

**Annual Report of the Trustees for the year ended 31.12.2024**

The Village Hall is managed by a board of 8 trustees which includes a Chairman, Treasurer, Secretary and Booking Secretary. One part-time cleaner is employed. The purpose of the charity is to manage a meeting place for the community of Wellesbourne and Walton, and surrounding villages. The premises are a former school which is over 160 years old, and it has been a village hall for 60 years. The trustees have the hall on a full repairing sublease from the Parish Council. The board is entirely dependent on the income from lettings to pay for the repair and maintenance of the building. The Parish Council awards occasional grants for specific projects. Much of the work of maintaining the building is carried out by the trustees who are all volunteers recruited from the local community.

The Trustees met four times during the year.

During the year, income from all sources totalled £19,564.06 whilst expenditure totalled £14,598.42. At the end of the year the Trustees had a reserve fund of £8,642.98.

The hall has again been subject to flooding from the adjoining car park. The landlords, the Parish Council, are proposing to pay for new rear doors which would hold back surplus water in time of heavy rain. These doors will have to be especially designed to fit the space and to act as an emergency exit, as well as being used as the wheelchair access to the hall. The roof and fascia repairs are yet to be done by the Parish Council.

In January the Trust agreed a modest increase in hire charges to cover rising utility bills. Usage of the hall rose during the year, so income also rose.

A website for the hall was created and the terms and conditions of hire, along with a risk assessment have been put on the website. A smart meter for gas was installed and new blinds were fitted in the main hall using a grant from the Parish Council. Severn Trent cut off the gas supply when repairing a leaking stop cock in the road outside; they have paid for the reinstatement. The courtyard garden was dug over and replanted by volunteers. The main hall and front foyer were redecorated but the damp in the end wall of the hall is still visible. It is thought the resurfacing of the car park has contributed to the problem. A thermal imaging camera was borrowed to identify any other problem areas.

The kitchen was inspected by the District Council and given the top rating of 5. A second noticeboard was installed outside, and the fire control panel was replaced.

Plans for 2025 include installing broadband. Any other plans will wait for the renewal of the lease with the Parish Council which is due in January 2025.

Linda Dane, Secretary, 06/06/25

**Wellesbourne Village Hall****Financial Schedule January - December 2024**

	<b>2024</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2023</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>Income</b>				
Bookings	18,077.25		11,701.18	
Donation	150.00		1,000.00	
Grants	1,277.22		250.00	
Bank interest	59.59		9.53	
		19,564.06		12,960.71
<b>Expenditure</b>				
Wages	3,715.89		3,567.24	
Loan repayment	500.00		4,500.00	
Gas	1,366.98		1,055.15	
Electricity	2,245.56		1,654.26	
Water	431.71		293.96	
Repairs & refurbishment	1,791.34		320.00	
Equipment	2,151.51		250.95	
Cleaning	219.25		283.88	
Waste disposal	261.36		-	
Rates	149.85		1.88	
Insurance	1,018.89		1,752.23	
Services	454.53		539.01	
Advertising	120.00		188.00	
Sundry	171.55		253.93	
		14,598.42		14,660.49
<b>Excess of income over expenditure</b>		<b>4,965.64</b>		<b>(1,699.78)</b>
<b>Bank balances 01/01/2024</b>				
Barclays Community A/C	1,273.23			
Barclays Active Save A/C	1,010.61			
Lloyds Treasurers A/C	1,393.50			
		3,677.34		
		<b>8,642.98</b>		
<b>Bank Balances 31/12/24</b>				
Lloyds Treasurers A/C	183.39			
Lloyds BB Instant Online Account	8,459.59			
		<b>8,642.98</b>		