



Langford Village
COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

AGM Thursday 26th September 2024 – Chairman's Report

It has been another busy year for LVCA, continuing with the hall improvements and being an active voice for Langford Village residents on many local issues that impact on us all.

Here are the main highlights.

We are very lucky to be a well-used hall, with near full capacity during the term weekdays and we are very grateful to the regular users who continue to use the hall. We have retained our popularity for weekend bookings and rarely have a weekend where there are no bookings and have still maintained the top google review spot for halls in Bicester. We receive some great feedback about the hall; the ease of the process of booking the hall, the communication, the cleanliness. It takes hard work and a good team to achieve this and I think they deserve acknowledgement and thanks to Sandra, Harry, Radoslav, and Simon

The hall improvements have continued this year, we managed to obtain enough funding to refurbish the ladies' toilets to the same design and standard as the gents and access toilet, plus smaller items, like increasing the number of noticeboards to improve the space available to inform the community about local events

Our popular LVCA run classes, go from strength to strength, with numbers increasing year on year. Our Warm Space afternoon named Thursday Circle, can have in excess of 30 people attending. Our thanks to Sandra for running this and ensuring everyone has a great time with a varied programme throughout the year.

Seated Yoga is run by professional tutor Zara on our behalf. We ran two successful classes of 12 each week throughout the year, with attendees greatly enjoying the classes and benefitting both physically and socially. In addition, we have a monthly crafting session and Art class twice a month

I think it's important that we acknowledge the bodies we received grants from during the year, which have helped us achieve the improvements plus offer support to the community.

- Cherwell District Council
- Bicester Town Council
- Thames Valley Police

Chris A'Court, has continued to do a fantastic job, for LVCA with our website and social media pages. Our posts are well received and informative and improve residents' awareness of local issues, we are very grateful to Chris for giving his time to us. We are still searching for another Chris who would be willing to take over this work as Chris handles this outside of the committee.

As a committee over the last year, we have been involved in representing Langford Village, to the best of our ability, on many local issues:

- London Road Crossing, we were nearly there with two alternative plans and then a general election was called and everything stopped. We will be hearing from Calum shortly about the latest update
- Bus service for Langford, at least now its 6 days a week and reliable, timetables are available in the Dr's, Chemists, Hairdressers, Chinese, Fltr, and here at the hall. I will be asking you briefly later for feedback on the service
- Jubilee Lake and the outstanding path issues
- Langford Park pathways, very muddy in winter, using shredding from trees and branches
- Broken fences – Mallards Way
- Speed awareness on Peregrine Way, more on that later from Laurence
- Replacement of street name signs and furniture
- Introduction of the Welcome to Langford Village leaflet, in conjunction with Fltr, for people moving to Langford Village

Our plans for the next 12months are: -

- Loft Insulation, waiting on the results from a govt grant application
- Upgrade to the heating control system to automatically work with the booking system
- Grant applications to refurbish the kitchen hopefully in August 2025
- Pathway improvements around Langford Park
- Continuation of the Bus Service for Langford
- Jubilee Lake Path improvements from the post box opposite Shearwater Drive and from Avocet Way to the lake
- London Road Crossing
- Involvement with other local issues:
 - Gavray Drive development
 - Wretchwick Green development
 - Garden area in front of sign for Langford village at Rodney House roundabout, pushing to be planted as a fitting entrance to Langford Village
 - Any others that crop up that have an impact on Langford Village

All this takes time, and I would like to give a special thank you to all the committee members, without whom this hall wouldn't function and lot of local issues wouldn't get championed.

We are looking for more committee members, one to replace Chris handling our website and comms, and another to make grant applications and a couple of general committee members who can act as helpers. If you feel able to spare some time and have a passion for our community, we hope to hear from you, my contact details are now on the screen.

Thank you

Carole Hetherington
Chairman LVCA