

External Painting of hall – External painting of the hall took place in the summer which was paid for from our funds as we were unsuccessful in obtaining external funding.

➤ **Supporting Guildtown Larder**

The larder, which is run in conjunction with Fare Share and local supermarkets, takes place in the hall every Thursday afternoon. It is run by local volunteers and offers a range of surplus foods free of charge or at a greatly reduced cost to the local community. At present there are 14 active volunteers and a local membership of 155 households. Members of the local community also help to make chutneys and jams to sell at the larder. The addition of tea/coffees this year has proved very popular with the local community.

A successful application for external funding to PKC 'Fairer Communities for All' enabled the Hall to purchase an external cupboard to enable leftover foods to be available, for those unable to attend, after the larder has closed.

➤ **Programme of community events which took place**

Events which were organised by the Hall Committee with support of the community throughout the year:

- Week long Charity Shop in aid of Hall Funds raised £2014
- MacMillan Coffee Morning in September raised £852
- Christmas Bingo Tea in December raised £436 for Hall Funds
- Family Quiz Night raised £70

Bookings by regular users are ongoing throughout the year – these include the local primary school, Line Dancing, Karate, Friendship Club, Craft Club, Flutterby Club and the football club. We also host social celebrations throughout the year and there is the Annual Austin 7 Car Club weekend event which takes place at the end of June. In July a Blue Grass Music weekend also took place in the hall.

➤ **Communication**

We continued to keep people updated. Names of committee members, constitution and approved minutes of all our meetings are available. Hall charges and contact details for enquiries are also publicised at different locations:

- Noticeboards on main street and outside hall
- Guildtown Website: www.guildtown.org.uk
- Guildtown hall & Playing Fields Facebook Page
- Information relating to events is also displayed at the Guildtown Larder

We also distributed a questionnaire to all households to seek the views of the community in relation to the Asto court

Impact

- External maintenance in relation to drainage to the local burn appears to have helped with external flooding and we will continue our inspection of the burn each April will identify any maintenance required.
- The Hall Facebook page is proving popular means of communication with increased numbers joining. There are now 649 members.
- The hall continues to be well used with regular weekday and evening bookings.