

## Ashby & Thurton Village Hall Annual Report 2023

The Village Hall Management Committee has a membership of 9

**Co-opted Members include:** Carol Powell (Chair), Ron Phippen (Treasurer), Laura Vaissiere (Booking Clerk), Stephen Read and Bridie Mickleburgh

**Regular User Groups:** Jan Whitehouse and Andria Wilson, (W.I.), Lynn Paterson (Thurton PC), Sorrell (Pre School)

We have various groups hiring the hall:-

Pre School 4 mornings a week they have extended their times by 1hr on 2 of those days.

Fencing Group every Monday evening and Tuesday.

Dancing on Tuesday evenings.

Explorers every other Friday.

Pilates has stopped for maternity leave for the time being.

And hopefully Circuit Training will resume as the weather improves.

Short Mat Bowles on Wednesday afternoons.

W.I. once a month.

Loddon Football Club some weekdays and Saturday mornings.

We also have private parties.

We celebrated the late queen's platinum jubilee big lunch on the 5<sup>th</sup> June 22, teas and cakes supplied by the W.I. ladies. The weather was against us, but we still had a good turn out and the children really enjoyed the games and races as well as the adults.

Free Commemorative mugs were handed out to Ashby and Thurton young children which were purchased by both Parish Councils.

On the 7<sup>th</sup> of May 23 we will be celebrating the coronation of King Charles III with a ploughman's lunch.

Cakes supplied by the W.I. ladies.

The Auto Jumble will be on the 28<sup>th</sup> May the committee members are helping, this will enable us to share the proceeds.

The 100 club: - additional monies from this helps towards funds for the village hall as well as prizes for the lucky winners.

We continue with the Community Café which normally opens on the second Monday of each month. This is always popular with the elderly and young people which enables them all to get together to enjoy the company as well as the lovely cakes and cups of tea or coffee.

We purchased a new fridge with some of the money raised £200.

The committee continue to apply for grant funding our recent grant will be coming from NCC of £6000 as well as Ashby and Thurton Parish of £2000 each for our drive that has been recently resurfaced at the cost of £16800 and electric lights being updated not only for the drive but around the hall at the cost of £3137 so the committee must find £9937.

New blinds are being put up on 26<sup>th</sup> April at the cost of £760

We have had three new doors replaced, the kitchen back door, a fire door between the kitchen and small meeting room and side emergency door at the cost of £2800.

Woodmen Trees have carried out the work on the trees at the bottom of the playing field. We have had to spend around £8000 so far to bring it up to safety standard and for the Pre School to use it as a Forest School.

We purchased another 50 chairs with the grant from Tesco Token Scheme where we came 3<sup>rd</sup> so received £500 the chair prices had doubled from when we last purchased them two years ago £1730, we now have 100.

With the increase of Hall Insurance, Utilities, Annual waste disposal, cleaner's materials, etc, the committee is mindful that we must continue to apply for grant funding and fund raising, this year we have planned 4 fund raisers so far

29<sup>th</sup> April Quiz with Fish & Chip Supper

8<sup>th</sup> July Ceilidh with Ploughman's Supper

2<sup>nd</sup> November Quiz with Fish & Chip Supper

27<sup>th</sup> January 2024 Burns Night plus meal

The Village Hall has a Facebook page Ashby & Thurton Village Hall News we also advertise on the internet HallHire.com and have registered on [www.easyfundraising.org.uk](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk) its free to all and it's a simple way for residents to raise money for the hall by shopping online through the site.

The Play Park and field is checked, cleaned and rubbish cleared by committee members who also strim areas and cut back bushes when needed.

A RoSPA inspection every year, in 2022 the cost was £144.

Zip wire repairs cost £506 (new seat)

Grass cutting £560.

Bark needs to be topped up.

We have progressed a little with land registry with regards to registering the village hall grounds. Land Registry acknowledged all the papers we sent them but said they were very busy; they did send a surveyor to check out the area (he noted the encroachment of the people who live in Park Close) that we did not have the original deeds for only a copy (East Boundary) it transpires that it had been registered by Mr Hutton so we are trying to prove it belongs to the village hall.

The committee would still like Ashby and Thurton Parish Councils to continue to add Village Hall information to their respective websites.

Members of the Village Hall Committee are thanked for their commitment and hard work to the Village Hall.

Carol Powell    Chair    April 2022