

Woore Victory Hall

Registered Charity No 522589

Trustees' Annual Report (Summary) for the year ended 31 March 2022

Introduction:

Once again we started the year off with the hall closed in line with Government guidelines following the Covid-19 outbreak.

Like most village halls, The Victory Hall relies upon income from its hirers whilst still having its fixed overheads, which do not necessarily reduce that much even if the doors are closed. Unlike members clubs we do not have subscriptions to generate income.

During the year our general fund income over expenditure shows a surplus of £ xxxx.

Normally our only other source of income is from fundraising events which happen at the hall, but we haven't had that as an option until we restarted our monthly film nights in September, although with audiences much reduced since pre Covid. Our finances have certainly been a challenge but it has also been a challenge for the trustees, some of whom have been self-isolating. The committee is small in number and reducing, so the present challenge is getting people to volunteer to come forward to help maintain this community facility.

Reopening in April 2021 was somewhat of a challenge trying to fill the booking diary, with only a handful of regular hirers returning to meeting indoors. It was good to see the Produce Show in action once again in September and we are very pleased to the home for that event.

Keeping up with the every changing UK Government guidelines during the Covid pandemic has also been a challenge and following an unfortunate incident in Tasmania with a bouncy castle we are preparing a 'policy' document to cover the use of all inflatables in the hall.

Achievements:

The trustees work hard to make the hall attractive to potential users and measure their success by the range of users and the hall occupancy.

During the last year we:

- Entered into an agreement with *Airband* for Broadband to be installed at the hall
- Finished the deep clean and redecoration of the kitchen
- Finished the redecoration of the exit corridor from the Stubbs Lounge
- Fitted handrails to the stage steps
- Replaced the foyer 'menu' board
- Restarted the monthly 'Film Nights'
- Restarted our monthly 'Community Café' and introduced a preloved book sale
- Agreed to host a Jubilee Community event in 2022
- Dealt with a spate of graffiti even on some of the newly painted doors.
- Taken down the old 'diy' flagpole and brackets and replaced it with a new fibreglass pole.

During the last year we were NOT been able to:

- Continue with our monthly 'Film Nights' until September
- Continue with our monthly 'Community Café' until August

Reserves Policy:

The charity has £ xxxx in the bank as unrestricted reserves at the year end. This cash is available for unforeseen expenditure in relation to building maintenance or urgent furniture or equipment replacement. It is the Trustee's policy to maintain unrestricted reserves to cover a minimum of three months normal expenditure.

The Trustees are responsible for the maintenance of the Victory Hall and from time to time this involves major works far in excess of cash reserves held. On identifying such major works, fund raising is undertaken with the object of meeting the costs in full (ie without needing a loan). Such funds would be restricted. The 'Development Fund' currently stands at £ xxxxx of which £ xxxxx are Designated Funds.

Future Plans:

The Trustees have already entered discussions with other groups in the community to explore the possibility of organising one or more joint activities based in the hall. The intention is to achieve both community benefit and fundraising for the hall development fund.

We hope that during the coming years we can:

- Finish the installation of Broadband in the hall for the benefit of users and explore the possibility of a 'community cyber café' to offer assistance with modern day technology
- Build on our 'Development Fund'
- Review the existing stage lighting
- Look at a complete upgrade of the present kitchen and facilities
- Undertake a building condition survey by a qualified surveyor
- Undertake an 'Energy Audit' to assess what improvements can be made as we are aware that the hall is less energy efficient than it might be
- Drain the entire heating system and flush through to increase its efficiency
- Continue to promote spare capacity in the hall the Victory Hall website, social media, and the Parish Church magazine

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Full name *Peter Roberts*

Position Chair

Date 6 April 2022