

## **Thornborough Village Hall Annual Report June 2024**

Once again, the Thornborough Village Hall Management Committee have met their prime objective of keeping Thornborough Village Hall open for use by villagers and village organisations.

It has been an extremely busy 2023/2024. In March we were delighted to receive a grant of £85,000 from FCC Communities Foundations which along with over £20,000 from the Thornborough & Thornton Fundraisers has allowed us to start the Village Hall Refurbishment project. The hall closed on 20<sup>th</sup> May and will reopen in early September. The money will be used to improve and extend the kitchen area, modernise the toilets, provide an additional storage area and a complete redecoration.

### **Fundraising:**

TVH Management Committee are very grateful for the continued support from the Thornborough & Thornton Fundraisers who have raised such an extraordinary amount of money and who have a huge number of future events planned to keep that support coming; Abba Fest, Village Hall Opening Party, 50/50 Clothes Exchange, Quiz, Christmas Quiz and a production of David Copperfield. Huge thanks to the amazing committee AND to all those who support these events and donate so generously.

### **Income:**

Our accounts are still draft and awaiting confirmation, however based on these accounts for the 2022-23 year, from our normal activity, we raised a surplus of £397, which was decreased from the surplus in 2022-23 due to significantly increased electricity charges (£5,200 compared to £1,715). Overall revenue increased from £8,329 to £9,899 as a result of increased lettings and 59 club income. The increase in electricity is as a result of having heating back in place with the new heaters. We expect this to come down significantly next year, but remains our biggest cost. We also incurred refurbishment net expenses of £8,176, which means the total deficit in funds was £7,779. Refurbishment costs were £27,213 relating to damp proofing and new heating, which was partially offset with grant income received of £16,238 from the National Lottery and Ngage.

We end the year with net cash available of c.£7k after some expenses to be paid.

The village hall committee are very grateful for the annual £1,000 donation from the parish council, which is invaluable in keeping the village hall open and allowing us to match funds which is a requirement of some of the grants we are looking at.

### **Thornborough Village Hall Users:**

Thank you to all our regular village hall users; WI, Parish Council, Thornborough School, Annual Garden Show, Post Office, fundraising events and our many and varied groups that aim to keep us fit; yoga, Pilates, Body Blast & Bollywood dance! New users always welcome and bookings available (from September) via our booking system:

<https://thornboroughvillagehall.com>

### **Thanks to the Committee:**

Many thanks to all the members of the committee; Steve Wilkins chairman, David Telford, Bernard Garbe, Lynn Morgan, Sophie Roberson, Gwynne Grayson, Ann Payne and for the ongoing support from Steve Coppins and Sue Kenyon.

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