

Victoria Hall

Reg charity 301961

Annual Report and Accounts 2020



Due to Covid-19, the past year has impacted every part of life in the UK and Victoria Hall has not escaped the restrictions. Saturday 14 March was the last time an event was held in the hall until the reopening on Monday 7 September. This was to be a brief period of almost normality as the hall closed again due to lockdown from Thursday 5 November reopening for three weeks before Christmas and further closure.

Management Committee

As restrictions continue, the AGM due to be held in January 2021 will also be postponed (as per Government guidelines). Until the AGM is held, the committee will continue to comprise of the three parishioners elected in 2020 and the representatives of all the voluntary (not for profit) groups who would usually meet in the Hall on a regular basis. Committee members are trustees of the charity and, as such, jointly own and manage the Hall and its facilities. There has been a change to one elected role, the position of secretary. Generous support provided by the previous member ensured a smooth handover. The website has provided all updates for the community, essential during times of frequent change. Our thanks to all our supporters.

Committee Members 2021 (until AGM)

Chair:	Alistair Black	Elected
Treasurer:	Sandra Fishlock	Royal British Legion (women's section)
Secretary:	Sue Neilson	Elected
Booking Secretary:	Jill Powell	Elected
Members	Margaret Attfield	Dever Art Group
	Tony Bortoli	Sunshine Club
	Lucy Dowson	Wonston Parish Council
	Jason Ferguson	14 th Winchester Scouts
	Sarah Hobhouse	Pop up Café
	Eryl Holt	Act Too
	Michaela Jeans/ Hannah King	Scots Tots

With no meetings able to be held since January 2020, quarterly update reports and accounts have been circulated to committee members. Regular updates have also been circulated to all users on how the Government guidelines affect the closure and reopening/use of the Hall during the various stages of the pandemic.

Finances

A copy of the final accounts for 2020 is attached to this report. The Hall has received two business grants from Winchester City Council which has ensured the Hall funds remain healthy despite the lack of income from regular hiring and fund raising events such as the Christmas Fair and Biennial pantomime. A review of energy provider has resulted in considerable savings.

Building and Grounds

During the closures, regular cleaning has been carried out, general maintenance, fire safety inspections and weekly clock winding has continued.

The Future

It is hoped the committee will be able to meet to hold the AGM as soon as restrictions are lifted to review hiring charges and future work required on the Hall. The tower windows need to be replaced as do the radiators in order to further reduce the heating costs. The website will continue to provide all updates as it has done throughout the pandemic and our valued volunteers will no doubt ensure there will be a brighter future for the Hall in the year ahead.