

## *Welton Village Hall Trust*

**Keeping** up with regulation and legislation is difficult for all of us just now but in doing so the Trust has received considerable support from CommunityLincsYMCA and Action with Communities in Rural England (ACRE), the national body for what used to be called 'rural development agencies'. Recently, I attended one of CommunityLincsYMCA's virtual meetings for village hall committees across the county where I was struck, once again, by the big differences in size and scope of activities between halls. Some are located in tiny communities while others serve much larger populations. Welton is towards the latter end of the spectrum. A number of small halls have remained closed continuously since March and look set to remain so all through the winter, while others, like ours, have gradually been re-opening for limited activities. Wherever they are, village halls and other community buildings provide an important infrastructure for the activities that bring people together in mutual enjoyment and support.

To do this safely, we have all had to put in place additional processes, the latest being the introduction of a QR code specific to the hall location by which users signed up to the NHS Test and Trace app can register their presence there very simply, an important element of the test and trace work. In all of this, both ACRE and CommunityLincsYMCA have been of great assistance in helping all community organisations to do the right thing.

If you are interested in booking the hall email [weltonvillagehallbookings@gmail.com](mailto:weltonvillagehallbookings@gmail.com).

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