

**SWANLAND VILLAGE HALL  
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING  
Thursday 16 JULY 2015**

**CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

I have pleasure in presenting my report for the year ended 31 December 2014.

**The past year**

I am pleased to be able to report once again that the hall had a successful year. Bookings of the hall have continued at a high level, from both residents of Swanland, and from elsewhere. The facilities of the hall are of a very high quality and continue to attract hirers to use what is probably the best public hall in the area.

During the past year we have seen another increase in the number of wedding receptions being held in the hall. Our excellent rooms and facilities provide an attractive and very reasonably priced venue for such events. Forward bookings for weddings are very encouraging.

The finances of the hall continue to be satisfactory. There was a small deficit of expenditure over income of £797 for the year. This was due entirely to the very large sum spent on repair and maintenance of the hall during the year as we continue to maintain the building to the highest possible standard. Expenditure on repair and maintenance amounted to £11,953 of which the largest element was £4,600 spent on redecoration.

The deficit was met by a transfer from our substantial reserves which amount in total to over £70,000 built up over the 10 years that the hall has been open. At the yearend we had cash in the bank of £46,000.

I am sure that you will all agree that the hall is in an excellent state both physically and financially.

**Board of trustees**

During the year there were a number of changes to the board of trustees.

Early in the year Barry Maddison and Tessa Williams resigned as trustees and were replaced by Razia Wilson and Allan Quarterman. Allan is also Treasurer.

Also early in the year Colin Hill was appointed as a trustee and as Secretary.

I thank Barry and Tessa for their contribution to the work of the board of trustees and welcome Razia, Allan and Colin to the board.

**PV Panels**

The pv panels on the roof of the hall, which were installed during 2011, continue to generate sufficient electricity to significantly reduce the cost of our electricity consumption.

**Working parties**

During the year we have continued to hold regular working parties at which trustees and other volunteers carry out care and maintenance jobs on the hall. Volunteers are always welcome on these occasions.

## **The future**

We are fortunate in having an enthusiastic and dedicated team of trustees who work tirelessly for the good of the village hall and thus serve the residents of the village.

The trustees will continue to manage the village hall for the benefit of all inhabitants of Swanland. We are always on the lookout for new trustees and would be very pleased to hear from anyone who feels that they would like to be considered for appointment as a trustee.

Godfrey Burley  
Chairman  
16 July 2015