

ATWORTH VILLAGE HALL AND RECREATION GROUND  
CHARITY NUMBER 305461

CHAIRMAN'S ANNUAL REPORT 2016

The village hall had another good year as we have been saving our money for major projects. 2017 will be a big year as the disabled and female toilet refurbishment will be carried out. The female toilet will then become a unisex unit. It is also hoped that the kitchen will also be refurbished during 2017.

Although the hall has lost two regular groups, we did gain a new Pilates Group in the autumn. We are still receiving plenty of bookings for parties throughout the year, and receiving continuing support from the Art Group who uses the hall three times a week and also puts on regular workshops on several Saturdays throughout the year.

We held a successful fete on the recreation ground in 2016. This fete was never going to be as big as the Centenary fete which was held in 2014, but it did provide additional money for the village hall and it did provide an event for the public. Unfortunately, due to other events being staged in the area on the same day, the attendance was down on the fete held in 2014. On saying that, there was plenty of stalls as well as the normal barbecue and beer stall, Dog Show and the tea and cake tent and I believe the day was enjoyed by all who attended

During 2016, following a grant received from Landfill and Community First, the Village Hall installed five new pieces of children's equipment in the recreation ground. This included a new wooden multi-climbing structure.

The Five -Year rolling Plan is still in existence. The priority for 2017 and 2018 will be the refurbishment of the toilets and the kitchen followed by the purchase of a PA system for the hall, which will include a hearing loop. This will be followed by new tables and chairs and blinds for the hall.

In the autumn of 2016, the annual ROSPA inspection took place, which, with the exception of a couple of items, indicated that the recreation ground and play equipment was still in good order. The ground work under part of the Agility Trial that was scheduled to be done in 2016 will now be carried out in 2017. Although the 'Cube' which is one of the new pieces of equipment installed last year was given a Medium Risk, this is due to the type of equipment it is and not that it is a risk.

Although the village hall 200 club was not as well subscribed as in 2015, it still brought in much needed funds for the village hall. It also provided prize money to shareholders.

I would like to thank the Melksham Area Board and the Atworth Parish Council for their help in supporting our projects throughout this very busy year.

Finally, I would like to thank my fellow trustees (both past and present) for all their help and support in aid of the Charity during the year.

Chairman \_\_\_\_\_

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