

Victoria Hall

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Annual Report and Accounts 2021



The clock face on the way to being repaired

For the second year running the Hall has been seriously impacted by Covid-19. This has had an adverse effect on our income as lettings have been much reduced. Bookings have gradually increased since September and our annual fund raising events were able to take place.

The main focus this year has been on improvements using the Business Support Grants received from Winchester City Council. Wonston Parish Council are funding a new regular event – Knit and Natter which has been well received alongside our regular classes.

Management Committee

The AGM and first committee meeting were eventually held in May 2021 when a new co-opted trustee, Rob Parker, was elected. The committee comprises of the representatives of all the voluntary (not for profit) groups who would usually meet in the Hall on a regular basis and the Chair, Secretary and Bookings Secretary who were all re-elected. Committee members are trustees of the charity and, as such, jointly own

and manage the Hall and its facilities. Our thanks to all our supporters and contributors over this past, demanding year.

Committee Members 2021

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
	Hannah King	Scots Tots
	Rob Parker	Web Master (co-opted)

Regular, quarterly meetings have taken place since May 2021. Our Booking Secretary gave notice of her resignation in December and her duties will be covered on a temporary basis going forward by Rob Parker.

Finances

A copy of the final accounts for 2021 is attached to this report. The Hall has received two further business grants from Winchester City Council which has ensured the Hall funds remain healthy despite the lack of income from regular hiring. Fund raising events such as the Dickens evening, Christmas Fair and Biennial pantomime boosted funds as did a 'Just Giving' initiative to raise funds for the clock tower and clock renovations. Further grants have been applied for to enable the installation of WiFi within the hall.

Building and Grounds

Regular cleaning has been carried out, general maintenance, fire safety/lighting inspections and weekly clock winding has continued throughout the year. In addition to the major renovations on the Clock Tower, the stage lighting has been improved and an overhaul of the heating system carried out. A review of future works has been undertaken highlighting priority areas.

The Future

Booking charges will be reviewed in 2022 to reflect the need to meet increased electricity bills and the ongoing costs associated with maintaining a building that is over

120 years old. With restrictions lifting, it is hoped that the Hall will see an uplift in social occasions which will boost income in the coming year.