

## **Preston Village Hall CIO Annual Report November 2021 - March 2023**

I want to start my report by thanking the Trustees for their support, goodwill and commitment. I would like to thank Karen Wright for her positivity and hard work as Treasurer in controlling the finances, seeking the best deals from our suppliers and in producing our audited accounts and Mandy Kemp who keeps the day to day account management so efficiently. I would like to thank Kath Marsden for her excellent management of the hall bookings and her role as key-holder, Mona Hodgetts who takes the minutes of our meetings and Colin Cross for his support as Vice Chair. I would also like to thank Jan de Pledge for her valuable contribution as our cleaner and Richard de Pledge, who steps in when Jan takes her holiday break and who opens up extra early and closes up late at night when we operate as a polling station.

### **Trustees and Management Committee**

**Jill Matthews** was re-elected as Chairman of the Trustees.

**Colin Cross** was elected as Vice Chairman

**Karen Wright** has continued in the role of Treasurer.

**Kath Marsden** has continued to act as the keyholder and booking secretary for the hall.

**Diane Johnson** and **Pam Donaldson** continued to serve as trustees; they are the longest serving members of the Committee and have a wealth of experience on which we continue to draw.

**Alwyn Pigeon**

**Susan Marsden Garrett** keeps the community informed of events through Facebook and other social media.

**Mona Hodgetts** acts as secretary.

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### **Aims and Objects**

The objects of the CIO are to establish and run a village hall and to promote, for the benefit of the inhabitants of the Parish of Preston Kent and its neighbourhood, the provision of facilities for recreation or other leisure time occupation of individuals who have need of such facilities by reason of their youth, age, infirmity or disablement, financial hardship or social and economic circumstances or for the public at large in the interests of social welfare and with the object of improving the conditions of life of the said inhabitants.

### **How we have achieved our objectives**

Our main income comes from the hire of the hall. Residents can take part in yoga and chair yoga sessions on three different days, either morning or evening sessions are offered. The Art Class has restarted on a Monday

afternoon and uptake has been very good. Unfortunately, the Tai Chi and Zumba classes did not restart following the pandemic closure. We were pleased to see that a new weekly toddler playgroup has started and seems to be attracting parents from the parish and the wider community. The hall is booked on most evenings by village clubs and societies. These include the Short Mat Bowls Club, the Table Tennis Club, with weekly slots, and dog training classes and a children's football club run weekly during the summer months. A local band practises in the hall regularly. Monthly bookings are by the Preston Parish Council, the Preston, Elmstone and Stourmouth Horticultural Society and The Tuesday Club books occasionally. The Cricket Club uses the facilities when there are home matches. The Remote-controlled Car Club continues to meet on alternate Sundays. There are a pleasing number of weekend bookings for children's birthday parties.

### **Community Fund Raising Events**

We continue to raise funds to contribute towards the development of the new Village Hall. The monthly Big Breakfast is well supported and provides residents with an opportunity to meet up and chat. The team of Breakfast Beauties does a great job by cooking and serving the breakfasts and run like a well-oiled machine. Regular events such as the Preston Christmas Craft Fair, the Annual Plant Sale, the Spring and Autumn Walks with tea and cakes and the Bingo Evenings are popular providing useful income and are established as part of the village tradition.

We celebrated the Queen's Jubilee weekend by inviting residents to have a picnic on the Recreation Ground. This was also an opportunity to take a village photograph which is displayed in the hall. A Village Hog Roast is planned for the Bank Holiday following the Coronation of King Charles.

Over the time covered by this report, we have organised several larger scale events which have each raised in excess of £1000. These include the September Hog Roast, The Race Night and more recently, the Live Music with a curry supper event. These events have been well attended. My thanks go to the volunteers who work so hard to make them so successful.

### **Other Fund Raising**

We signed up to Dover District Council's Lotto last year. For every £1 ticket purchased on line, the hall receives 50p and a further 10p goes towards grants to deserving causes. The hall has received financial aid through this mechanism.

### **Maintenance**

Regular maintenance has been undertaken by Ed Matthews. A new UPVC window was fitted to replace a rotted out wooden frame. Other minor works have been undertaken but we are waiting to see what progress is made towards the new Village Hall development before committing to any significant expenditure.

## **The New Village Hall Project**

At present, the project has been mothballed. As stated in last year's report, we are looking for circa £2,000,000 to complete the development. The Preston Parish Council are in discussions which may raise sufficient funds to undertake the project. As yet, the outcome is unknown. Applications for smaller grants supporting community social amenities may be successful and we intend to follow this path in the coming year.

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Jill Matthews 16 March 2023

**PRESTON WITH ELMSTONE VILLAGE HALL  
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2022**

**Village Hall Fund**

	£
Bank Balance B/F - Lloyds	57849.42
Cash in Hand B/F	27.04
Interest Received	3.89
Hire charges	6951.66
DDC Grant Income	10667.00
Stourmouth Donation	471.76
Other income & Donations	2786.54
Trf from Recreation Fund	85.00
	<u>78842.31</u>

	£
Cleaning & Repair Costs	2141.80
Wages and Honorarium	2362.40
Water, Light, Heat	3247.92
Insurance	986.54
PPL/PRS Music Licence	134.11
Fundraising Event and Other	
Sundry Expenses	2663.08
Trf to Recreation Fund	175.00
Trf to Renovation Fund	16587.50
Balances C/F - Lloyds	50516.92
Cash in Hand Balance	27.04
	<u>78842.31</u>

**Renovation Fund**

Balance B/F - Lloyds	45304.15
Interest Received	5.17
Trf From Village Hall Fund	16587.50
	<u>61896.82</u>

Sundry Expenses	28.26
Trf to Recreation Fund	422.25
Balance C/F - Lloyds	61446.31
	<u>61896.82</u>

**Recreation Fund**

Balance B/F - Lloyds	90.00
Trf from Village Hall Fund	175.00
Trf from Renovation Fund	422.25
	<u>687.25</u>

Trf to Village Hall Fund	85.00
Balance C/F - Lloyds	602.25
	<u>687.25</u>

**SUMMARY**

Total Balances B/F	103270.61
Excess of Income over	
Expenditure for the Year	9321.91
	<u>112592.52</u>

Total Bank Balances C/F	112565.48
Cash in Hand C/F	27.04
	<u>112592.52</u>

I have prepared the above Income and Expenditure Account and certify that it is in accordance with the books and records maintained by the Treasurer and explanations granted to me.

*G M Heathfield - Elgars*

G M Heathfield  
Elgars  
Honorary Auditor

*K Wright*  
K Wright  
Honorary Treasurer

30th September 2022