

Pettistree and Loudham Village Hall Report for Parish Council 20 April 2021

All activities in the Village Hall were suspended following the Government's first lockdown in March 2020. We looked at making the hall as Covid compliant as possible. Dave and Cath Caudwell armed with a tape measure made a plan for each of the groups using the hall to ensure social distancing was possible. Following the partial lifting of restrictions in September 2020 Suffolk Coastal Leisure was contacted and an opening date of September 15 agreed.

Although the number of attendees was reduced, several organisations wanted to return to the hall. Pilates sessions Monday evenings, willow weavers and quilters fortnightly sessions and the art class managed to convene for about a month before the second lock down was announced and we were back to square one.

We are hoping the situation will relaxed later in the year and our current Covid protocols will stand us in good stead. The fabric chairs and half of the tables have been cordoned off along with the table soccer leaving just the plastic chairs and tables, which are easily sanitised, for future use. Cath and Dave have installed an outdoor hand sanitiser at the front entrance. Our QR Code can be found at the entrance and on the noticeboard inside the hall. We are ready to go as and when restrictions are relaxed. At the time of this report, we are looking to open up the hall with effect from 17 May 2021. Our usual customers have been contacted and provisional dates agreed. As a designated polling station, the hall will be used for the upcoming local council and Police Commissioners election on 6 May.

Although we have received no income for the majority of time since the initial lockdown, Dave and Cath managed to secure a central government grant of £10,000 to help with ongoing costs. The 100 Club has also been suspended until further notice and our AGM will be convened when the situation permits.

Thanks to Cath and Dave Caudwell for getting the hall Covid compliant and to Pauline for handling the bookings at this difficult time.

The Committee hopes you all keep safe and well during these difficult times.

Jim Jarvie

Village Hall Chairman