

## Stanton Lacy Village Hall: Annual Report 2024/25

1. The main purpose of the Charity is to build community and to support our vulnerable members in any way we can by operating the village hall as the hub and heart of our village. We feel we have achieved this objective this year by holding a series of events to bring local people together and to support each other.
2. The details of our financial performance are in the accounts but we are a very small charity, supporting our local community through a variety of events including Winter Warmers (where we provide a free lunch for children, parents, through to our elderly residents), a regular bar night staffed by volunteers (as we have no other facility within about 5 miles where local people can meet), supporting the skittles team, craft fairs, regular coffee mornings, music nights for all age groups in our village, a family bingo evening, community markets and a series of other social events. Over the summer months we have opened the Hall on a Friday evening and welcomed various food outlets who have provided food for these well attended evenings.
3. We have made substantial progress on our plans to develop the building and have completed works to improve the men's and women's toilets, as well as the external drainage, and have done extensive works to the wooden floor. The next stage will be for use to install solar panels and a battery to reduce our heating and electricity costs, as well as earning money from electricity we export to the grid.
4. The charity is run by a committee who have attended to their responsibilities and we are supported by a wide range of volunteers. As always, the responsibility for the administration for the Village Hall has fallen predominantly on a small number of members of the committee, supported by a wider group of people who have assisted to organise events. I would like to thank those who have assisted but also call on those who value the hall as part of their community to add to our volunteer group. The wide range of events that we manage to put on in the hall will only be

able to continue with support from lots of people in the community or the strain on the committee members will become too great. We have made some progress this year in spreading the load but need to do more.

5. There are no adverse issues we have to report. The finances have been properly managed and we are pleased to present the accounts.

Alan J Gatehouse

Chair