

Tollerton War Memorial Institute

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Chairman's Annual Statement

Tollerton War Memorial Institute continues to fulfil its role as a hub for the community, providing a warm and well-lit space for people to hire and be entertained.

2021-2022 has been another quiet year due to the restrictions from Covid19, but as the restrictions have eased, the use of the hall has increased back to its normal level of use.

Private and social use only started around July '21. Two bookings by Hambleton district council have helped, plus the regular monthly use by the parish council. A new exercise class has been operating up to five times a week, which has really benefitted the hall. Currently we are seeing 7 hours a week use by regular weekly events.

The overall condition of the hall remains very good, though the pan-tile roof requires replacement. Many of the tiles on the eastern side have 'blown' and there is multiple evidence of leaks internally after heavy rain. Quotes were gained over the year and an application for a grant to pay for this has been successfully made. As I write this statement, funds need to be arranged to facilitate and execute this project which will hopefully be carried out later this year (2022) at a cost of £30,000.

A lot of effort has been made by the committee to tidy up the rear outdoor space which has now become a very pleasant and usable space. Two picnic benches were purchased to aid its use. A new door for the old boiler room has been purchased but not yet fitted and the old wooden box over the old heating system header tank, was removed due condition. The roof was made good, thanks to Nick Thompson. Nick has also worked hard improving the gates to the side too.

Internally very little is outstanding. The extractor fan in the reduced mobility toilet needs replacing. Currently there is no hot water to the tap in that toilet too, which requires further investigation.

A new slow cooker was purchased for the hall which greatly improved the efficiency of the kitchen at the last brunch event, which was the 6th Feb '22.

This year will require a full 5 yearly electrical inspection of the building, due around July. This is a requirement of the building insurers, but also good practice.

Finally, a big thank you to all the committee past and present for their support and hard work, Yvonne Brown, Barbara Walker, Janette Ferris, Bill Scott and Petra Hilton, plus partners who consistently support them and help out.

Tim Brook
Chairman & Booking Secretary