

TURWESTON VILLAGE HALL ANNUAL REPORT 01.01.21 – 31.12.21

Noted in the report on the year 2020 presented last May, due to the lockdown announced by the Government in March 2020, the Village Hall was closed for much of that year. We were fortunate in being given a Covid grant from Buckinghamshire Council for £10,000 to help cover ongoing expenses.

In 2021, lettings did not take off until mid-year, when a certain number of regulars returned to use the hall. With the general increases in power and heating experienced by all, the cost of heating the hall in the winter months has become acute, but this is planned to be addressed before next winter by the fitment of a new more economic heating system allied with planned insulation work.

In the year, two further grants were received; £8,000 from Buckinghamshire CC as a restart grant and £10,000 from the National Lottery, the latter specifically given towards the planned improvements and upgrade of the hall. Unfortunately, when the conditions and regulations in regard to a proposed building grant from HS2 were received, these were found to be too stringent by the Committee and after much deliberation a decision was made not to pursue this grant application.

Once again, our sincere thanks go to Neil Tanner who has, once again, put a great deal of time and effort into drawing up the improvement specifications and the grant applications. Although now not living in the village, he has generously offered to give further of his time to continue with this work and to oversee the building work in the future. Further grants have been received and applied for since January 2022 and we hope this vital building work will start in July this year.

Sadly, Sue and Ian Poynter have moved away and the Committee and Trustees thank them both very much for their hard work on behalf of the Village Hall Committee over the years.