

The Church of the Ascension Parish Hall Charity Hall Green, Birmingham - Charity No. 1187634

Report of the Trustees for the Period 1st January 2022 – 31st December 2022

This is the third Annual Report of the Church of the Ascension Parish Hall Charity which was registered by the Charity Commission in January 2020.

Structure, Government and Management

The Parochial Church Council of The Church of The Ascension, Hall Green (charity number 1133810) is the Managing Trustee of the Church of The Ascension Parish Hall Charity, Hall Green, Birmingham. The PCC manages and administers the Parish Hall Charity, making decisions about the activities of the Hall Charity in accordance with its constitution.

Objects and Activities

The object of the Charity is to further the religious and other charitable work of the Church of England in the parish.

In 2022, the Charity sought to benefit:

1. Those in need by reason of age (elders), disability, ill health and financial hardship. For example, through the Food Bank for those in food poverty and a youth support run by Hall Green Youth for vulnerable young people to support their emotional wellbeing.

2. Those suffering hardships through family separation. The Child Contact Centre provided a neutral and safe venue for non-resident parents to have contact with their children.

3. The community through recreation and leisure facilities; for example, for children and young people through the uniformed organisations and karate classes, for adults through Hall Green Choral Society, Hall Green Arts Society, Acock's Green Folk Dancing Society and Barn Dace Fitness.

Most of these activities are operated by volunteers and some of the organisations are charities, while the remainder are operated on a private or commercial basis for the community.

Financial Review

With all the regular users back for the full year and an increasing number of 'casual' hirers, for example for family and community celebration events, income from hall lettings showed an increase to £46,000.

Total expenditure of utilities, cleaning maintenance and insurance was £33,933. The funds, which began the year in slight deficit, are in surplus by £12,142 at the year end. Consideration was given to repaying the Church some of the £12,150 which was transferred into the Halls charity to balance the books in December 2020. However, with increased energy costs coming into effect in the last month of the year it was decided to keep this balance to help defray the effects of the increase during 2023.

Property Report

Church Hall and Coffee Lounge

Quotations were sought to replace the lighting in Church Hall as the old filament lamps were no longer available. In December Fodens upgraded all the filament lights, including two on the stage at a cost of £800.88 (including £133.48 VAT)

On 20th January Fodens carried out the emergency replacement of three lights in the toilets with new LED lamps. This included the fire safety light in the 'Disabled' toilet. They were requested to quote for the upgrade of all ten lights in the Coffee Lounge. The PCC decided to have light panels rather than bulkhead lights and these were fitted in March (£688.20+VAT).

In February leaking pipework in the 1:1 room required repair. Stuart Moore (Solihull Plumbing and Drainage) replaced all the old pipework from the stage to the header tank in the nearby toilet with a stop tap fitted in case of future issues. This was at the price quoted, £450.

On 14th March all the guttering around both Hall and 93b were cleaned, and all the downpipes and drains cleared by Gary Bates (£250). It was noted that some of the Church Hall guttering leaks. As this is the same age as the building, advice is being sought on where to obtain suitable replacements.

The large Hamworthy gas boiler has become increasingly unreliable. In March the overheat thermostat was replaced at a cost of £193.69 but this did not resolve the problem. The parts are now obsolete, and the intermittent problem not easily identified. The PCC is now considering the replacement of this boiler.

House (93b)

Warmington investigated the boiler breakdown and carried out work on the expansion vessel (£138). The pressure in the vessel is being monitored but has been reliable to date.

Chatterton Hall

The Lincat boiler failed and was replaced in June 2022 with a more energy efficient model at a total cost of £610.73. This was made possible by a very generous donation. On 27th June Patrol Alarms were contacted as there was a fault on the door access. which required considerable rewiring and a replacement power unit.

In January, Amin from Atlantic Engineering Group replaced three bulkhead lights to improve the lighting in the approach to the hall and adjoining area. (£380).

Sarah Barnes, PCC Secretary, on behalf of Church of the Ascension PCC (Managing Trustee)

Approved at the Church of the Ascension PCC (Managing Trustee) meeting on 27.04.2023

THE CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION PARISH HALL CHARITY, HALL GREEN, BIRMINGHAM

Charity Number 1187634

Accounts For the period 1 January 2022 to 31 December 2022

| <i>Note</i> | From To | 01 January 2022 31 December 2022 | 01 January 2021 31 December 2021 |
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| Income and endowments | | | |
| Donations and legacies | | | |
| Other Donations - Restricted | | 610 | — |
| | <i>Total Donations and legacies</i> | <u>610</u> | <u>—</u> |
| Other trading activities | | | |
| Church hall lettings | | 11,958 | 5,208 |
| Chatterton Hall & House Lettings | | 34,104 | 14,535 |
| | <i>Total Other trading activities</i> | <u>46,062</u> | <u>19,743</u> |
| Total income and endowments | | 46,673 | 19,743 |
| Expenditure | | | |
| Expenditure on charitable activities | | | |
| Parish Administrator Salary & Pension | | 5,600 | 1,272 |
| Hall Utilities - Gas | | 5,512 | 2,600 |
| Hall Utilities - Electricity | | 2,905 | 2,394 |
| Hall Utilities - Water | | 517 | 234 |
| Church Hall Cleaning | | 3,005 | 2,517 |
| Chatterton Hall & House Cleaning | | 8,043 | 4,546 |
| Church Hall Repair & Maintenance | | 2,267 | 2,186 |
| Church Hall Insurance | | 1,498 | 1,512 |
| Chatterton Hall & House Insurance | | 1,502 | 368 |
| Chatterton Hall Maintenance | | 3,080 | 560 |
| Major Repairs to Church Hall | | — | 2,146 |
| | <i>Total Expenditure on charitable activities</i> | <u>33,933</u> | <u>20,340</u> |
| Total expenditure | | 33,933 | 20,340 |
| | Excess of Income and endowments over Expenditure | <u>12,739</u> | <u>(596)</u> |
| | Brought forward balance | (596) | — |
| Total carried forward balance | | 12,142 | (596) |

Approved at the Church of the Ascension PCC (Managing Trustee) meeting on 27.04.2023

Independently examined by Flint and Thompson as part of the examination of the Church of the Ascension (Managing Trustee) Accounts. The Independent Examiner's opinion is below:

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF
THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE
ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF THE CHURCH OF
THE ASCENSION HALL GREEN BIRMINGHAM**

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of the Church of the Ascension Hall Green Birmingham

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of the Church of the Ascension Hall Green Birmingham (the Trust) for the year ended 31 December 2022.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under Section 145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under Section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by Section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



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