

GREAT BARR WAR MEMORIAL HALL TRUSTEES REPORT

On behalf of the Trustees of the Memorial Hall I submit this report covering the period from October 2021 – October 2022.

This period covers the continued transition from the Covid Pandemic and the increased financial pressures on the nation as a whole. During this time so many community projects nationwide have been put on hold or in many cases folded completely. The financial issues on a global scale have restricted us all and it is with relief when we reflect on the steps taken in relation to the upkeep of the hall that the impact on the halls wellbeing compared to many similar projects has been so slight.

Whilst like many the hall did lose some regular bookings and it has taken time to re-establish both regular and new 'clients'. We are fortunate in still being able to have a hard working secretary whose enthusiasm and common sense has been invaluable in maintaining and now seeing an increase in our 'bookings' and our thanks must go to Mrs Brenda HATFIELD (nee White). Mrs HATFIELD keeps a close liaison with the trustees and advice is constantly sought and appropriate decisions are made together.

With many financial issues facing all community organisations the Memorial Hall has only marginally increased hiring fees not even in line with inflation. We are fortunate in relation to all the energy issues facing the country as during the hall refurbishment we changed to a much more cost effective LED electrical system throughout the hall which greatly lessened any impact the energy crisis has had on us compared to elsewhere.

The previous changes made have also proved invaluable and so many positive comments have been made and continue to do so that the future is still looking positive and bright for the Memorial Hall and the communities using it.

It is also pleasing to note that we are now catering for a really diverse range of organisations and persons. For example there

are different cultures taking advantage of the hall to exercise different faiths there are 'pet' organisations, fitness and health organisations and drama groups. Of course there are other purposes catered for by the hall, birthday celebrations private functions etc.

During this past year the finance for booking fees totalled twenty thousand five hundred and sixty five pounds (£20,565.99p) and all expenditures totalled sixteen thousand seven hundred and forty five pounds and ninety five pence (£16,745.95p) leaving a surplus of three thousand eight hundred and twenty pounds and four pence (£3,820.04p) with continued use of the hall and the hopeful trend of more persons, groups and communities taking advantage of the facilities this figure may well increase within the next twelve month period.

Great Barr War Memorial Hall remains solvent, viable and a benefit to the community.

David Nix MBE

For and on behalf of the Trustees.

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Accounts for the Year ended

31st October 2022

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Trustees

Pauline Millward

Thomas Carrington

David Nix

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

I report to the trustees of the Great Barr War Memorial Hall (Charity No 1164446) on the accounts for the year ended 31st October 2022 set out on pages 2-3.

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(2) 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) on 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 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 materials 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 Act

have 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: _____

Date : 15th February 2023

Worley Pritchard & Co
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Receipts and Payments Account for the Year ended 31st October 2022

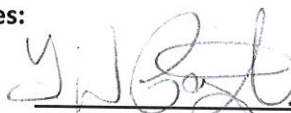
		31st October 2022		31st October 2021	
		£	£	£	£
Income:	Hall Lettings		16,899.75		7,801.00
	Security Bonds		1,950.00		2,550.00
	National Grid Rent		1,050.64		1,050.64
	SMBC Covid Grant		0.00		10,669.21
	SMBC Rates refund		665.60		0.00
	Water rates refund		0.00		0.00
	Total Receipts		<u>20,565.99</u>		<u>22,070.85</u>
Expenditure:					
	Security Bonds Returned	1,950.00		2,400.00	
	Insurance	3,002.63		3,067.74	
	Maintenance	296.66		1,196.37	
	Health & Safety	7.41		119.41	
	Gas	1,328.46		104.46	
	Electric	634.56		457.59	
	SMBC Licence name change	0.00		23.00	
	SMBC General rates	665.60		0.00	
	Water	266.46		104.88	
	Caretaker	5,457.91		5,400.00	
	Secretary	2,525.00		2,500.00	
	Gardener	105.00		600.00	
	Telephone	130.00		150.00	
	Postage and Stationery	53.95		149.39	
	Cleaning Materials	152.31		186.11	
	Relief Worker	50.00		0.00	
	Building refurbishment	0.00		38,593.81	
	Accountancy Fees	120.00		120.00	
	Total Payments	16,745.95	-16,745.95	55,172.76	-55,172.76
	Net of receipts/(payments)		<u>3,820.04</u>		<u>-33,101.91</u>

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Statement of Assets and Liabilities for the Year ended 31st October 2022

	31st October 2022	31st October 2021
	£	£
Cash Funds		
Natwest Reserve account	0.00	0.00
Natwest Current account	17090.38	12640.29
Cash in Hand	104.04	734.09
Investment Assets		
CCLA Charities Investment Fund		
Accumulation units held 449.62 (2018 422.54)		
Valuation	72210.02	79125.39
	<u>89,404.44</u>	<u>92,499.77</u>
Reconciliation		
Funds held at the start of the period	92,499.77	107,405.42
Receipts & payments Account	3,820.04	-33,101.91
CCLA Investment Fund Gain/(Loss)	-6,915.37	18,196.26
Funds Held at the end of the period	<u>89,404.44</u>	<u>92,499.77</u>

Signed on behalf of the trustees:

 signature

T.W. CARRINGTON print name

23/02/23. Date of approval