

OVINGTON VILLAGE HALL

Annual Report 2021

After the village hall AGM in February 2020, we held a brainstorming session to put together a full programme of varied events for the year. No sooner had we done that than the whole country went into lockdown and nothing has happened since.

However, it has presented an opportunity to make improvements while the hall was closed. Having revamped the lighting in the main hall, we installed a new automatic sensor light in the store room which switches on when movement is detected. Chairs have been repaired and refurbished. The car park behind the hall has finally been completed, providing an extra 8 parking spaces, including disabled parking. Improvements have been made following Covid guidelines and we are awaiting official guidance from Breckland on any further requirements before re-opening.

Financially, we are secure thanks to regular income from the recycling banks, solar panels and government Covid grant, but we may yet have to fund further anti-Covid precautions.

I would like to thank the committee for their support over the past year and Jill Burgess for keeping the hall clean and tidy. We are still seeking a replacement for Jill, but will probably have to advertise outside the village. Finally, we were all devastated to lose Steve Horton who had made such an impact on the village hall and village events. We hope to hold a 'village' celebration of his life in the summer when current restrictions are lifted. If government predictions do not change, we hope to open the hall again in a few months' time.

Ed Reilly

Chairman