

Treasurers Report Beaford Village Hall 2024/25 Year ending September 2035

The hall has received a few grants and donations this last year –

- Asda for £2000 specifically for creating a green space for the community
This has been achieved with the creation of the beautiful garden on the patio
- Autumn Show for £500 specifically for the hall floor
This money was used to clean the hall floor
- Paint has been donated by Crown and Wickes, therefore we have enough paint to refresh the whole of the inside of the building by volunteers, therefore no cost to the hall
- A small ariel has been installed in the loft by the water board which reads everyone's water meters generating £350 rental per annum

The hall has experienced an issue with the heating system –

This issue has been investigated by 3 heating specialists all reaching the same conclusion the system is not fit for purpose, therefore mobile heaters were purchased to help manage the issue, as when the temperature outside goes below 5 degrees the heating cuts out, estimates have been sought, and the cost of a new system will be in excess of £10,000 Grants are being researched to help cover this cost.

There was also an issue with the solar panel meter, due to its age it was discovered that the meter had not generated for at least 5 months giving the hall a bill for £774 to have the problem fixed and the loss of revenue approx. £600

It was discovered that the Village Halls previous ownership of the top carpark has been taken over by The Beaford Arts, which is why it is sealed off, unfortunately to discover this information Beaford Parish Council jointly with The village hall had to pay solicitors fees our share was £450.

Ash die back has caused extra expense within the budget of the Village Hall field maintenance of £800 all trees are due an inspection and the apple trees are booked for pruning in January.

There have been increases over the past year as we have all experienced – “the cost-of-living crisis”, electricity, Internet provider, water, insurance, licences, services, council tax rates, also maintenance costs and cleaning costs. Therefore, I must recommend to the incoming committee to consider and review the hall hire charges.

The hall committee have put on some great events this past year, VE Day, Proms nights, Christmas party, Bonfire night, Play night, Village Fete etc. which have all paid for themselves and generated some profit to enable the committee to keep up with

maintenance costs and purchases as needed. The regular events, social night, bingo, coffee mornings all cover their own costs and generate a good community togetherness.

The Charity Commission Return for 2023/24 was filed before due date, but due to the increase in income to over £25000 and independent financial report must be acquired, this had been successfully done, therefore the same procedure will be put in place for the next return for 2024/25.

So moving forward into the new financial year I forecast the budget must exceed £14,000 to be able to continue to keep the hall operating to provide the facilities everyone enjoys.