

Milcombe Village Hall Report.

April 23rd 2024

There has been little progress on any of the proposed projects required to keep the Hall in good order mainly due to the lack of volunteer help with project scoping and fund raising, although 2 volunteers have said they would be willing to help during 2024.

Proposed Projects for consideration:

New heating system.
Removal of the stage.
Replace the rear access door.
Redecorate the hall, kitchen, toilets etc.
Outside Maintenance.
The provision of an outdoor space.
Provision noticeboard near New Road Stores.

Financial Report:

The financial position of the Village Hall has improved since the last report in Nov-23. In the 2023-24 financial year (which ends on 31st March 2024), we have so far achieved a small surplus of £740. This has been driven by a significant increase in cash received (£2.6k) which is more than double what we received in the previous financial year (Apr-22 to Mar-23). However, due to the significant negative cash outflows in the 2 COVID years, our cash balance is still £3k below where we were before COVID. The balance in the Halls accounts as of the 20th March 2024 is £12,528.75.

Bookings:

There are a number of regular bookings by a member of the community and the Parish Council plus local government elections and a block booking for meetings and events in connection with the development of the NDP. It would be hoped that some special interest groups could be encouraged to hold regular events in the hall in the future.

Fundraising:

The only fundraising events to raise funds for the upkeep of the Hall are the monthly coffee mornings lead by Raychel Pomroy (Friend of the Village Hall). It is planned to enquire about the availability of grants to support the proposed projects mentioned earlier and two Friends have volunteered to help with this.

Trustees:

Although there is a vacancy for one Trustee on the management group there were no nominations proposed at the last AGM held on the 20th March 2024.