

From: Akeley Village Hall Committee.
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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 having been repainted internally last year. We have a provision for general maintenance to cover both planned and unforeseen events. The entrance barrier to the car park was repaired last year due to damage, after possibly being hit by a vehicle.

As a requirement of our insurers we have also had an electrical condition inspection report carried out by a qualified electrician. This was to check that the electrical systems are in a satisfactory state.

This year we plan to replace the mountings for the wall heaters and to replace the hand driers in the toilets with more efficient units.

Receipts from trading activities for the last financial year, which ended 31st December, was £9480.00. This is an increase from £8760.00 for the preceding year. This excludes gifts and donations of £555.00. We are now ending the financial year in December to run with the calendar year.

Bookings and interest by potential users continues to remain at an encouraging level.

Running costs are down by £260.00 from the last financial year. This is dependent on repairs, maintenance, energy and water costs.

The continued support of the Parish Council in contributing annually to the rolling maintenance fund remains an important input to controlling the costs.

The 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.

Tim Earle resigned from the Committee in August last year due to his move to Scotland. Tim made an important contribution to the success of the new hall project. His hard work and determination resulted in significant grants, including the Lottery fund, being awarded to the Village Hall project.

We have been fortunate to have two new committee members join us last year. Brian Peplow and Vicki Tucker have joined the committee. It is encouraging to see new people join the committee and bring new perspectives and enthusiasm on board. We have also been fortunate to have Liz Bull on board as the new treasurer. This has finally allowed Alan Taylor to step down from the role after many years of involvement with the committee, for which we are grateful.

We look forward to another twelve months of success for the hall and hope new members will join the committee to safeguard this important village asset for the future.

**Andy Sayer
Chairman**