

Ashby & Thurton Village Hall Annual Report 2016 to 2017

The Village Hall management Committee has a membership of 10.

Co-opted Members include Richard Taylor (Chair), Carol Powell (Vice Chair/Secretary), Julie Powell (Treasurer), Dolly Howes (Booking Clerk), Chris Brown and Stephen Read.

Regular User Groups: Kate Emerson (Thurton PC), Angie Broadberry (Church), Marie Taylor (WI) Jane Mace recently resigned from the committee.

The hall and playing field is used regularly by pre-school and church youth groups along with other organisations/activity groups on a private hire basis. We do not have a football club using the Field at present. Unfortunately the playing field is not used sufficiently by sporting groups; grass cutting for the year cost £650. It is hoped the grass cutting cost can be held around £500 in future. Thurton Parish Council has agreed to subsidise the grass cutting with a grant of £430. Ashby Parish Council has agreed to giving £50 towards grass cutting.

The Village Hall is struggling to succeed financially. The Committee is grateful to Thurton Parish Council for a £500 'Lets subsidy'. This has kept the Village Hall afloat

Some Grant funding from Tesco Bags of Help has been applied for.

We are grateful to East Coast Community for the First Aid Kit presented to the Village Hall free of charge.

The 100 club – pays out a prize of £35 per month with a £100 super-draw in November. The additional money raised from this and from new bookings has help keep the Village Hall viable. We do need a few more takers; some people did not renew this year.

A July safety inspection considered the Play Park to be medium risk. The Village Hall Committee is carrying out some minor maintenance on a rota basis. The Drive and Car Park both need repair. The Auto-jumble team have said they will refill potholes. The Emergency lighting has been updated by a Committee member.

Fund Raising Events:

April 2016 Spanish Evening raised £525

November 12th disco raised £639 'One Night Only'

March 18th raised £362 for a 'Sausage and Mash' evening.

All functions were well organised and were much enjoyed by everyone who attended.

Ashby & Thurton Parish Councils have been asked to add Village Hall information to their respective web-sites.

The Village Hall is short of funds for maintenance and it is possible that hire charges will have to be increased in future.

Members of the Village Hall Committee are thanked for their commitment to the Village Hall
Richard Taylor Chair
April 2017