

GREAT BARR WAR MEMORIAL HALL TRUSTEES REPORT

On behalf of the Trustees of the Great Barr War Memorial Hall I submit this report covering the period from October 2022 – October 2023.

This period obviously relates to a time of both global financial insecurity and insecurity in the strife affecting Europe. What is happening between former soviet states and the outside effects of such conflicts has had an impact in many ways on this country.

The Great Barr War Memorial Hall happily has a number of organisations which use the hall either weekly or monthly and there are other parties who also use the hall regularly. We are very fortunate to have a secretary who is readily contactable keeps herself proactive with all parties and deals very successfully with people/families/organisations who require either single or occasional bookings, together with dealing with the regular bookings. The core bookings easily cover the expenditure and expenses in the running of the hall. In many ways the Great Barr War Memorial Hall continues to move forward from the Covid crisis and the financial turmoil to the credit mainly of the secretary and also the local organisations who continue to utilise the facilities available to them.

With many financial issues facing all community organisations the Great Barr War Memorial Hall has not 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 has greatly lessened any impact the energy crisis had on us compared to elsewhere. The energy prices are dropping in prices in real terms which does not really affect the Great Barr War Memorial Hall.

The changes made previously as reported continue to prove invaluable and positive comments are made continually. The future is still looking positive and bright for the Great Barr War Memorial Hall and the communities using it.

It is still pleasing to reflect that we continue to cater for a really diverse range of organisations and persons. It is worthy to state that the hall is a 'community asset' as different cultures and diversity are taking advantage of the hall to exercise different faiths and doctrines. There are 'pet' organisations, fitness and health organisations and drama groups as well national established organisations i.e. Women's Institute, Probus and others. Of course, there are other purposes catered for by the hall, birthday celebrations private functions etc.

During this past year the finance for letting fees totalled twenty-one thousand eight hundred and eighty-one pounds (£21,881) and other income totalled two thousand eight hundred and ninety pounds and sixty-four pence (£2,890.64). Thus making a total income of £24,771.64 which is an approximate increase of twenty percent from the previous year. The expenditure in line with so many groups, businesses and other entities has increased to eighteen thousand three hundred and ninety-seven pounds ninety-six (£18,397.96) from sixteen thousand seven hundred and forty-five pounds and ninety-five pence (£1,745.95) an

increase of approximately ten percent. Leaving a surplus for the year of £6,373.68p. We are very hopeful the upward income trend will continue during the next twelve months.

Great Barr War Memorial Hall remains solvent, viable and a benefit to the community. In the coming year we have already sourced and arranged the complete replacement of all windows within the Great Barr War Memorial Hall and will also be replacing all the one hundred chairs used in the main building.

David Nix MBE

For and on behalf of the Trustees.

Great Barr War Memorial Hall

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Accounts for the Year ended

31st October 2023

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 2023 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 : 11th December 2023

Worley Pritchard & Co
Accountants
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Receipts and Payments Account for the Year ended 31st October 2023

		31st October 2023		31st October 2022	
		£	£	£	£
Income:	Hall Lettings		21,881.00		16,899.75
	Security Bonds		1,840.00		1,950.00
	National Grid Rent		1,050.64		1,050.64
	SMBC Covid Grant		0.00		0.00
	SMBC Rates refund		0.00		665.60
	Water rates refund		0.00		0.00
	Total Receipts		<u>24,771.64</u>		<u>20,565.99</u>
Expenditure:					
	Security Bonds Returned		1,840.00		1,950.00
	Insurance		3,320.78		3,002.63
	Maintenance		623.03		296.66
	Health & Safety				7.41
	Gas		1,574.12		1,328.46
	Electric		1,190.79		634.56
	SMBC Licence name change		0.00		0.00
	SMBC General rates		0.00		665.60
	Water		271.68		266.46
	Caretaker		5,466.66		5,457.91
	Secretary		2,533.33		2,525.00
	Gardener		130.00		105.00
	Telephone		150.00		130.00
	Postage and Stationery		31.98		53.95
	Cleaning Materials		463.86		152.31
	Relief Worker		481.73		50.00
	Donation to St Margarets Church		200.00		0.00
	Accountancy Fees		120.00		120.00
	Total Payments		<u>18,397.96</u>	<u>-18,397.96</u>	<u>16,745.95</u>
	Net of receipts/(payments)		<u><u>6,373.68</u></u>		<u><u>3,820.04</u></u>

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Statement of Assets and Liabilities for the Year ended 31st October 2023

	31st October 2023	31st October 2022
	£	£
Cash Funds		
Natwest Reserve account	0.00	0.00
Natwest Current account	22987.88	17090.38
Cash in Hand	580.22	104.04
 Investment Assets		
CCLA Charities Investment Fund		
Accumulation units held 449.62 (2018 422.54)		
Valuation	73413.79	72210.02
	<u>96,981.89</u>	<u>89,404.44</u>
 Reconciliation		
Funds held at the start of the period	89,404.44	92,499.77
Receipts & payments Account	6,373.68	3,820.04
CCLA Investment Fund Gain/(Loss)	1,203.77	-6,915.37
Funds Held at the end of the period	<u>96,981.89</u>	<u>89,404.44</u>

Signed on behalf of the trustees:

P. Millward signature

P. MILLWARD print name

19/12/2023 Date of approval