



West Dereham Village Hall Management Committee
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Monthly report to West Dereham Parish Council – 7 October 21

1. The Village Hall continues to host occasional private function events, yoga on a Monday and White Hart Bar opening on a Sunday. For a trial period, the Bar will open on Friday evenings from 1900.

Governance

2. There have been no volunteers to join the Management Committee as Trustees or representatives from other aspects of the village community. The Management Committee needs a dedicated Treasurer and a new Secretary; the utility of the Hall will be constrained by the lack of volunteers and Trustees.

Finances

3. The financial situation is improving, helped by Ansvar insurance paying £1083.04 towards the Wave water bill caused by a leak on the property side of the supply line.

4. The handling of the bank accounts by HSBC remains challenging, with a rejection letter to permit Internet Banking as it is not a stated requirement in the Trust Deed. Minutes of an extraordinary meeting held by the existing MC, agreeing on new banking procedures, was submitted with the application forms, but were deemed not sufficient to allow internet banking to be authorised. At present, banking remains a luddite affair with cheque book and paying-in card, and monthly printouts of statements. However, log on details and a remote security device have been sent through the post so it is unclear what the HSBC stance on internet banking is for the Village Hall. If internet banking is not possible, a different provider will be sought.

5. Cost of supplies and the need to generate more revenue has resulted in a slight increase in bar prices, which remain well below the prices of local public houses.

Account	Paid Out	Paid In	Balance
Village Hall*	£650.00	£1769.25	£1,341.75
Bar Reserve Account	£0.00	£22.53	£1,078.81
Bar Account*	£518.51	£500	£3,312.39

* Payment of Wave bill to be made from Bar account.

Infrastructure

6. Nothing significant to report.

7. Update on projects identified for the future:

- a. Trimming of the hedge and weeding of the car park remains an outstanding task. This has been volunteered as gratis work from a provider within the community.
- b. Refurbishment of the outside benches. No progress. A seating bench provided by members of the community has been constructed and secured to the external wall.
- c. Purchase and fit of new fire doors for the Abbey Room and Main Hall. No funds available.
- d. Purchase of soft furniture for 'Chequers Corner' in the Abbey Room. A leather sofa has been offered by a member of the community as a donation. Further donations of tables will be sought.
- e. Purchase of additional benches for outside use. Funds will become available after fire doors have been commissioned for the Abbey Room and Main Hall.

Events

- 8. Cre8 have requested regular bookings, but uptake remains low.
- 9. Yoga classes are regularly held Monday evenings, but uptake has reduced slightly.
- 10. Quiz nights will be run once a month.
- 11. Saturday Brunch will be held once a month provided volunteers to assist come forward.
- 12. Table, chair, crockery and cutlery hire is now available to residents, for any home-based events should the VH not be available or suitable.
- 13. The White Hart Bar has been opened on Sunday afternoons when volunteer staff have been available. We have 5 fully inducted Bar staff, and Friday evening opening will commence on Friday 8 October 1900 - 2200
- 14. All events and opening times will continue to be advertised on [West Dereham Village Hall Events | Facebook](#) and Website <https://westderehamvillagehall.co.uk/> and The Pump where lead times allow

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