

THE BATH HOUSE ASSOCIATION

ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES

The trustees present their annual report and the accounts for the year ended 31 March 2022.

The accounts comply with the Charities Act 2011 and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' LIABILITIES

Charity law requires the trustees to prepare accounts for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the surplus or deficit of the charity for that.

In preparing those accounts, the trustees are required to:

- (i) Select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently.
- (ii) Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent.
- (iii) Prepare the accounts on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.
- (iv) Observe the methods and principles in the applicable Charities SORP.
- (v) State whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures that must be disclosed and explained in the accounts.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time, the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the accounts comply with the Charities Act 2011.

They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing Document

The Bath House was formed by a Constitution adopted on 17 January 1994 which was amended on 14 March 1994, 19 September 1996 and 3 March 1998. The Charity was registered on 1 April 1998.

Appointment of trustees

New trustees are elected by the members of The Bath House at the Annual General Meeting

Trustee induction and training

The trustees are currently reviewing the procedures in place for trustee induction and training by reference to guidance published by the Charity Commission.

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES

Organisational structure

The trustees set out the general policy of the charity but its day to day affairs are overseen by the Centre Manager.

OBJECTS

The objects of the charity are to maintain and manage The Bath House as a community centre for the benefit of the inhabitants of St Matthew's Constituency, Cambridge and the neighbourhood without distinction of sex, sexual orientation, race or of political, religious or other opinions, by associating together the inhabitants and the local authorities, voluntary and other organisations in a common effort to advance education and to provide facilities in the interests of the social welfare for recreation and leisure time occupations with the object of improving the conditions of life for the said inhabitants, the association shall be non party in politics and non sectarian in religion.

DEVELOPMENTS, ACTIVITIES AND ACHIEVEMENTS

The year ended March 2022 hasn't been easy, but the Trustees are pleased to report a continued improvement in the finances of the Association. By the end of the year, unrestricted reserves increased by £4,075 to £28,478.

Covid-19 continued to affect the Bath House's activities and only began to open as normal in September 2021. Lifecraft resumed using the offices on a more or less full time basis, and used the hall for its group activities. They were the only organisation to have used the building and it was only because of the statutory grants of £10,667 that an end of year surplus was achieved. As a result, the overall income figure stood at £31,172 (up by £2,550 from £28,622)

Last year it was reported that the City Council had not increased the rent for the building and we became aware only this summer (after the end of the financial year) that this was an error on their part. The payments have now been brought up to date, but it does mean that the rent figure of £18,486 includes £500 from 2020-21.

The ventilation issues were highlighted last year and for this reason Arcolris have not returned to using the building. They did conduct various tests on CO2 levels but they were not considered safe enough for the number that practice in the hall. However, as on September 2022, they are looking into returning in 2022-23.

General expenses were kept to a minimum with some necessary repairs and improvements being undertaken - five yearly electrical tests and locks to the outer doors of the toilets being the major two. The Bath House has also benefitted from Lifecraft being offered groups of volunteers from two local companies - Mills and Reeve and Aveva. Both organisations provided a day each of their staff to do some interior decorating - very welcome indeed.