

VILLAGE FACILITIES

2022/23

Lady Olivia Centre

Annual reports since 2020 have seen us 'on the verge' of fully commissioning the L.O.C. The past year has brought us much closer with a steady increase in use of the building for weddings, parties, conferences and fitness/hobby clubs. Almost all of the audio visual equipment is in place and working so the next year should see the building begin to fulfill some of its promise as facility for 'The Arts'.

Alongside increased use we have seen multiple teething problems with the fittings that should have been simple – doors, windows, blinds, locks, plumbing, heating and ventilation. We appreciate the patience of users who have borne some inconvenience and hope it has all been worthwhile.

Memorial Centre

The M.C. is popular and well used. With bookings back to pre-covid levels, aside from meeting demand our issues have been largely limited to minor repairs. The installation of a keyless locking system has improved the management of bookings, reducing the burden on caretaking staff and given users independent access. This positive innovation has been successfully applied to each of our buildings.

Community Centre

It is impossible to discuss the Community Centre without mention of the issues attributed to its age. We continue to battle damp and dilapidation, recognising the 'soft spot' many residents have for its historic contribution to village life. Significant upgrades are currently on the agenda to improve functionality for all users and be particularly relevant in support of the library service and Village Hub.

As always, suggestions for improvements and additions are always welcome – by email to the clerks' office please.