Staverton Village Hall
Croft Lane, Staverton
Northamptonshire
Charity No. 276646

Staverton Village Hall Annual Report 2024 - 2025

Mission statement:
To hear and react to any topics of interest pertaining to Staverton Village Hall to promote this community asset.

Trustees
There have been no changes to our trustees since the last report.

Event summary 2024-25

2024

- Two committee meetings in July and October
- 24th July - AGM
- 26th July, 20th Sept, 15th Nov - Cake, Crafts & Social mornings.
- 7th September - Make Bake & Grow show - A well supported social event showcasing many talents.
- 23rd November - Quiz Night - A popular village event of quizzing and a curry supper made by volunteers.

2025

- Two committee meetings in January and April
- 8th February - Welcome Drinks to new residents - over 60 residents attending
- 31st Jan, 28th Feb, 28th March, Cake, Craft & Social morning
- 20th April Easter Egg Rolling - over 80 villagers enjoyed this gathering on the Green
- *Our AGM will be in June - when the annual accounts will be shared - All Village residents are welcome.*

Bookings
Bookings remain similar to last year with steady income. Regular hires equate to 50% of our total hire revenue. A steady amount of private bookings from villagers and some external bookings, as well as the Parish Council (PC), the Women's Institute (WI) and Staverton Singers using the hall to practice for the Christmas Church Service; also monthly social mornings.These hirings all enjoy using the excellent facilities the hall has to offer. From March the hall has been used for a trial block of seated fitness sessions delivered by 'Everyone Active' From Daventry sports centre. This has been attended by nine villagers and made extra funds for the running costs of the hall.

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Administration

We are continuing to improve our processes and procedures of the hall, with grants secured during lockdown being spent on improvements to the kitchen, infrastructure and outside areas

We engaged 'Rollinsons Solicitors' Daventry, to register the Village Hall with the Land Registry. Looking back through historic documents, previous minutes and archived files, it was evident that the original deeds have been lost since 1968. These deeds are needed to prove the status of the property when applying for grants. However there are many documents to evidence the land gift and building of the hall. With this historic record 'Rollisons' succeeded in getting our land registered with title absolute within eight months at a cost of £1,510. The trustees are very pleased with this success. Our next challenge is to update the constitution to reflect modern lifestyles and remove the need of being on multiple committees.

Information Technology

Our operation processes using Google accounts with dedicated email addresses for the Chairperson, Secretary, Bookings Officer, Treasurer and Maintenance, which is in compliance with DPA 2018 and GDPR and proving very successful.

Health and Safety

The statutory Health and Safety report, Fire Safety Inspection and Electrical Infrastructure checks have all been completed and various areas updated, with improvements and recommendations being implemented which all benefit the users of the hall.
The outside areas which include the fire exit routes have had extensive improvements; widening the paths, holding back the soil and reducing the gardening maintenance. Two new gates were fitted. We are very grateful to Tony Glover and Craig for their time on this large project, completed for just over £1,200.

Infrastructure

Solar panels were fitted by MCI Electrical Installations Ltd in June 2024 on the flat roof of the south facing kitchen plus two storage batteries giving us 10kWh of storage at a cost of £11,600. We applied

for an ACRE Jubilee Grant in March 2024 to assist with the costs, and were successful to the sum of £2320. The output has been 2.8 MWh generated and an export value of 1.75 MWh.

Media

With regards to Social media and What's on; we continue to have a Facebook page, a website (www.stavertonvillagehall.co.uk), and make use of the village WhatsApp facility to promote our events. There are also printed notices posted on the three notice boards: The Green, The Jubilee Tree Green (near the school) and the Village Hall in Croft Lane.

The end of year financial report will be available at the Village Hall AGM on 25th June at 18.45

It was a good year for the Village Hall; the Committee is grateful for the support from the villagers.