

# Victoria Hall

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## Annual Report and Accounts 2019



2019 has been an eventful year for the Hall and Hall users. We continue to have many regular users who provide a variety of activities for all age groups in our community. As well as these there have been many gatherings of friends and families for one-off events. We are very fortunate to have this amenity in our village.

There have been some changes to the management committee this year; we are fortunate to have a stable core for planning, and also that we can call upon past committee members for support when required.

### **Management Committee**

The committee is comprised of three parishioners who are elected at the Annual General Meeting held in January as well as representatives of all the voluntary (not for profit) groups who meet in the Hall regularly throughout the year. Committee members are trustees of the charity and, as such, jointly own and manage the Hall and its facilities.

### **Committee Members 2019**

Chair:	Alistair Black	elected
Treasurer: (section)	Sandra Fishlock	Royal British Legion (Women's)
Secretary:	Jackie Qualmann	elected
Booking Secretary	Jill Powell	elected

Members:	Margaret Attfield	Dever Art Group
	Tony Bortoli	Sunshine Club
	Lucy Dowson	Wonston Parish Council
	Jason Ferguson	14 <sup>th</sup> Winchester Scouts
	Sarah Hobhouse	Pop up Café
	Eryl Holt	Act Too
	Michaela Jeans	Scots Tots

The Committee met four times during the year. We discuss the care and condition of the Hall and car park, and prioritise maintenance needs and improvements. We also consider and plan fund raising opportunities; once again we welcomed Gerald Dickens for a most entertaining and successful evening, and in November held a successful Christmas Fair. These events were well supported by the village. Not only did the Hall benefit from the Fair, but many local and national charities were represented and supported. We look forward to the biennial pantomime this year.

The Hall, Car Park, and garages are vested with the Official Custodian for Charities. This body holds property and land in trust for charities instead of it being held in the names of individual trustees.

### **Finances Building and Grounds**

A copy of the accounts for 2019 is attached to this report.

As promised, Amiri have improved the camber and drainage of the car park. We have also had a height barrier installed, which was erected this Autumn; this was heavily subsidised by Wonston Parish Council. We are very grateful to their continued support. We have replaced the wooden bollards at the front of the Hall as the previous ones were rotting. The heating system has required major work again this year. The roof has been repaired and the lighting brought up to date. We now have a Sound System, which is available to all regular Hall users; once again we must thank Wonston Parish Council for this. The evergreen trees to the rear of the Hall have had some pruning but have been given a clean bill of health by the Council.

### **The Future**

We are still investigating the feasibility of solar panels for the roof, and other ways in which we could minimise our environmental impact.

A heartfelt thanks to our many contributors to the Hall's smooth function. The website provides useful updates on activities. We are starting a new group in January, Knit and Natter, and look for more groups to use our facilities. Our caretaker lives up to his title and takes good care of the Hall. Thanks to our many volunteers who make valuable contributions, from weekly clock winding to littler picking in the car park.

Thank you again to all for your continued support, Jackie Qualmann, Hall Secretary