

**Edgmond Village Hall Annual Report
to Edgmond Parish Council
13th April 2021**

Edgmond village hall, like all village halls, has faced a tough year. Fortunately, finances pre lock down were strong and with government support and the flexibility of our staff this has enabled us to weather the financial implications of keeping the doors shut with most expenses continuing.

However, requiring a team of volunteers dedicating their time to supporting and devising events to suddenly stop has been difficult. The village hall and running it is part of their lives. The gradual realisation that the doors would need to stay shut for not just a month or two but well over a year took several months and false hopes dashed to fully sink in. For a community facility to be forced not to serve the community, for most of us, felt fundamentally wrong.

The outlook now looks brighter and we look forward to opening back up in the coming months by as much as we are allowed and as safely as possible. As things stand we envisage a gradual opening back up. We have sufficient funds to run on reduced income should we need to.

During the enforced shut down: weekly cleaning has continued with the addition of disinfection to the routine; sanitiser stations have been fitted; improvement projects to the building and car park have been completed.

A telephone line has recently been installed. This with a view to supporting user group internet streaming of classes, contactless electronic payment and WiFi access for hall users.

We await an upgrade to the line to fibre broadband.

The project to insulate the Main Hall and Room 2 ceilings has been completed with ceilings now painted. Alternative less intense background lighting will shortly be installed.

A £20,000 project to refurbish the old kitchen and bar and provide a WC for Room 2 was due to start in 2020. With no prospect of customers to serve this project was placed on hold. We have now re started this project with our selected builder.

All signs are that most people are keen to meet and socialise again. Our village hall will be ready to facilitate this as soon as we are able.

Edgmond Village Hall Management Committee.