

**Doynton Village Hall**  
**Chairman's Report for the Year ending 2020**

**2020 has been a year like no other, with Covid 19 severely curtailing activities and events in the Village Hall.**

**As soon as the first lockdown was introduced the Hall had to close for most events and, for much of the remainder of the year, the Hall management has been issuing refunds in respect of cancelled bookings. The regulations governing the use of the Hall have been complex and ever changing, but the Committee has tried to ensure that certain essential activities continued. The Village Post Office and the Farmer's Market have both stayed open throughout, thanks to the efforts, respectively, of Steve the postmaster and Elizabeth Crew, the organiser of the market.**

**Despite the limited use, the Hall's finances remain in a sound position, principally due to the support provided by the PV cells feed-in tariff. Full details are set out in the Treasurer's Report. It should be pointed out of course that the Committee members act as trustees and the Hall is not intended to be a profit making centre. To that end funds are always used to maintain the Hall in good condition, both inside and out.**

**New “no parking” signage was erected at the beginning of the year, because the Committee was concerned that the car park was being used by people who were passers by and not visitors to the Hall. The parking was creating problems for Village Hall patrons who had booked the Hall and were expecting full access to the car park.**

**The Committee has embarked on revising and updating the Hall website with Teresa Lander taking the lead. The Committee is also grateful to Ron Ritchie for taking some excellent photos of the Hall and grounds and these will feature in the revised website.**

**Finally I have to thank the Committee members and Suzanne Carten, our Hall Manager, for their help in what has been a difficult year for everyone. We all look forward to the time when the Hall is back in full use and life has returned to something approaching normality.**

**Mike Blacker**

**Chairman**