

Secretary's report AGM 2020

As many of you will be aware an emergency committee was formed at the community meeting held on 14th November 2019. Since then, the volunteers have been very busy indeed. There have been many outstanding bills to pay, licences to update and safety checks to carry out as well as plans being made to make some valuable income for the hall. It's been time consuming and difficult at times but I would like to thank everyone for all their hard work, especially Jenny who has done so much to get the accounts in order.

I would like to thank the Friends of Huntshaw Church for getting the ball rolling and changing their Christmas party venue back to Huntshaw. Lorraine Hooper has done a fabulous job as Bookings secretary and took in several bookings over the Christmas period which all helped our funds.

The National Village Halls Open Day in January was a great success, it was wonderful to see the support within our community for the Hall's future. The food was delicious and the atmosphere fabulous with wonderful music from our friends which all led to raising over £200 through kind donations, thank you.

Our Skittles night in early March was also a huge success with many local people attending and again raising close to £200. Many thanks to Adam and his wife for all their hard work putting on the quiz and food. We hope to hold more of these fun nights again..

Within the hall, the committee has performed a full inventory, purchased a comprehensive first aid kit and accident book, had electrical PAT safety checks done and had a full electrical safety check which was overdue. We have joined Devon Communities Together, a government backed organisation which will provide valuable advice and support and we have attended a local support group called Hall Share where we have made some very useful contacts. The committee have agreed to work towards the DCT quality assurance certification named Hallmark.

Looking forward, we have VJ day celebrations coming up in association with the Church and have secured a grant from Torrington 100 Club to put on a musical event with the intention of reducing social isolation and increasing community spirit. There will be more details about these events advertised in the Local Rag once we have them finalised. We hope to have a pantomime towards the end of the year or early in the New Year and more regular skittles and social nights.

I want to take this opportunity to thank everyone on the committee and all those who have attended events for their ongoing support. We hope to see you all at our events over the next year and are very much looking forward to the future.

Suzy White

Secretary