

The George Long Charity For Swavesey Memorial Hall 2017-2018

A new financial year, meant a fresh project! This year the Trustee's decided on redecorating the Hall, replacing the chair trolleys and two new fire exit doors.

The Ladies' toilets and the Main Hall woodwork were the first redecoration projects followed by the Corridor. The Trustees applied for 106 grant funding from the Parish Council for the Meeting Room to be decorated along with the replacement fire exit doors.

The chair trolleys had been a constant worry for the Trustees as they were causing damage to the Hall floor and more importantly the safety of people using them. With this in mind it was agreed that 2 of them would be replaced by the Hall funds and we would apply for grant funding for the final one. So far we have received positive feedback since we changed them over!

Bookings for the hall have been increasing, we would like to make the village aware that Friday evenings are now a vacant night to hire the hall for functions. The Trustees continue towards striving for the Hall to stand on its own without the need for the running grant from the Parish Council. In the past few years this has been reduced substantially, so we are obviously doing something right!

A constant agenda item is the Car Park and it's use by village residents who are not visiting the Hall. We would like to remind everyone it's a Private Car Park for use for hirers of the Hall. It's frustrating for someone who has booked the hall for an event and then cannot park there.

The Christmas lights were permanently fixed to the eaves, and we are very grateful to Andrew Fenwick and Dave Martin for their help in achieving this at great height! The hall will shine brightly this year☺

Hopefully residents and user groups have appreciated the continuing changes that have been made in the past year and can look forward to more in the future. On behalf of the Trustees I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has used the Hall and for the comments we have received on improvements we have made this past year. We are always open to suggestions for the future too!

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