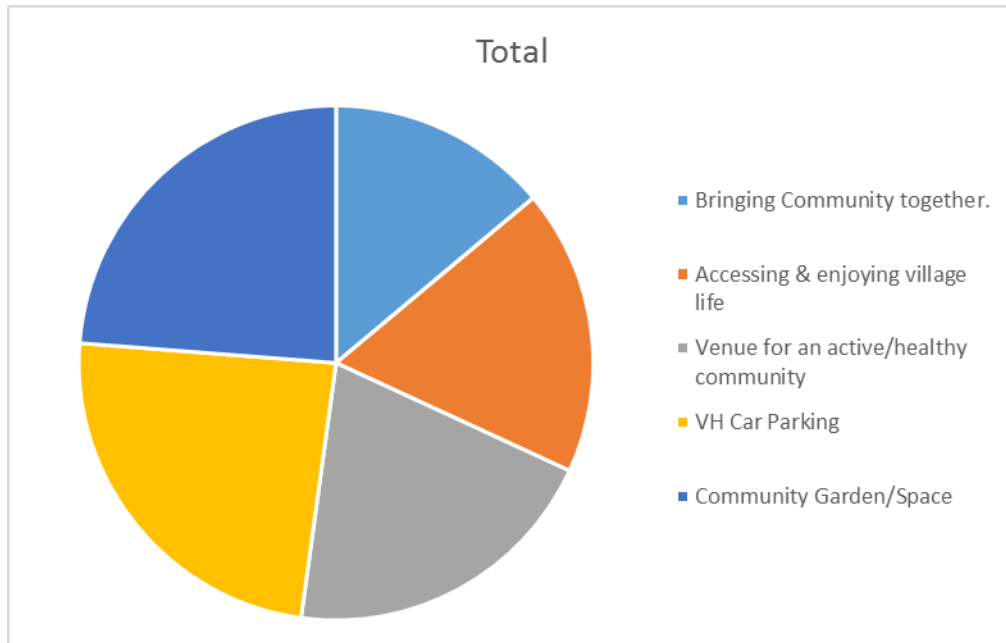


HILCOTT VILLAGE HALL – CHAIR’S REPORT 2024

SINCE LAST YEAR’S AGM, WE COLLATED THE SURVEY RESULTS FOR BARNARD MEADOW FROM LAST NOVEMBER’S SURVEY



AND ALTHOUGH QUITE EVENLY MATCHED, COMMUNITY GARDEN/SPACE WAS DEEMED THE MOST PREFERABLE.

PLANNING PERMISSION IS KEY TO THE APPROVAL OF MOVING FORWARD WITH BARNARD MEADOW AND MAC WILL EXPAND ON THIS IN HIS REPORT WHICH FOLLOWS MINE. WE HAVE BEEN CONCENTRATING ON RAISING FUNDS FOR BARNARD MEADOW TO GIVE US LEVERAGE FOR THE VH, AS ANY AWARD FROM THE NL **COMMUNITY FUND** HAS TO BE MATCH FUNDED IF A CAPITAL COST.

SINCE LAST OCTOBER GRANTS FOR NL **AWARDS FOR ALL** DO NOT HAVE TO BE MATCHED FUNDED AND ARE AVAILABLE UP TO £20000. DEPENDING ON THE GRANT FUNDER, SOME BIDS DO NOT HAVE TO BE MATCH FUNDED, ALTHOUGH OTHERS DO EG THE WILTSHIRE COMMUNITY FUND WHERE WE CURRENTLY HAVE A GRANT ON HOLD FOR £20000, WHERE WE WOULD HAVE

TO MATCH THIS AMOUNT THROUGH OTHER PROVIDERS AND/OR FUNDRAISING. WE HAD A SUCESSFUL GRANT FROM PEWSEY AREA BOARD IN JUNE FOR TWO NOTICEBOARDS, IN THE AMOUNT OF £1280 AND WE SHALL BE MATCHING THIS WHEN THESE ARE PURCHASED AND ERECTED.

WE HAVE BEEN PERSEVERING WITH OTHER FUNDRAISING IDEAS EG GIVE AS YOU LIVE DONATIONS AND EASYFUNDRAISING FOR ONLINE SHOPPING. DETAILS OF HOW YOU CAN HELP IS ON OUR WEBSITE.

WE HELD A SUCCESSFUL CHEESE AND WINE EVENING IN JUNE FOR FUNDRAISING AND COMMUNITY AWARENESS RAISING OF OUR PROJECT. A BONUS WAS KAY MONTGOMERY'S OFFER TO JOIN THE COMMITTEE AS OUR TREASURER! AS PAULA AND I HAVE BEEN FULFILLING THIS ROLE FOR OVER TWO YEARS, THIS WAS INCREDIBLY WELCOME.

WE HAVE JUST HELD OUR EVER POPULAR QUIZ NIGHT WHERE THE PROCEEDS WERE SPLIT WITH ST JAMES' CHURCH.

THIS MORNING, WE HAVE THE RESULTS OF THE PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION AND THE LAUNCH OF MERCHANDISE TO AUGMENT OUR FUNDS...THANKS TO ALL PARTICIPATING

FINALLY, I WOULD LIKE TO THANK MY FELLOW TRUSTEES AND COMMITTEE, MADELINE, MALCOLM, PAULA (FOR HOSPITALITY AT IVY COTTAGE AND REFRESHMENTS), MAC, RICHARD COOK, FRIENDS OF THE HALL - ROBERT C FOR HIS HELP WITH THE WEBSITE AND ACCOUNTS, SUE WITH FRESH IDEAS, PHIL GOULSON FOR OFFERING HIS TEMPORARY HELP WITH THE WEBSITE UPDATES, TIM GENT FOR CLEARING THE SITE AND KEEPING IT TIDY, AND OTHER FRIENDS...

NEWSLETTER DELIVERERS, STALWART VOLUNTEERS TOO NUMEROUS TO MENTION. LASTLY, OUR PROJECT TEAM OF MALCOLM AND MAC, ABLY LED BY PATRICK, OUR ARCHITECT AND PROJECT MANAGER AND SUSIE FOR HER SUPPORT. THANKS TO PAUL OATWAY FOR HIS ONGOING SUPPORT FOR OUR PROJECT.

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