



**RUAN MINOR VILLAGE HALL**

**Annual report to the Parish Council 2021**

Dear Councillors,

This year's report as you may well expect is quite brief. Covid 19 has meant that very little has gone on in the Village Hall over the past year.

The major user has been the Grade Ruan Under 5's and then they have only managed just short of a term and a half with the various lockdowns. We received much guidance from the government and priority had to be given to making the hall available for these education purposes.

We have also kept the snooker room available as much as possible within guidelines and regulations, this has meant strict controls on numbers in the room and cleaning protocols and as such we have installed automatic hand sanitisers and cleaning stations at the two main entrances to the building.

You may well expect that the lack of use has severely hampered the finances of the hall for the past year but we have been extremely lucky to qualify for a small business rate relief grant to compensate for enforced closure. This has meant that our income this year has been very similar to recent years.

We are grateful for the parish council for paying for the village Christmas tree once again which was displayed outside the Village hall, this year we had the added excitement of being filmed by a TV crew which was shown at Christmas. A lot of the parish was seen on TV this winter!

It is hoped that when regulations allow that most of the halls activities will return promptly and we have interest for the Pilates to continue plus more fitness classes to be added to the schedule.

What the last year has shown that the nature of the committee in its structure and small number with guidelines and shielding that there has been very very few people able to carry out tasks within and for the hall. We did not have an AGM in 2020 as this was not possible the 2019 elected committee carried on and held committee meeting via Zoom as many of us now do. But it is hoped to have an AGM sometime after June 22<sup>nd</sup> if the Government's roadmap out of Covid follows its planned course. At this point we would hope to get a full complement of elected trustees plus representative trustees including the parish council to sit on the committee.

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