

## Snape Village Hall Management Trust AGM

### Chair's Report for 2024

This year has seen much the same activity as in the previous year. We have, however, welcomed a new member to the management committee who has replaced the Chair of the Parish Council (who was also a member of the village hall management committee). Our new member is part of the Parish Council so can report matters back from each aspect of the council.

We continue to ensure that all the necessary checks have been completed, for example, the electrics and fire alarms.

We are still in the process of acting on the previous structural survey and are currently waiting on the asbestos survey to clarify where asbestos is located. Once we receive the results, we can act on that and consider the recommendations of the reports/analysis of the situation. We continue to work closely with the Parish Council to consider options and funding requirements.

The increased hire charges were accepted by hirers, and we see a very healthy use of the hall for various events, parties and activities.

One of the most important elements for the hall continues to be the monies raised via the coffee mornings and the bric a brac stall. We are very fortunate to receive donations for the bric a brac and raffle which the residents enjoy.

Over this year we have welcomed visiting groups to enjoy the coffee mornings. We have also invited local services to come along and talk to residents about health services available and support networks – this has been a positive element of our commitment to serve the residents of Snape.

Financially we continue to look solid but are still active regarding securing future funding for projects this year going forward.

The village hall turns 100 in 2025 which requires a celebration for all that have been part of the local area. To add to this, our bookings secretary has managed to secure a £500 sum from Sizewell C neighbourhood funds.

Our accounts have previously been audited by our new member to the management committee which has meant finding an alternative person to audit our accounts. At this stage (April 2025) we have yet to receive the confirmation of the audit from our new appointed person. So, the unaudited accounts show a net surplus of £7,324.87 and total funds at the year-end of £25,501.94.

Lastly, I would like to express my thanks to the committee members and contributors to the hall for all their support. I was out of action for some months in 2024/2025 and have been overwhelmed by the support and work undertaken by our volunteers.

Caroline Salisbury

Chair