



## **Annual Report 2023**

### **Objectives of the Village Hall Management Committee in 2023**

The Village Hall in Maplebeck is primarily for the use of the communities of Maplebeck, Winkburn and Kersall and its objectives are to provide 'forms of recreation and leisure-time occupation' for the inhabitants of those communities<sup>1</sup>. The Committee members, who are also trustees of the charity, are elected by the residents of Maplebeck to run the Village Hall. Committee members can also be co-opted onto the Committee

In March 2023, Roger Bell joined the Committee which included Donna Crow, Max Crow, Rachel Gardner and Julie Grundy.

### **Financial Review**

The accounts of the Village Hall have been independently reviewed and the financial statement is included. In 2023, the Village Hall's income exceeded expenditure by £861. This was particularly pleasing given the rising costs of running the hall and the major expenditure that was needed to ensure that we continue to meet current Health and Safety Standards.

This is a testament not just to the hard work of the committee in organising events but also to the community for supporting us at the Quiz in February, the fete in June and the Ceilidh in October. The Scarecrow competition, although not specifically to raise money, provided lots of entertainment to villagers and those who attended the fete and our thanks to everyone who took up the challenge.

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<sup>1</sup> The Trust Deed dated 1<sup>st</sup> January 1972

## Looking Forward

### Changes to the Committee

In January 2024, Heather Palmer was co-opted onto the committee, and we are delighted to have her join us. At the AGM, both Julie Grundy and Rachel Gardner tendered their resignations. Both Rachel and Julie have been members of the Village Hall committee for many years, and we thank them for their help and support. This leaves the committee with just 4 members and the committee is hoping to co-opt a further trustee shortly.

### Bookings and future events

Sadly, the yoga classes that have been running since the new hall opened in 2015 have now come to an end. We have been unable to secure sufficient attendees to make it financially viable for a teacher to run a class. The Pilates group also faces similar challenges of low numbers.

The Kurling group continues to meet monthly, and our thanks go to Jenny and Alan Blaydon for their work in continuing to make this a successful and enjoyable event for its members. We have some private bookings over the next few months and the possibility of elections in May and perhaps again in the Autumn.

We thank the community for their continued support of the hall and look forward to seeing you at future events.

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