

Report from the Witnesham Village Hall Management Committee for the Swilland and Witnesham Annual Parish Meeting - Wednesday 16th April 2025

Tracey Hardy, Chair

Witnesham Village Hall, situated in Church Lane, continues to provide a warm, clean venue for regular meetings of groups including the WI and the Parish Council, for a variety of classes for young and old and as a place for one off parties, meetings and voting!

The management committee is currently made up of 5 volunteers and would very much welcome new members to assist in keeping this valuable village commodity running. Our next meeting is at 2.30pm on Tuesday 13th May at the hall, to which anyone interested in joining the committee would be more than welcome to attend. We would particularly welcome forward thinkers and those with some marketing expertise. As custodians of the hall, on behalf of the Parish Council, we will be looking for increased support from councillors moving forward.

We have seen a new caretaker employed this year but sadly he is leaving the village and so the position is again vacant – it is an ad-hoc role with a small salary and anyone interested should contact a member of the committee for details.

We have had the hall website updated, along with the booking system and associated documents, and we must thank Paul Laughlin hugely for his time in undertaking this rather onerous task. Visit www.witneshamvillagehall.co.uk where details on how to hire the hall are found.

We have an issue at present with water ingress affecting a small area of the floor. This is being addressed by the committee and, following a surveyors report, we are working on how to fix the problem. We are also looking into improving the surface of the car park but will need a grant to do so; again work in progress.

As the relatively new chair I want to thank the committee members for their positivity, support and work over the last year to keep the hall running and for embracing the changes that I have suggested!