

# Victoria Hall

Reg charity 301961

## Annual Report and Accounts 2022



Photo taken at the last of the Community Cafes held bi-monthly in the hall.

2022 started to see the hall return to normal post pandemic. Several regular bookings failed to re-establish but new enquiries appeared - children's parties in particular. The biggest impact has been the increase in fuel bills, the second half of the year in particular although grants received from Winchester City Council have been used to offset these costs. Highlights have been the introduction of WiFi throughout the hall enabling bookings from local businesses; the completion of the works on the clock and clock tower and another successful Christmas Market held in November – this event remains our main fund raising event.

### Management Committee

The AGM and first committee meeting were held in January 2022. 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 Booking Secretary (elected roles). The Chair and Secretary were re-elected. Following the resignation of Jill Powell, the role of bookings secretary was covered on a temporary basis by Rob Parker until August when a replacement was elected. Committee members are trustees of the charity and, as such, jointly own and manage the Hall and its facilities.

Regular, quarterly meetings have taken place throughout the year – attendance levels have fluctuated due to Covid.

Our thanks to all our supporters and contributors over this past year.

### **Committee Members 2021**

Chair:	Alistair Black	Elected
Treasurer:	Sandra Fishlock	Royal British Legion (women's section)
Secretary:	Sue Neilson	Elected
Booking Secretary:	Linda Small	Elected (from August 2022)
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
	Hannah King/ Jemma Thatcher	Scots Tots
	Rob Parker	Web Master (co-opted) Temp Bookings Secretary (Jan – Aug)

### **Finances**

A copy of the final accounts for 2022 is attached to this report. Receipt of grants from Rural Communities Fund; WCC Flexigrant and iGas enabled the works on the clock tower to be completed and the Wifi installed.

### **Building and Grounds**

Regular cleaning has been carried out, general maintenance, fire safety/lighting inspections and weekly clock winding has continued throughout the year. The re-varnishing of the main floor has considerably improved the appearance of the hall. Minor works to the water boiler, radiators and heating system have been carried out. Review of future works continues but will be carried out once the full impact of fuel bills can be factored into ongoing running costs.

### **The Future**

Booking charges have been reviewed and will be increased in April 2023 to reflect the need to meet increased electricity bills and the ongoing costs associated with maintaining a building that is over 120 years old. Now that WiFi has been installed, other avenues for bookings will be targeted in an attempt to boost funds.