

2022 Report of Shipton-under-Wychwood Recreational Field and Village hall Charity No 304363

This year marked the coming out of Covid. We were very grateful for the financial support from the Government via WODC which just about matched our losses from reduced bookings.

An essential element in our financial stability is the annual subsidy paid to the hall by the Parish Council. I would like to thank the Councillors for their continued support each year. We used the money to give a substantial discount to The Day Centre, The Wychwood Players and to the BODS. We also gave a discount to all other returning and start up groups to help them build or rebuild support. Finally, we continued with our support of Wychwood FC only charging them £10 a match for the use of the field and the changing room.

It was very heartening to see that when groups were allowed to return to the hall, most did so. Lee has generally managed to fill all slots that became available. Prices were kept at 2020 levels.

The mentors of the Bumblefoot Rock Project have been very successfully returning to face to face lessons rather than the online lessons required during Covid. Lee has managed it well and the mentors are back working at pre pandemic levels.

The committee took the decision in 2021 that the gym was a benefit to the village so considerable investment was made in new equipment. We are pleased to say that this has paid off and the increase in membership in 2022 offset the costs.

2022 saw a huge hike in the cost of electricity, the NBH has a ground source heat pump but no gas. We had a very thorough survey energy saving report carried out by Oxford Brookes University. It made very interesting reading and though not all suggestions were practical, we are going to put a de-stratification fan in the Hall, insulation in some of the loft areas and have a thermal imaging review done on the building.

In November we had an unexpected occurrence with a Tesla car hitting the building. It has taken a long time to agree how to repair the building but this is now expected to start on the 24th July. Though the insurance company will pick up the bills there is collateral loss when we had to close the Hall after the initial incident and for the repair.

For the future, the 2023 fees are going to remain at the 2020 level and with the increase in electricity prices the NBH expects to make a manageable loss.

Chris Fitzpatrick

Chairman