

## **Awre Village Hall Report 2022/23**

Chairman's Report from 1st November 2021 to 31st October 2022

**Number of general meetings held in the last financial year was 11.**

**New Trustees** Dean Biddlecombe

**Leavers:** Kirsten Connolly

### **Events and Occasions**

As we have been coming out the other side of the pandemic and the use of the hall comes back to normal, this has of course affected the number of events that we have been able to put on. I am glad to say that these numbers are going in the right direction. But I personally would like to say thank you to all the residents that have supported us when we have asked, for example the successful 'Christmas takeaway supper night' that we repeated again in December. Thank you to all the volunteers and the committee that make events at the Village Hall happen and run smoothly.

Clean the Village event  
Christmas Takeaway  
Jubilee Lunch

### **Hall Hire**

Blakeney & Awre Parish Council Meetings	9
Training/business days	14
Private Bookings	24
Art Exhibition	9
Village Hall Committee meetings	11
Church Meetings	5
Friday Supper Evenings	3

All money has been banked from hall bookings. Of this total over £450 was raised from the Christmas Takeaway supper. There are no monies outstanding from bookings.

I would like to say a big thank you to our booking secretary Ursula Cross and for everything that she does for us at the Hall. Especially her delicious cakes and cookery and she is always coming up with new ideas and recipes. She is also willing every time I ask her to help me out.

This goes as well for Judy Awre who looks after the money tin (petty cash), will always rustle up a cake or donate something when asked and is my right-hand woman for keeping the flower boxes at the hall and wall memorial stocked so that our village looks great in the spring/summer months.

We are trying to re start the supper nights. So big thank you to all that attend, the volunteers who do the cooking and bar and especially our trusted regulars. But of course we always need more volunteers so please get in touch with anyone on the committee if you are interested.

General As per our constitution we have a duty of prudence and a duty of care not just to the hall but also to the inhabitants of the parish of Awre and in

general to the users of the hall. In light of this, we have carried out and discussed as a committee the below.

We received some covid business interruption grants from the Forest of Dean Council. We have used some of these funds to pay for the renovation work on the building including an allocation that has been used to fund a new kitchen. New Kitchen was fitted April 2023. We will in the near future paint the kitchen to match in with the smart new units.

A local builder replaced the fascia around the whole of the building including the guttering and down pipes and the bell tower. We have agreed that the window frames will be re-painted, and this will be actioned soon. We also engaged a local painter to prepare, fix and paint the front and back doors of the hall. The has been completed.

We have increased our cash reserves for future work.

We obtained a carbon saving grant from Severn and Wye energy, and we have put in new LED lights making the lights in the main hall dimmable, and we have put insulation in the roof. We have also put in two air-source heat pumps that will keep the hall warm and dry, especially over the winter months. They are under warranty for 3 years and will hopefully reduce the heating costs by quite a bit over time.

Renovation of the telephone box is still on the list, and we hope to get that finished this year. We had a defibrillator training evening so that we keep our skills up to date. I would like to thank the Parish Council for their ongoing support and for paying for the very helpful course.

We have prepared a list of small and larger jobs for volunteers. In the spirit of the Coronation we will promote this on Facebook and the noticeboard. The jobs are to benefit the village and range from the telephone box, clean and paint the village hall gate to trimming the Christmas tree, weeding round the benches and cleaning the war memorial.

Finally, to give thanks. The village hall is very important to the people of Awre and could not function without the support of this community. This is reflected in the numbers that turn out to support us in our endeavours when asked.

We hope to get back to a full schedule soon and start our usual calendar of social events and supper nights. Any suggestions of events to do in the future are very welcome. We are always looking for new trustees or helpers and if you feel you would like to join, please let us know. I would like of course to thank all trustees who give up their valuable time and expertise to make sure that the hall runs smoothly and who create a village hall to be proud of

**AWRE VILLAGE HALL**  
**Year ended 31 October 2022**

**INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT**

	<b>2022</b> £	<b>2021</b> £
<b>Income</b>		
Hire	2,010 ✓	1,012
Donations	-	-
Misc	-	150
Social evenings	431 ✓	385
Events	440 ✓	255
Grants	2,303 ✓	17,669
	<u>5,184</u>	<u>19,470</u>
<b>Expenses</b>		
Electricity	416 ✓	256
Water	79 ✓	69
Insurance	471 ✓	443
Maintenance	515 ✓	290
Repairs and renovations	8,390 ✓	10,768
Events	156 ✓	93
Misc.	1,091 ✓	602
	<u>(11,117)</u>	<u>(12,521)</u>
COIF account interest	27 ✓	1
Profit/(loss) for the year	<u>(5,906)</u>	<u>6,950</u>
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Balances brought forward	24,424	17,474
Profit/(loss) for the year	(5,906)	6,950
Balances carried forward	<u>18,518</u>	<u>24,424</u>
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<b>Represented by:</b>		
Cash at bank	13,136 ✓	19,499 ✓
Cash in COIF account	4,584 ✓	4,557 ✓
Bar stock and bar cash	799 ✓	368 ✓
	<u>18,518</u>	<u>24,424</u>
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