

Scarning Village Hall and Estate Trust Annual Report to Scarning Parish Council 19-04-2010

By Mr. Ron Steward Vice Chairman of the trustees.

The village hall here in Scarning is continuing to be used on a more and more regular basis, by a very diverse group of users, as a public meeting hall for the Parish Council, Parochial Church Council meetings and as a function hall for Church and community fund raising events, and for family parties, yoga classes. There are two vibrant art groups, Thalia theatre company a community based theatre company working with a group of local adults with learning difficulties, poultry club. Tai Chi classes twice a week aimed at adults young and older, the women's institute of Scarning meet on the last Wednesday of each month, and there is Music and Movement Mums and toddler's group meeting in the hall on Friday mornings. The village hall was used as temporary accommodation for the bowls club to meet when their pavilion was destroyed by fire last year.

The trustees are endeavouring to implement the planning permission recently acquired to move the bus stop and the raised bus access platform and all the yellow bus stop writing on the road and to have the kerbs dropped and the whole area outside the village hall asphalted in conjunction with the Breckland planning consent we are working in partnership with the Parish council, Norfolk County Council, and Breckland Council to create better access and parking at the front of the village hall and we will be having a meeting shortly with all the parties involved in this project to seek advice on a project schedule and to record who is paying for each part of the scheme.

The trustees are proposing to have the inside of the village hall decorated, and we are currently seeking quotes to have this work carried out, it is hoped that the work can be carried out with the minimum of disruption to hall users and their scheduled usage of the hall.

The Trustees are grateful for the support from the Parish Council to the village hall over the past year by giving two plastic picnic benches and tables, and for the assistance in securing the planning permission for the work to the hall frontage,

The Trustees were pleased to appoint Mr Nick Hartley as the booking clerk for the hall earlier this year, and are very grateful to Mrs Karen Druce for her service over many years as the booking clerk.

There have been some problems with the hall heating system during the really cold weather this winter, these problems have now been resolved and the trustees have purchased two 3 kilo watt portable heaters to give auxiliary heat should it be required in the future.

The Trust will continue to maintain and run Scarning village hall to a high standard and provide the best facilities that they can in this public letting hall for the use of the people of Scarning and the locality.