

## **Husthwaite Village Hall AGM 30<sup>th</sup> October 2017 – Co-Chairpersons Report**

The Village Hall is in trust for the Parish of Husthwaite by elected members known as Trustees without distinction of Political, Religious and other opinions. It is used for meetings, lectures and classes and for other forms of recreation and leisure with the object of improving the conditions for the local community.

The hall has been host to many different activities over the last 12 months and these have continued to be more varied with the growth of the Events Committee. With ongoing favourites from Burns Supper, OVC and Prime Time, quarterly markets and the film club to new events such as wine tasting and bird walks. The events timetable continues to be a key driver of funds for the hall and will continue to be over this coming year. However, although we plan to continue with events such as Snake Davis, which does raise a large amount of revenue for the hall, we will also continue to seek out more niche events, for example, the Nightjar Expedition. Which, while the revenue it may create is limited, the interest and further inclusion of possible minorities in the community is very worthwhile.

I would like to thank all of our volunteers over the last year. There are too many to mention but they all know who they are and the involvement of new volunteers is key to the continued success of the hall. From members of the committee, to those providing home baked goods for markets and cafes, to those giving of their time to the upkeep of the hall and its surrounding area. All volunteers are widely welcomed as a whole array of skills are required for the hall to continue to be run in a well rounded manner.

Our thanks go to Angie Sibley and Rebecca Colton. Angie who recently stepped down from her role as Treasurer due to ongoing family commitments and also that she is in the process of moving away from the village. The never ending organisation of cheques and floats was much appreciated. A big thank you also to Sheila Mowatt, who along with sitting as co-chair also undertook, hopefully in the short term, the role of the Treasurer. Rebecca took over the role of

Minutes Secretary and Youth Liaison but has had to step down as she has moved on to uni. Their efforts were much appreciated.

Stephen Barker indicated last year that he would not be standing for re-election and although we will all be sad to see him go, he definitely deserves a break after his 42 years on the village hall committee! Stephen has assured me that he will still be available for us to call on as a volunteer which is very much appreciated. A huge thank you for your tireless efforts in Husthwaite.

Thanks also to Husthwaite Parish Council for its continued support of both the hall and the village as a whole. Keeping us updated on all issues from the emptying of bins to proposed building sites and issues such as Emergency Planning.

Both the web site, Newsletter and The Link continue to keep us up to date with what's going on in our village. Both Lawrie Hill and Jan Coulthard respectively, have our thanks for continuing to spread the word about what's happening in Husthwaite and what a great place it is to live.

So, to the forthcoming year. Our focus needs to continue to be the needs of the community and how the hall can contribute to this. By keeping the hall in good repair we enable the provision of a place for groups and individuals to meet. An example of this is the required replacement of fascias and continual assessment of all aspects of the hall and the funding of such work. Secondly to enable the hall to grow within the community by supporting other possible user groups, such as a play group. Currently we are unable to do this, partially due to our lack of storage space, something that we hope to be able to start fundraising for this year. To continue to be open to and support, both financially and with volunteer hours, such events as the pantomime which will be 'reinvented' and performed for the first time in the new hall in 2018.

Both myself and Sheila would like to thank our colleagues on the Village hall committee for their support and also those members of the Events committee who continue to make sure that the mention of Husthwaite is often followed by the words 'there's always something happening at their village hall'!

A final thank you to everyone who supports our hall, not only by volunteering, but by attending and supporting our varied events. Without that support we

would be unable to plan for the future, not only of the hall, but of the wellbeing of the village itself and the individuals that have chosen to live here and in our surrounding community.

Thank you.

Lynn Colton and Sheila Mowatt

Co Chairpersons Husthwaite Village Hall