

Report to the Parish Council

From: Helen Smith, Chairman, Little Harrowden Village Hall

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The Warm Space free lunches initiative concluded at the end of March. During April, the Café is providing a hot lunch service, after which it will transition to the summer menu from 1st May.

The remedial electrical work at the Village Hall has now been completed, and we are fully up to date with the Electrical Installation Condition Report (EICR) requirements.

We have recently introduced a new booking system, *Lemon Booking*, which is proving to be effective. We have already received bookings through this system.

The committee has implemented six key policies: Safeguarding, Complaints, Equal Opportunities, Data Protection, Finance, and Reserves.

We are pleased to report that the Village Hall now has its own website:

www.littleharrowdenvillagehall.org.uk

I have attended a webinar on infrared heating, which we are currently exploring as a potential future improvement. Additionally, a committee member attended a session on making village halls dementia-friendly. As a result, we are considering improvements such as installing a lighter-coloured entrance mat and enhancing the acoustics in the main hall.

I will be attending two upcoming webinars: Counter Terrorism Awareness on 14th April and a Specialist Support Clinic for Energy Costs on 28th April.

We are in the process of applying for a Grass Roots Grant through Groundwork, funded by the People's Postcode Lottery. If successful, this funding will be used to help offset rising energy costs and provide financial stability over the coming year.

The committee has agreed to host a Jumble/Table Top Sale on Saturday 11th July to raise funds for future improvements.

Additionally, the Village Hall will be made available free of charge for the BIG Clean Up Day on Saturday 30th May. Several committee members will also be available to assist on the day.

Helen Smith

Chairman

Little Harrowden Village Hall