

Report To CHAFT Committee - December 2022.

Hall Report.

Longer Term - Hall improvements & Energy Audit

The Low Carbon Hub in combination with Oxford Brookes University and Westmill Solar Co-operative are to conduct a community building energy audit of the hall. We have had telephone conversations with the Low Carbon Hub and completed an application form. Our application has been successful. Having completed an additional detailed form about energy costs and usage we are now waiting to hear from Brookes with suggested dates in January 2023.

At time of writing this report the temperature in the kitchen is 3C and about the same in the toilets since the heaters have activated. The main hall is heated intermittently but it takes a long time for it to feel comfortably warm. It is therefore imperative we seek better insulation solutions and heating methods even if they may not always be aesthetically pleasing. Hopefully the energy report will point us in the right direction.

BROADBAND

No progress

HALL HIRE

There do not seem to have been any complaints about the raising of hall hire and bookings are continuing as normal.

TV LICENCING

We have received a reminder that the premises do not have a TV licence. There is no TV or arial at the hall however it is still illegal to watch live TV or downloaded content on iPlayer, on any device such as mobile or tablet. Since the mobile signal in the hall is so weak it is difficult to see how someone could watch live content. I have therefore submitted a NO LICENCE NEEDED declaration which is valid for 3 years. If we do get broadband then we may need to revisit this decision. As a precaution I have put up a notice in the hall.