

# Woore Victory Hall

Registered Charity No 522589

## Trustees' Annual Report (Summary) for the year ended 31 March 2023

### Introduction:

It's not always obvious, but England's 10,000 plus village halls are almost entirely run by volunteers. Woore Victory Hall is no different.

Management Committees benefit from having a mix of people involved with different skills and backgrounds, able to reflect the needs of all residents.

Quiet often village halls are on the lookout for new volunteers to join their management committees. Woore Victory Hall is no different.

At our forthcoming AGM we will be saying goodbye to John Parkes who has served as our Treasurer for over 30 years and is taking a well-earned 'early' retirement.

Would you like to contribute to the running of the village hall and help to develop this important resource for the future needs of the local community? If you have spare time or skills you can share please get in touch with the Chairman.

The next meeting of the committee is the AGM on Monday 15th May 2023 at 7.00pm in the Victory Hall Committee Room.

Like most village halls, The Victory Hall relies upon income from its hirers whilst still having its fixed overheads and like everywhere our energy costs have increased dramatically. Unlike members clubs we do not have subscriptions to generate income.

### Achievements:

The trustees work hard to make the hall attractive to potential users and measure their success by the range of users and the hall occupancy.

During the last year we:

- Abandoned the agreement with *Airband* for Broadband to be installed at the hall, and moved to rival Plusnet instead
- Drained the heating system and flushed through to improve efficiency
- Installed new exterior LED lighting around the hall to include 'emergency lighting' functionality
- Started a 'Green' development project centred around solar panels and LED lighting
- Installed an AED Defibrillator in association with Woore Parish Council
- Continued the monthly 'Film Nights'
- Continued our monthly 'Community Café' and preloved book sale
- Hosted a Community Jubilee event
- Agreed to host a Coronation Community event in 2023
- Said goodbye to regular hirers Woore Flower Club and Stone & District Rabbit Club both of whom have decided to fold up
- Cleared away / recycled unwanted materials from the under stage store room
- Agreed to store old records on behalf of Woore Parish Council

- Welcomed new regular hirers to the hall including the Walking Netball Club.

### **Future Plans:**

We hope that during the coming years we can:

- Explore the possibility of a 'community cyber café' to offer assistance with modern day technology
- Build on our 'Development Fund'
- Review the existing stage lighting
- Look at a complete upgrade of the present kitchen and facilities
- Continue with our 'Green Project' to install solar panels and upgrade to LED lighting throughout
- Undertake a building condition survey by a qualified surveyor
- Undertake an 'Energy Audit' to assess what improvements can be made as we are aware that the hall is less energy efficient than it might be
- Continue to promote spare capacity in the hall the Victory Hall website, social media, and the Parish Church magazine and our expanded circulation list.

**The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above**

**Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees**

**Full name**

**Position**

Chair

**Date**