

# Aberthin Village Hall



We had hoped that 6 months on from our previous newsletter, we may have been reporting on more village events. Sadly, the village hall remains closed until government guidelines inform us we can safely open. Unfortunately our AGM has been postponed from March until later this year when the situation eases.

When the village hall reopens – you will notice it is freshly painted and COVID safe with newly installed automatic handsanatisers. We also have a smart new shed for all our storage needs. Thank you to all the members of the committee for their time and hard work with the improvements made to the hall.

You may also notice that retractable bollards have been installed in the village hall car park. Once normal village hall activities resume, this will ensure there is ample parking for those using the hall.

During these challenging times there have been some great examples of our wonderful community finding a way to work together safely. From the litter picks to the socially distanced Advent Trail, committed villagers have more than risen to the challenge of keeping our village looking it's best, raising spirits and raising money for charity. We even managed to keep Halloween spooky and safe – thank you to Camilla for organising and all the houses that left out treats for the children.

Thank you so much also to Rachel Jones, Katrina Jackson and Kate Watts for their dedication to the Advent Trail this year – bringing us together to raise over £1000 for the Vale food bank. The standard of windows really raised the bar this year, we cannot wait to see what Advent 2021 will bring.

As well as helping to keep our village tidy and supplying us with the most beautiful photographs of our stunning corner of the world, Mike Baker has recently rallied the troops and helped to reinstate a public footpath on Pen Y Lan hill that will help to ensure safe route to the downs, cutting out the dangerous blind bend.

It does not look like we will be able to hold our duck race this year with current restrictions on public gatherings. However, following on from the success of the advent trail, the fairy doors and the halloween trail, we would like to organise a 'duck trail' around the village. This would involved decorated ducks hidden around the village with a map that families can follow during their own time over the Easter Holidays. Each duck will have a name and if you find them all, the Village Hall committee will provide a small prize for completing the hunt.

If you would like to 'decorate a duck' (we welcome the wonderful creavity that we know is a feature of Aberthin!) please contact Vicky on 07973300610 with the proposed location of your duck and it's name by Friday 26<sup>th</sup> March. Maps and answer sheets will be available at the village hall from Good Friday (2<sup>nd</sup> April).



Our committee has been working hard to make sure our hall is looking good for a return to use, hopefully in the near future. If you would like to help us out, you can go to [www.smile.amazon.co.uk](http://www.smile.amazon.co.uk) and search 'Aberthin Village Hall'. This means that Amazon will donate a small amount to the charity whenever you shop at no extra cost to yourselves.

It has been wonderful to welcome new members to the committee, and with them they have brought a lot of energy and fresh ideas. We hope that, in the near future, we can put these into practice once restrictions have eased. If you are interested in joining the committee, contact one of our friendly members.

## Your Committee:

Camilla Hopkin:

Laurie Golden:

Nick Schoner:

Roy Wiles:

Kate Watts:

Natasha Patterson:

Liz Curtis:

Jemma Mclean:

Amy Coles:

Abi Pearce:

Vicky Jarvis:

**You can find more information on our Village Hall Website:**

[www.aberthin.org](http://www.aberthin.org)

Thank you to Mike Baker and Andy Coleman for their fabulous photos.

