

Chair's Annual Report for 2022- 2023

The last year has been one in which we've largely recovered from the problems caused by the pandemic restrictions. Hall hirings overall have recovered to their pre-COVID levels and there has been an increase in private hirings. The creation of a specific fund-raising committee has proved a great success and throughout the year there have been a number of very successful events. The finances of the Association are sound and we are grateful to all who have worked hard to support these events, to all who have made donations and to the sectional organisations for their many contributions to running the Hall. Nevertheless, the year ahead presents financial challenges due to increasing operating costs and, in particular, to the alarming increases in the cost of gas and electricity. We regret that this has inevitably led to us having to increase room hiring charges.

Over the year, we have continued to improve our facilities. We have updated and improved the sound system and we have renovated the floors of the main hall and the Avon room. The new canopy outside the Avon room has proved to be very useful, providing external seating space for café events (despite the conflict with the constructor concerning inadequate leak protection). We have continued to improve security by installing several new CCT cameras. Our Solar panel array continues to be working well and produces an effective annual income of over £3,000. All the interest-free loans towards the cost of installing panels have now been repaid.

The biennial Saltford Village Festival was held from the 2nd to the 10th July and once again proved to be a great success, with good attendance at all the events. It differed from previous Festivals in that we did not this time hold an Old Village Day, having decided to hold the latter as a free-standing event in years alternating with the main Festival.

The SCA has also continued to administer the Saltford Community Support Fund to provide what extra help we can provide, in particular to those who have suffered financially as a result of the pandemic. The fund has been made possible through the amazing generosity of local residents and enables provision of financial advice, assistance and support, and provision of employment assistance. The fund is being implemented through our partnership with Citizens' Advice in BANES. With support from BANES and from the St Monica Trust we have also set up a monthly Coffee Club for elderly residents and this is proving to be very well-attended. This is in addition to the monthly Sunday afternoon teas that we continue to run for those who are on their own.

The SCA continues to act as a focal point to assist in the welcoming of refugees from the war in Ukraine. At the Hall there are weekly Saturday morning English language classes and social gatherings for our visitors. Members of the community have been extremely generous in making and sorting donations of items needed by the visitors and giving their time to ensuring that they receive the help needed.

2022 was the second year of the Santa Sleigh operation, which during the Christmas period collects large contributions for charity. In December, the amount raised for the Wallace and Gromit Grand Appeal was £1,216.

The Saltford Post Office and Library Hub, which is a not-for-profit subsidiary of the SCA, has continued to be a much-valued asset in the community and the Post Office continues to receive an increasing amount of business, fully justifying its establishment in 2018.

Looking ahead, our plans to construct a first-floor extension (so as to provide another medium-sized meeting room and adjoining bar area, more office space and an upstairs disabled toilet) are progressing and we are now awaiting the architectural and structural drawings in order to obtain quotations for the work.



Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period
from

01/02/2022

To

31/01/2023

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Hall hirings	60,836	-	-	60,836	39,094
Interest	286	-	-	286	6
SCAN adverts	10,179	-	-	10,179	8,421
Sectional Income - Short Mat Bowls	4,400	-	-	4,400	2,000
Sectional Income - Village Choir	3,000	-	-	3,000	1,500
Sectional Income - Drama Club	4,250	-	-	4,250	2,500
Sectional Income - Panto	7,000	-	-	7,000	-
Affiliation fees	625	-	-	625	450
SCA organised events	76,773	-	-	76,773	29,735
Salford Stories - book sales	-	-	-	-	1,052
FIT Payments	2,838	-	-	2,838	1,275
Grants/Bequests	2,075	-	-	2,075	44,899
Donations - general	5,100	-	-	5,100	27,998
Donations - paths	2,661	-	-	2,661	2,270
Donations - libraries and post office	5,893	-	-	5,893	6,936
Donations - SCCC	1,542	-	-	1,542	-
Donations - support fund income	13,032	-	-	13,032	1,330
Donations - Santa Sleigh	954	-	-	954	1,568
Books and DVDs	2,640	-	-	2,640	567
Coronavirus support income	-	-	-	-	4,368
Sundry Income	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	204,084	-	-	204,084	175,969
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	204,084	-	-	204,084	175,969

A3 Payments

Waste disposal	1,958	-	-	1,958	1,384
Domestic officer	1,734	-	-	1,734	564
Utilities -Gas	6,312	-	-	6,312	3,199
-Water&Sewerage	621	-	-	621	445
-Electric	1,391	-	-	1,391	1,686
Admin & Stationery	4,303	-	-	4,303	1,960
Window cleaning	396	-	-	396	396
Telephone/Internet expenses	- 302	-	-	- 302	1,266
SCAN Production Costs	12,345	-	-	12,345	8,834
Hall Maintenance	18,862	-	-	18,862	19,965
Hall improvements	8,866	-	-	8,866	46,452
SCA Activities Expenses	27,343	-	-	27,343	11,059
SCA SCCC direct costs	584	-	-	584	-
Saltford Stories - book costs	-	-	-	-	1,020
Youth club expenses	-	-	-	-	-
Piano tuning	320	-	-	320	156
Pension Contribution to NEST	324	-	-	324	356
Cleaners	15,864	-	-	15,864	13,594
Wages	33,339	-	-	33,339	25,172
Insurance	2,825	-	-	2,825	2,930
Paths	3,000	-	-	3,000	3,000
Library & Post Office	6,393	-	-	6,393	21,866
Support fund assistance	7,785	-	-	7,785	5,819
Donations	18,799	-	-	18,799	8,923
Loan repayments	3,000	-	-	3,000	3,000
Sundry Expenses	442	-	-	442	318
Sub total	176,504	-	-	176,504	183,364

A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)

Assets Purchased	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-

Total payments	176,504	-	-	176,504	183,364
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Net of receipts/(payments)	27,580	-	-	27,580	- 7,395
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A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
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A6 Cash funds last year end	57,324	-	-	57,324	64,719
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Cash funds this year end	84,904	-	-	84,904	57,324
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Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	CAF Cheque	418	-	-
	CAF Gold	83,199	-	-
	CAF Debit Card	703	-	-
	Santander	584	-	-
	Less held on behalf of Panto Club	-	-	-
	Total cash funds	84,904	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK


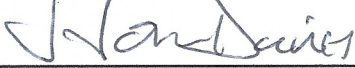
	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	C. R. Essex	23/3/23
	J. J. DAVES	23/3/23

Independent examiner's report on the accounts for the year ended 31st January 2023

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act, and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the requirements:
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Acthave not been met; or
2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed


Mark Garrett FCA

Dated 21st March 2023

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