

Welborne Village Hall Trust
Report for Annual Parish Meeting - April 2019

2018 was another successful year in the running of Welborne Village Hall as a facility targeted at promoting community engagement. Its success reflects the commitment of the Trustees and volunteers to maintain and improve the Hall as a community resource. The Chairman and Trustees extend their profound gratitude to those who have contributed through 2018.

Our Events Committee has organised a successful series of indoor and outdoor events including films, quiz nights, dining evenings and the ever-popular biennial Beer Festival. These events provide our financial support that enable us to make improvements to the Hall and its surrounds.

Improvements (dishwasher, better extraction) were made to the kitchen, and to the grounds with some tree surgery, landscaping and a new larger shed for equipment storage. We have also purchased and installed a picnic bench and seating as a memorial to Trevor Curson.

A new system for on-line bookings for the Hall has been in use since 2017. The system is running smoothly and the frequency of bookings has been steadily increasing. The Terms and Conditions for booking the Hall establish more clearly our legal responsibilities (including with respect to 'Safeguarding' young and vulnerable people), and what we expect in terms of responsibilities and behaviour from our users. In this connection also we are implementing 'dementia aware' modifications in the Hall and installing a hearing loop to assist the hard of hearing at broadcast events. We believe that the Hall provides the best value in the area for small scale personal and community activities. For 2019 we are hoping to install fast internet connection into the Hall that will increase the range of activities that it may support.

We hope that the community continue to and further recognise the opportunities that this unique Hall provide. Scope for involvement in the running of the Hall and events are always available and we encourage more people to join us. Details are available on our website: www.welborne.org.uk

Dr Andy Maule
Chairman