

From: Akeley Village Hall Committee.

Subject: Annual Report for the Akeley Annual Parish Meeting.

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The Village Hall Committee is once again pleased to report that a varied use of the Village Hall continues on a regular basis.

The hall continues to remain in good order and we have a provision for general maintenance, including re-painting, to keep the interior looking presentable. We have spent £2400.00 on redecorating the hall, drain cover repairs, racking and furniture in the last year.

Receipts from trading activities for the last financial year, which ended 31st October, was £8510.00. This is an increase from £6869.00 for the preceding year. This excludes a donation of £560.00.

Bookings and interest by potential users continues to remain at an encouraging level. We currently have three wedding receptions booked for 2013.

Running costs are up from the last financial year. This is mainly due to the items mentioned above.

The Theatre in the Villages was again well attended and hopefully it may run again this year. We are seeking a volunteer to take on the role of promoter. Ian Barham ran last year's promotion.

The continued support of the Parish Council in contributing to the running costs remains an important input to controlling the running costs.

The new caretaker/cleaner and booking arrangements continue to work exceptionally well. As mentioned in previous reports the Village is fortunate to have such a competent team.

We are still seeking a treasurer. Alan Taylor has kindly agreed to keep supporting us in this role, even though he has been looking to stand down. It is disappointing, that after a further 12 months, we cannot find a volunteer to take on this position. However, we are pleased to report that we have a new member joining our committee who will be introduced at the next AGM.

The success of the facilities and events in Akeley relies on the same few people. We saw a committee form for the Jubilee celebrations which were a great success, despite the weather. However, it would be encouraging to see some new faces come forward, to ensure the continuation of our facilities and events into the future.

We will continue to monitor and review activities and report at our forthcoming AGM in April.

Andy Sayer
Chairman