31/3/23

Income

Regular Lets

S Essame	1,536.75	
Bowls	720.00	
Mums and Tots	532.00	
Friendship	196.00	
Gardening Club	112.00	
History	298.25	
S Mitchell	308.13	
Taekwon-Do	1050.00	
Seidokan	984.00	
Gems	169.00	
		5,906.13

Other Lets

Misc Lets	8,704.45	
TYS	965.16	
		9,669.61

Fundraising

Coffee Shop	5,631.08	
Scarecrows	2,536.50	
Art Exhibition	1,184.00	
		9,351.58

Miscellaneous

Deposits held	4960.00	
---------------	---------	--

Bank Interest	136.97	
---------------	--------	--

30,024.29

Expenditure

Utilities etc

Electricity	6040.19	
Insurance	826.52	
Water	566.13	
Licences	414.70	
Websites	510.08	
Phone/Broadband	1653.53	
		10,011.15

Running Costs

Cleaner	1,920.00	
Cleaning Materials	282.77	
Fire Safety	318.53	
Maintenance	355.91	
Alarm Systems	1,383.20	
Air Source Heating	177.24	
Grass cuts	600.00	
Recycle Bin	760.10	
Sundries	244.00	
		6041.75

Fundraising Expenses

Coffee Shop	443.10	
Scarecrows	715.11	
Art Exhibition	729.70	
		1,887.91

Miscellaneous

Deposits repaid	4,870.00	
Display Boards	1,467.00	
Defibrillator	1,638.00	
Glasses	74.37	
		8,049.37

Income over Expenditure	4,034.11	
-------------------------	----------	--

30,024.29

Syresham Village Hall
Registered Charity No 1160674

Balance as at 1/04/22

Current Account	10,836.68
Deposit Account	56,891.79
Cash in Hand	31.84

Balance as at 31/03/23

Current Account	14,742.17
Deposit Account	57028.76
Cash in Hand	23.49

Income over Expenditure 4034.11

71,794.42

71,794.42

Signed

Mrs G Swinford
Treasurer

I have checked the Village Hall accounts for the year ending 31st March 2023 and find them to be a fair and accurate representation of the transactions undertaken.

Signed

Ms C Corns

Auditor's Report to Syresham Village Hall
For the Financial Year 2022 - 2023

11th May 2023

I have reviewed the account for Syresham Village Hall and signed them.

I think though that you do need some control over the cash from the Coffee Shop, some checking of amounts received and banked.

Catherine Corns