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**Report to Committee: Proposal for Parish Council run Events at the Village Hall**

**Date:** 17th October

**To:** Village Hall Management Committee

**From:** Parish Clerk

**Introduction**

This report proposes that the Village Hall Management Committee take the lead in organising a series of seasonal events at Stanton under Bardon Village Hall. These events will be aimed to enhance community engagement, provide enjoyable experiences for local residents, and generate additional income for the Parish Council.

**Suggested Seasonal Events**

1. **Christmas Event**
	* **Description:** A festive gathering featuring holiday activities such as a Christmas market, craft stalls, Santas Grotto, and community entertainment.
2. **Easter Event**
	* **Description:** An Easter celebration including an egg hunt, craft workshops, and games for children.
3. **Indoor Car Boot Sales**
	* **Description:** Regularly scheduled indoor car boot sales allowing community members to sell second-hand goods.
4. **Craft Events**
	* **Description:** Chargeable event led by a professional craftsman where residents can create something to take home – e.g. Christmas Wreath Making,

**Rationale for the Proposal**

* **Community Engagement:** Seasonal events create opportunities for residents to come together, strengthen community ties, and foster a sense of belonging. They also enhance the visibility of the Village Hall as a community space.
* **Revenue Generation:** Organizing these events can provide a new revenue stream for the Council. The funds raised can be reinvested into further community initiatives, maintenance of the Village Hall, or other local projects.
* **Promotion of Local Businesses:** By hosting events, the Council can support local businesses and artisans, helping to promote economic activity within the community.
* **Increased Foot Traffic:** Seasonal events can drive more visitors to the Village Hall, encouraging greater use of the facility for other community activities and private functions.

**Clerk Recommendation**

The proposal for the Committee to lead seasonal events at the Village Hall presents an excellent opportunity to enhance community engagement and generate income. By organizing events like a Christmas celebration, an Easter event, and regular indoor car boot sales, the Council can foster a vibrant community atmosphere while supporting local businesses and residents. It is recommended that the Committee:

1. Approve the proposal for the Committee to organise seasonal events at the Village Hall.
2. Assign a working group to develop detailed plans for the proposed events, including budgeting, marketing, and community outreach strategies.