

Note to Carlton Parish Council from Carlton Village Hall.

To be presented to the Parish Council AGM meeting on 28 May 2024. This note is by way of a brief update on progress made by Carlton Village Hall to date and an outline plan of work that we hope to carry out in the following year.

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Carlton Village Hall has seen a lot of positive changes this year. We had a new Chair, Vice Chair, Treasurer, Secretary and Bookings Secretary elected and all are making fantastic contributions to the Village Hall and are an asset for the village.

Unfortunately, this has also meant that most of the old Committee have resigned over the year, due to difference of opinions on how the hall should be used/run. On a positive note, we have new members that are committed to the future and longevity of the Village Hall.

Over the last year, we have updated the Ladies and Disabled bathrooms, repainted the Entrance Foyer and are now in the process of updating the Gents bathrooms and have received some positive feedback on how lovely the hall is looking.

We also have a new noticeboard that is due to be installed.

The next year of the Village Hall will be very busy as we hope to continue with updating the hall and surrounding area with plans for new fencing, internal fire doors, stage updates to name a few ideas we are applying for grants and have further fundraising ideas to hopefully continue with the upgrades required.

The Committee has reinstated Family Nights, Bingo for families on an afternoon and evening, as requested by villagers, and they are slowly gaining momentum. We have also introduced Afternoon Teas for pensioners of the village, which has been a great success, and we are looking to add extra dates if possible.

Plans are now underway for our biggest fundraiser, which is the Carlton Village Hall Fete. We are hoping to involve more local organisations taking part, which will hopefully get us back to how it was when it was under Carlton Feast umbrella.

Finally, I would like to thank the Parish Council for your continued support over this turbulent year and for the funding you have provided to help improve and maintain the Hall for the villager of Carlton.