



Main Road, Stretton, Alfreton, Derbyshire, DE55 6EW
Registered Charity Number 229075

1. Introduction / Overview

Stretton Village Hall has been in existence since 1947, when it was acquired from Derby as a scout hut. The original wooden building has since been improved by turning it into a brick building, which was done around 1990. In 2000, money from the National Lottery funded an extension to accommodate a stage, disabled toilets and an extended function room.

2. Hall Usage & Community Activities

The bookings in the village hall evolve throughout the year. Regular bookings that we have include:

- Children's dance classes, from walking age up to age 15:
 - Street Beats
 - Junior Jazz
 - Inter Core
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 - Rising Stars
 - Stage Stars
 - Junior Core
 - Mini Movers
 - Tutus & Taps
 - Rising Stars
- Adult dance classes.
 - Ballroom & Latin
 - Rock & Roll
- Zumba
- Karate practise
- Band practise
- Family History group
- Stretton Lace group
- Hemmingbird Lace group
- Sniffer Dog training
- NHS child development reviews

3. Improvements & Maintenance

General ongoing maintenance includes grounds maintenance, tree pruning, floor staining and floor strengthening. The grounds maintenance is constant during the Spring, Summer and Autumn months, and the floor needs strengthening regularly due to it being used so much for dancing.

4. Finance/Fundraising Highlights

The village hall relies almost totally on income from bookings. Over the past few years, a grant has been issued annually from Derbyshire County Council as payment towards larger expensive items such as security doors, security cameras etc., but all other income has come from bookings. The money received from bookings pays for licensing, insurance, servicing, utility bills etc. and the rest is put back into the hall in the form of improvements.

The hall is let at £10/hour to regular bookings (key holders) and £15/hour for one-off bookings but with a minimum charge of £50 for one-off bookings. Bookings for parties and family gatherings are not accepted.

5. Challenges

The village hall relies totally on volunteers: the only person who gets paid is the cleaner. We currently have nine volunteers, although three of them are in their 80s. Without the volunteers it would be a huge challenge to keep the hall going.

6. Future Plans

- During the coming months there are plans in place to fit some security gates.
- At some point in the future the roof will need repairing or ideally replacing.

7. Thanks & Acknowledgements

As chair of the village hall, I thank everyone who supports it by volunteering, attending groups/classes, hiring the hall and grants from the County Council.