

Report on Tunbury Village Hall

During the Hall financial year October 1st 2022 to September 30th 2023, Outgoings were £16588.31 and income, £15,430.13.

Half the Hall's income comes from the Catkins Pre School and about a quarter from the Bluebell School of Dance. The other regular users are Badminton, Medway Amateur Racing and Transmitting, Model Car Racing and Short Mat Bowls.

Despite continued increases in costs, the balance sheet is currently slightly healthier than it might appear to be from the end of year figures above. There have been two changes that might explain this. First, Brownies and Rainbows no longer meet at the Hall since nobody has been found to run these groups. The available slots have been taken up by the Bluebell School of Dance. Secondly, income from parties seems to be increasing, largely thanks to the efforts of Kinga, who does our bookings. Alcohol is forbidden which reduces income but also reduces mess and damage. Only one party involving a teenager coming of age led to serious trouble. Alcohol was evidently brought in despite the rules. The deposit was not returned. Most users treat the Hall as if it were their own.

BT now gives less service but charges more. We now pay for our own rubbish collection. We have a new intruder alarm system because the previous provider was unable to locate parts to repair the old system. Scottish Power never read the meters so keep making increasing estimates. I therefore make my own readings and phone them in.

The official report for the Charities Commission has not yet been filed. Owing to a change in procedure, something that was said by them to take "Three minutes" to deal with is taking much longer to accomplish.

Dr Thomas R Shelley,

Treasurer

May 7th 2024