

Campton Village Hall Management Committee

Booking Secretary Annual Report

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1st January 2023 – 31st December 2023

The current utilization of the hall is reasonable. A long-term business hirer finished at the end of 2023, early 2024. They booked significant hours both Thursday and Friday mornings for over fourteen months that netted the hall nearly £2,000 in hire charges.

A new hirer started in late 2023 and that is the White Hart Pub. They have booked several Saturdays for their darts tournament, hopefully it will be an annual event.

One fitness class hirer uses the hall now Monday and Thursday evenings and Saturday mornings avoiding the monthly Monday or Thursday that Trugs and Trowels or the Parish Council use the hall.

However, when Carpet bowls finish for the summer break in April and don't return until October, then that leaves the hall generally unused for Thursdays and Fridays.

Weekend bookings which are generally children's parties, could be better. The A frame advertising the hall needs reinstating after refurbishing and the sign message updating.

There are however a few bookings in May that will make a significant contribution to the hall's running cost, firstly the polling station booking and secondly a whole Saturday and Sunday weekend business booking.

Fortunately, noise complaints have been absent for some time but that may change when the warmer weather arrives and the hall windows are open. Unfortunately, parking complaints are more common.

The year 2023 finished with all hire accounts paid up to date and no debtors. All regular accounts now pay by BACs so the hassle of visiting the bank is generally eliminated.

Cleaners visit the hall twice per week, Tuesdays and Fridays but the committee expect hirers to play their part and leave the hall clean and tidy and report any problems or breakages.

Smoking is not allowed anywhere on the VH premises and that includes the forecourt but the large accumulation of cigarette butts on the forecourt shows the no smoking sign is being ignored.