



The Newton and Noss Village Hall

Trustees and Treasurers Report FY 1st October 2021 to 30th September 2022

The Newton and Noss Village Hall was re-opened post Covid, but it is taking time to recover the regular (and once off) bookings. Parking remains a major issue and has prevented a number of enquirers from finalising Hall bookings for private events.

Financial Summary

Total income for the year was £23656.39. £9181.50 was from Hall hire and activities in the Hall, the remainder being grants and donations totalling £10,018. The committee would particularly like to thank:

- SHDC for the Covid related grant of £2667, and for the discretionary rate relief.
- The Newton and Noss Parish magazine for their very generous grant of £1000
- Yealm Lodge for their very generous grant of £950, and
- The Revelstoke Trust who gave the Hall a very generous £4000 towards the ongoing Façade repairs.

The 200Club Lottery raised a total of £3355 during the FY of which £1526.23 was spent on prizes and costs associated with the lottery. A small amount was retained to underwrite the prizes for the following year, and the balance went towards the replacement of rotten garden sleepers with a stone wall.

In total, we spent £43669.46 during the financial year. This included a number of major repair items:

- £19656 on the Façade repairs (which were still ongoing at year end),
- £5290 on the repairs to the bell, and the subsequent rehang. At the same time, while the scaffolding was in place, the clock was removed and renovation was started.
- £1800 was spent on replacing the rotten sleepers in the rear garden, replacing them with a stone wall
- £4200 was spent on replacing the boiler in the Main Hall
- The Main Hall and entrance area was sanded and resealed at a total cost of £7200

Overall the CIO made a planned deficit of £27917.75 due to the significant investment in essential Hall repairs and renovations.

The balance sheet shows a total of £54909.24, of which £47587 is either allocated for major repairs, or ring fenced for future projects and emergency funds to underwrite further impact of Covid during 2022-23. This leaves funds of £7322.24 available.

A copy of the accounts is available from the Secretary. Very many thanks to John Alexander who has reviewed the 2021-22 accounts and signed them off. The 2021-22 accounts were then approved unanimously at the AGM which was held on 9th May 2023 (Proposed by LH, seconded by LWW).

Other Matters

There were no changes to the Committee during the year. After the last Chair stepped down, the committee decided to run without appointing a new Chair – the Chair duties being spread between the Treasurer and the Secretary. In addition, each committee member has been given a specific responsibility with encouragement to engage with other people willing to help the Hall, but who prefer not to join the formal committee. These arrangements have worked well, and the committee have agreed to continue in this way.

A new initiative is being planned: to develop a group of 'Friends' of the Hall who can be asked to assist with specific activities on a voluntary basis; by this means we hope to secure more ongoing support for the Hall, and keep it as the main focus of the village, to replace some of the older supporters who have moved away.

Signed:

Carolyn Story, Treasurer

Val Lomax, Secretary



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Dated: 9/5/23