

BUCKDEN VILLAGE HALL AGM and TRUSTEES MEETING, 6 OCTOBER 2020
Held via Zoom

AGM – 1900 hrs

The forthcoming AGM had been advertised on the VHT website and members of the public had been invited to attend. There were no members of the public present.

The Chairman and the Treasurer gave a review of the year, which had certainly been different owing to Covid 19. The last booking had been on 17th March and had only recently re-opened.

The Treasurer gave a financial update. 2019 had been a financially strong year. The Trust had supported those clubs who were struggling and new visitors had been attracted. Utilities were reviewed and there had been a number of rebates amid rising costs which included staffing. Legionnaires testing, fire risks, lock-up procedures and IT had been upgraded which was all part of the general Health and Safety review, which is now in a good place. Governance has been under scrutiny and now being worked on and also in a good place.

TRUSTEES MEETING – 1930 hrs

With regards the current year - The Trust had been granted £25,000 from the Government, which had helped with Covid requirements and some of which had been used to assist those clubs which were struggling financially owing to the lockdown. The Hall reopened on 7th September when the Hall had been prepared and was Covid Secure. Several clients have returned plus new bookings and enquiries. There has been very positive feedback from users. However the Hall remains closed to the general public.

During lockdown the Hall floor has been renewed and looking good. A number of Grants are in the pipeline for work on the pavilion, storage units and mower. The plans for the upgrade of the Pavilion and a new storage unit are with the District Council and hopefully will be approved on 9th October.

Future projects include, the Valley and Paths, the roof of the Hall and upgrade of the playground and pitches.

It was noted that both the Chair and Treasurer are looking to step down having been in office for some time. It is hoped to host an information session in December to attract recruits for both positions plus new Trustees.

2019 was a successful year with an increased bank balance and clubs financially sound at present.

Pauline Steel
7th October 2020

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