

Annual Parish Meeting – South Cadbury Village Hall update

South Cadbury Village Hall continues to build on the progress made in previous years. The dedicated, energetic and enthusiastic committee is growing and making further improvements to the external lighting, signage, storage and access to the hall. It really is a great asset to South Cadbury and the local area.

The hall has now been registered as a Community Place of Safety which is a designated location used for temporary shelter during an emergency. Hopefully it will not be required for any reason, but should the need arise, it will be available to provide safe, warm, dry and comfortable shelter.

The schedule of special events has continued through the year, with evening talks, monthly Village Café, Easter Trail, the Summer Fair as well as Pilates classes and Morris Dancing. The hall is available for private hire and there have been some very well supported events including charity fund raising tea parties. The Village Hall newsletter has established itself as the Village Newsletter that shares what's is going on in the vicinity, supporting local businesses and encouraging community action to help improve our surroundings with the likes of unofficial litter collections. The website is following that same premise.

Underpinning all the activities available are the Licence, Policies and Insurance that ensure the safety, security and safeguarding of all users, backed up by regular checks, assessments and prompt remedial action managed by the never-ending commitment of the committee.

The council contributes towards the cost of grass cutting and it has been lovely to see the play equipment that was expanded last year with the help of some of our available Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) funding that can only be used for parish facilities in regular use with the playing fields being kept in a tidy and useable condition.

Communications between the Parish Council and South Cadbury Village Hall has been open and free and I hope that the relationship between the two organisations continues to be supportive and fruitful.

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