

Clapton and Wayford Village Hall Annual Report May 2023-May2024

To be delivered at the Annual Parish Meeting on May 23rd 2024

Chairman's report

This year has seen the hall run its usual events such as jumble sales, coffee mornings, an afternoon tea, a Christmas concert and a harvest supper and auction. There are regular users such as mah-jong, film club, Knit and natter, bowls, yoga and table tennis.

The local community has hired the hall for children's parties, birthday celebrations, public consultation for a solar farm, and Christmas wreath making, in addition the hall has been used as a polling station in May.

Both local parish councils have their bi monthly meetings at the hall, and I should like to thank both councils for their continuing support, also for the support from both County councillors

This hall has many fine facilities such as a large carpark, dedicated disabled parking, hearing loops in both rooms, a well-equipped kitchen, wi-fi, a large screen and overhead heating.

The Trustees of the hall ensure that it is well maintained, and its administration adheres to all required policies and procedures.

There is an events sub-committee who aim to ensure that a wide variety of events are offered throughout the year. The notice boards advertising these events are where most people can see what is available at the hall.

All our dedicated committee members have ensured that this hall remains open and available for use in and by the community and their continuing hard work is to be commended. The main challenge for the village hall is the energy costs which as we are all aware have dramatically increased over the last year.

Finally, I would like to record all the committees thanks to our late Chairman Frank Freeman who passed away earlier this year. He truly was a gentleman. He took great pride in transforming the stream bank area by removing the many dead tree trunks. He also kept the enclosed garden space neat and tidy. The signs advertising events were painted by him and are a reminder of how much he enjoyed being part of this community.

Julia Borland

Chairman