

Victoria Hall

Reg. Charity No 301961

Annual Report and Accounts 2018



2018 has been a busy and productive year for the Hall. Many groups have made good use of it throughout the year as well as many one-off social occasions for families and friends. The Hall provides facilities for many varied local groups and creates a sense of continuity in our community. People have memories of discos and quizzes, youth clubs and pantomimes. All of these are personal but shared by the people of the area. Let us hope this will continue.

There have been some changes to the management team; fortunately, those who have stepped into their roles have been well supported by previous members, all of whom have been generous with their knowledge and support. We are very fortunate also with our team of volunteers who perform a variety of tasks, including winding the Hall clock, and assisting with Hall events. The web site, established in 2017, has been extremely useful in keeping the community up to date with Hall information. Many thanks to all our supporters.

Management Committee

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

Membership for this year was:

Chair:	Alistair Black	elected
Treasurer:	Sandra Fishlock	Royal British Legion Women's section
Secretary:	Jackie Qualmann	elected
Bookings Secretary:	Jill Powell	elected
Members:	Margaret Attfield	Dever Art Group
	Tony Bortoli	Sunshine Club
	George Gray	Wonston Parish Council
	Sarah Hobhouse	Pop up Café
	Eryl Holt	Act Too
	Hannah King / Michaela Jeans	Scots Tots
	James Rowson	14 th Winchester Scouts
	Gerald Sergeant	Royal British Legion

The Committee met four times during the year and organised a successful Christmas Fair in November that raised sufficient funds to update the Hall's emergency exterior lighting. 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 2018 is attached to this report. We have a healthy end of year balance of £12436.66. We were delighted to receive a grant of £10.000 from Wonston Parish Council towards the refurbishment of our kitchen, which has been a

major project this year. The kitchen has been upgraded significantly which has been much appreciated by those booking the Hall where catering is included. Two ovens, a dishwasher, and large refrigerator are some of the improved features. We have had positive feedback from bookings about the kitchen and hope it will provide an improved amenity for our growing community.



This year we have had a literary theme making a substantial contribution to our funds with a highly successful Dickens Evening in February, as well as Act Too's thought provoking rendition of a Christmas Carol in December.

The Car Park has been used during the year by AMIRI, contractors for Metis Homes, who are developing Station Yard. They have needed an overflow parking close to their site. They have agreed to provide the required drainage for the car park, which will be a considerable improvement for all Hall users. This should eliminate the puddle problem at the car park's entrance. We look forward to this improvement. Brian Taplin who has carried out the groundwork for the Hall has left the area; Neil Souter has taken on this role. Our excellent caretaker, Jerry Norris, continues to look after the Hall's interior.

The Future

The Hall is, at the moment, in good condition; there are draughty doors to replace, but we are pleased with the improvements managed this year. We will be investigating the feasibility of solar panels for the Hall roof in order to minimise our environmental impact. The evergreen trees in the Hall grounds need some attention.

Thank you again to all who have made contributions this past year.

Jackie Qualmann, Hall Secretary