

TRENT MEMORIAL HALL – ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2021

1. Having been frustrated by our inability to open fully during 2020, we were hoping that 2021 would see a return to normal for our larger, modernised hall. Instead, the ongoing problems caused by Covid in the first part of 2021 meant that it was the second half of the year before we started getting back into the swing of things. Sadly, even the Village Fete was cancelled - for the second year running. By the autumn, however, the situation had improved and two events on 3 September really marked the start of the return to normality. The first was a Tea Party to thank those who had particularly helped with the Hall and playground projects, including grant funders like Viridor Credits, ACRE, Dorset Council, the Queen Thorne Parish Council and the Ernest Cook Trust. In addition, those villagers who had made a special contribution were invited. It was a great afternoon and the hall was much praised. Later that day the second “do” took place, with a Drinks Party open to all villagers in the evening, which was well attended.

2. On the financial front, the Government continued its 2020 approach by offering grants in 2021 and early 2022 to village halls and other businesses forced to close due to Covid. Building on grants received in 2020, in 2021 we were granted a further £13,000 and £2,700 in 2022. All of these grants have proved an invaluable source of income whilst our activities were severely limited.

3. As far as social activities were concerned, these definitely picked up in the last quarter of 2021. The September Drinks became the start of a regular “Early Doors” event and there were four more such events between September and December. These have continued into 2022 and we congratulate Nicola Harris and Ian Matthews for their huge enthusiasm and commitment in running the bar at such events. As well as a great way to meet friends and meet new people, these events have provided significant and very welcome income for the hall. Other events held in 2021 included a Curry Lunch on Remembrance Sunday, a Beetle Drive, and two Coffee Mornings. A wedding reception and several birthday parties were also held, which bodes well for the future. As the accounts show, income from hall hire improved markedly between 2020 and 2021. This is not surprising, given the pandemic, but we are hopeful that this indicates a definite upward trend. In addition, we are investing targeted funds into things like the external planting and signage, as well as WiFi, an improved booking system for hiring the hall and a projector and screen.

4. The **100 Club lottery** had another good year, with slightly more members than in 2020. As well as delivering great prizes, it really helps to boost Hall funds.

5. Last but not least, 2021 saw the installation of our wonderful new **playground**. After the need for it was emphasised at the 2020 AGM, it was planned, researched and funded in under a year, quite an achievement. A lot of people contributed – in cash or kind – and we were able to open the playground in early July 2021. It’s a fantastic asset for the hall, the school and the village. The playground is incredibly well-used, demonstrating clearly that the demand was certainly there. And in early 2022, following receipt of a grant from Sport England, we have just installed a superb

outdoor table tennis table which provides a great facility for older children and for adults.

The Hall Accounts for 2021

6. Thanks were given to the new Treasurer, Ray Thomson, for taking over this important role and putting together the accounts. Also thanked was Max Snow, Treasurer of the Queen Thorne Benefice, who kindly reviewed our accounts once again this year and approved them.

7. The headlines from the accounts are that:

- Income from hall hire and events, not surprisingly, was much better in 2021 than in 2020 and seems to be improving further in 2022.
- total assets stood at around £19,500 at the end of 2021, compared with nearly £13,000 at the end of 2020. This gives an opportunity for some careful investments for the future, whilst still maintaining a sensible reserve for unexpected future events.

Election of the committee for 2022/23

8. We have had a few changes to the Committee during 2021/22. Jen Barron stepped down as Treasurer due to work and family commitments, though she remains on the Committee. Thanks again to Jen for her sterling work as Treasurer over the past six years. Ray Thomson joined the Committee as our new Treasurer. Due to work pressures Marie Negus has decided to step down for the next year. That leaves the following committee members who are willing to stand again for the coming year. They are Paul Harris (Chair), David Walden (Secretary), Peter Phillips, Jen Barron, Nicola Harris, Wendy Phillips, Neil Carpenter and Mike Herrmann. Mike Hayton represents the Parish Council. Thanks to everyone on the current Committee for all their help and support, as well as to Amelia Capewell who is our Bookings Secretary.



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Balance Sheet As of December 31, 2021

	TOTAL	
	AS OF DEC 31, 2021	AS OF DEC 31, 2020 (PY)
Fixed Asset		
Total Fixed Asset		
Cash at bank and in hand		
Bank Account (Lloyds 9064)	9,629.36	3,224.65
Events Float	102.00	65.60
Improvement Fund (Lloyds 9560)	2,448.57	2,448.33
Lottery Account (Lloyds 9968)	5,973.00	4,046.00
National Savings	33.59	33.35
PayPal	0.99	0.99
Petty Cash	0.00	190.10
Playground Fund (Lloyds 6368)	1,032.10	2,915.73
Total Cash at bank and in hand	£19,219.61	£12,924.75
Debtors		
Debtors	255.00	0.00
Total Debtors	£255.00	£0.00
NET CURRENT ASSETS	£19,474.61	£12,924.75
NET CURRENT ASSETS (LIABILITIES)	£19,474.61	£12,924.75
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES	£19,474.61	£12,924.75
TOTAL NET ASSETS (LIABILITIES)	£19,474.61	£12,924.75
Capital and Reserves		
Opening Balance Equity	23,626.74	23,626.74
Retained Earnings	(10,701.99)	31,618.77
Profit for the year	6,549.86	(42,320.76)
Total Capital and Reserves	£19,474.61	£12,924.75

Note

Accounts prepared by: Nick Dyer 21 April 2022

Accounts presented by: Ray Thomson

Signature: 

Date: 19/04/22

Accounts examined by: Max Snow

Signature: 

Date: 2/5/22



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Profit and Loss

January - December 2021

	TOTAL	
	JAN - DEC 2021	JAN - DEC 2020 (PY)
Income		
.100 Club Subscription	3,327.00	3,255.00
Bank & National Savings Interest	0.86	37.75
Donations	767.40	5,740.00
Events	4,105.83	145.00
Gift Aid	375.85	1,290.02
Grants		
Action with Communities in Rural England (ACRE) Grant		20,546.00
Bernard Sunley Grant	5,000.00	
Dorset Council COVID Grants	12,918.00	10,000.00
Garfield Weston Grant	4,000.00	
National Lottery Grants	1,250.00	
Queen Thorne Parish Council Grant		1,000.00
Tesco Bags of Help Grant	1,000.00	
Thomas Coughtrie Charitable Trust Grant	3,000.00	
Total Grants	27,168.00	31,546.00
Hall Hire	3,224.50	959.50
Playground Income & Donations	3,528.57	366.72
Total Income	£42,498.01	£43,339.99
GROSS PROFIT	£42,498.01	£43,339.99
Expenses		
100 Club Winnings	1,300.00	1,394.00
Accountancy	235.00	360.00
Bank Charges		34.81
Cleaning	1,332.77	1,517.36
Donation	430.00	75.00
Events Expenses	3,229.71	923.99
Ground Rent	150.00	125.00
Hall Renovation	2,072.65	78,141.61
Insurances	798.14	1,276.45
Internal Furnishing	2,450.79	178.87
Light & Heat	926.49	325.90
Lottery Expenses	20.00	20.00
Other Professional Services		340.00
Playground Expenses	21,968.52	
Printing, Postage and Stationery	55.54	
Rates & Water	154.04	145.22
Repair and maintenance	387.70	512.90
Subscriptions and Licences	140.00	0.00
Waste disposal	163.80	161.64
Website & Internet	133.00	128.00
Total Expenses	£35,948.15	£85,660.75
NET OPERATING INCOME	£6,549.86	£ (42,320.76)
NET INCOME	£6,549.86	£ (42,320.76)

Dear David,

Trent Memorial Hall - Independent Review of Accounts Year ended 31 Dec 2021

I have reviewed the subject accounts by undertaking the following actions:

- Cross-checking all opening and closing balances in the Balance Sheet against hard copies of bank statements
- The amounts in the Events float, National Savings, and PayPal were verified.
- Cross-checking all entries on the Profit and Loss statement against the sub-total amounts in the "Transaction Report by Account"
- Undertaking random sample checks of invoices and remittance advice notes against entries in the Transaction Report by Account.

Observations:

- There were no anomalies in the above checks.
- A professionally qualified and experienced book-keeper has prepared the financial statements.
- The ring-back folders containing the advice notes (e.g invoices, expenses) are becoming unwieldy. It is suggested that in-year, current vouchers are removed and placed in a smaller folder, and when the accounts are signed off, these should then be transferred to the larger historic folders.
- The Hall Committee should be reassured that the Trent Memorial Hall Accounts continue to be run in a professional and business-like manner.

M C P Snow, BSc, Dip FM, FRAeS
Independent Examiner