

Victoria Hall

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Annual Report and Accounts 2023



Christmas Market November 2023

2023 has seen the hall become a focal point for the community. Regular events such as the community cafes (2 per month), Burns Night and Christmas Market continued with the re-introduction of a highly popular quiz night and 'Jingle & Mingle' run by the Gratton Trust. The biennial pantomime was another huge success with a generous donation from Divos' & Devers' helping to boost hall funds.

Management Committee

The committee meetings were again held quarterly throughout the year. The committee comprises of the representatives of the voluntary (not for profit) groups who meet in the hall on a regular basis and the elected roles of Chair, Secretary and Booking Secretary. Committee members are trustees of the charity and, as such, jointly own and manage the Hall. Due to work commitments, at the end of the year Linda Small, our current Booking Secretary, will hand over to Eve Morgan. We thank Linda for all her hard work since August 2022.

Our thanks to all our supporters for their valuable contribution throughout the year especially with their generous donations for our raffles for the quiz night and Christmas Market which boosts our funds significantly.

Committee Members 2023 (until AGM)

Chair:	Alistair Black	Elected
Treasurer:	Sandra Fishlock	Royal British Legion (women's section)
Secretary:	Sue Neilson	Elected
Booking Secretary:	Linda Small	Elected
Members	Margaret Attfield	Dever Art Group
	Tony Bortoli	Sunshine Club
	Rob Parker	Wonston Parish Council
	Duncan Robertson	14 th Winchester Scouts
	Sarah Hobhouse	Pop up Café
	Eryl Holt	Act Too
	Jemma Thatcher	Scots Tots
	Marie McPherson	Divos' & Devers'

Finances

A copy of the final accounts for 2023 is attached to this report. A grant of £2,000 was received from Wonston Parish Council in April to offset heating costs. Fund raising events such as the Christmas Market and Quiz Night contributed over £1,600 and Divos' & Devers' donated a generous £2,000. These amounts enabled outstanding works to be undertaken during the summer months. Bookings have at last increased to pre Covid levels and the hall has been used for children's parties, wedding receptions and graduations boosting income in addition to our regular classes/events.

Building and Grounds

During the quieter summer months, the external paintwork was decorated and all lights changed out for LED bulbs to help reduce electricity bills. Repairs were made to the front of the car park and minor alterations carried out in the kitchen to ensure the hall continues to offer excellent facilities for our users.

The Future

Due to continuing high fuel bills and ongoing repairs needed to maintain a building of over 120 years, booking charges will again be raised in April 2024. The committee will look to add further fund raising events and explore ways of increasing bookings throughout the year to offset costs.