

HENRY WARREN VILLAGE HALL NYEWOOD - A CHARITABLE TRUST

REPORT FOR HARTING PARISH ANNUAL MEETING - 2024

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

The Charity's objects and principal activities are to provide a community facility for the residents of Nyewood and the wider Harting Parish to use for social events, educational and cultural activities and fitness and wellness programmes. The sole purpose of the Charity is to provide a welcoming venue for residents and surrounding area.

CURRENT BUSINESS

The Henry Warren Hall was completed in December 2022 without the use of scarce public funds and within tight South Downs National Park planning restrictions. In the past year it has hosted all sorts of events ranging from dramatic performances, choir practice, yoga programmes, lectures, quizzes, cabaret nights, Harting Parish Council Meetings, to BBQ's and many private functions. In addition to regular Friday evening "Wind down for the Weekend" bar nights in the "Wright Place", the Hall also hosts monthly Saturday "Eggstraordinary Breakfasts" as well as monthly "Foodie Fridays".

The Hall has a fully licensed bar; table tennis, darts and games for children of all ages are available and all residents are welcome to attend.

The 2023/24 Business Plan was delivered successfully and the resultant income has been re-invested in the hall, a few of the improvements include:

- A full hall internal repaint after one year. This was necessary to deliver a final finish to the hall.
- Purchase of outdoor furniture for use in warmer weather.
- Procurement of a commercial booking system which eases the load on our team of volunteers.
- Purchase of a commercial dishwasher. A most generous grant from Harting Festivities organisation assisted in this.
- Installation of a battery electric storage system which was aided by a supportive and generous grant from Harting Parish Council. This system allows the Charity to maximise the use of the solar arrays and minimise expenditure on electricity.

The Trustees are especially grateful for both of these grants which were most timely as we seek to develop the capabilities of the Hall.

The Business Plan for 2024/25 has been agreed by Trustees and is aimed at cementing the existing success and building new opportunities for the further use of the Hall.

ORGANISATION

The Henry Warren Village Hall is a Charity regulated in England and Wales by the Charity Commission (register number 230852) and as such an annual report and accounts are required to be submitted to the Charity Commission. This report was submitted in January 2024. The Charity, as a Trust, has five Trustees and is chaired by Sym Taylor.

The Hall's Operating Committee (OpCo) is chaired by Tania Chaplin and is tasked with the day to day running of the Hall. The success of the Hall is due to the work of the OpCo and a fantastic team of volunteers from the local area. The Trustees are most grateful for this.

The hall can be booked for private parties, wedding or commercial events via:
hello@henrywarrenhall.org

Sym Taylor and Tania Chaplin are present at this AGM and are ready to answer any questions.