

## **Walberswick Village Fete Committee.**

APM Report.

The Village Fete 2024.

As many are aware the Fete nearly did not happen this year. Thankfully a new committee has formed with all new members. Those being Emilie Dadswell, Harriet Wilson, Karen Maxwell, Mitchell Pocock, and Simon Ethell.

Due to difficulty of finding people for the Fete Committee, the Committee formed a little late this year, but planning for the Fete is now well under way. Many of the stallholders have been contacted and are preparing, advertisers have been reached out to, and the programme is already being worked on by Phil Smith, to whom we are very grateful. Many details are still being worked out, but we are hard at work.

Controversially this year there is going to be a change in the split of the Fete money. In previous years the money has always been a 50/50 split between the Village Hall and St Andrew's Church. This was due to the Fete originally being organised by members of the Church and the Hall in order to raise funds for each building. With the Fete now making more money than ever, earning over £17'000 last year, the Fete Committee has decided that if we can help those in need, we would like to. So this year we will be splitting the money 40/40/20. 40% to St Andrew's Church, 40% to the Village Hall, and 20% to the local Food Bank(Trussle Trust). A trend we would like to set going forward is that the third charity chosen will be different each year, this is an attempt to help as many as we can. In future, we would like to have more input from the village about what charity people would like to give to, unfortunately due to the Committees late start this year we have had to expedite this process for advertisers, many of which want to know exactly who we are giving the Fete money too before they are willing to give us anything, and we need the advertisers money as soon as possible so that we can start spending money to prepare for the Fete.

We apologise to anyone who may feel this is unfitting, but we genuinely believe this to be a step in the right direction.

We are incredibly grateful to those who have put in so much work into the Fete over the years, and hope that many will continue to work with us going forward. Our thanks also to the previous Committee members for constantly offering support and advice.

We are looking forward to a good Fete this year. Wish us luck.

Mitchell Pocock, Fete Chairman.