ATWORTH VILLAGE HALL AND RECREATION GROUND

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The Atworth Village Hall and Recreation Ground has had many changes in the past year. Some of these are successes and there were some disappointments.

Although the hall has retained the regular users we have seen a rise in the number of occasional users mainly parties over the later part of the year. We were also successful in obtaining the Art Group in 2014 that started using the hall as a beginner's group and are currently using the hall three times a week. Unfortunately the football club decided in February to stop using the recreation ground due to a reduction of players.

During 2014 the Village Hall successfully obtains grants worth £5,539. £4,000 was used to decorate both the inside and outside of the village hall which was long overdue. Some of the money was used to replace roof tiles that fell off during one of the storms and to place a guard along the side of the hall to stop tiles falling onto parked cars. We also had the two chimneys re-pointed, which were causing some damp patches in the hall. The remaining money was put forward to replace the front window, which will be carried out in early 2015.

At the early part of 2013, the committee agreed to a Five Year rolling Plan. We currently have approx. twenty items listed on this plan. This plan is evolving as more requirements are being identified, however the decoration carried out during the year were the first two items carried out against this Five Year Plan.

At the end of 2014 the annual ROSPA report was commissioned which with the exception of a couple of items indicated that the recreation ground and play equipment is still in good order. The items that need to be addressed will hopefully be rectified during 2015.

In the summer of 2014 the committee held a hugely successful Centenary Festival in the Village Hall and Recreation Ground. This not only helped the village hall financially but also was widely supported by the whole village who had a great day out. I would like to thank all of the people and businesses that provided prizes for the raffle and for those committee members and their families who gave their time to make it such a great day.

In the summer of 2014 we started a village hall 200 club. This not only helped to raise money for the village Hall but also provided prize money to shareholders.

The need for additional park benches in the recreation ground was identified last year. The funding for these benches was achieved with the help of the White Hart, the Parish Council, and the village hall. The seats were installed during 2014, which brought the total of seats installed to six.

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During this year several of the members have either left the committee or have indicated that they would like to resign from their current role. Although it is increasingly difficult to attract people for positions within the committee, I would like to thank them for their help and assistance during the year.

Finally I would like to thank my fellow trustees for all their help and support in aid of the Charity during the year.

Sign by Chairman _____