

**West Peckham Village Hall
Charitable Incorporated Organisation**

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West Peckham
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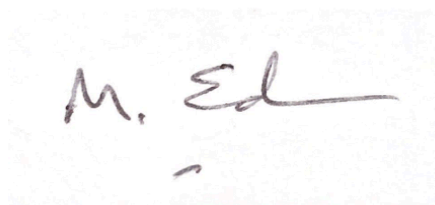
Charity Number: 1190977

**2023
TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT**

Trustees during the period ending 31 December 2023

Matthew Edwards (Chair)
Peter Johnson
Caroline Pearce
Liz Reading
Susan Simpson
John Taylor (Treasurer)
Sarah Thompson
Ron Wright (Bookings Clerk)

Signed on behalf of the trustees:

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Matthew Edwards (Chair)
3 April 2024

2023 saw the village hall return to something more like business as usual after three years of dealing with the pandemic and making major improvements to the hall.

Hire income rose to £10,997, a rise of 39% from 2022. This is similar to the 2019 income of £10,775, and so marks a welcome recovery to pre-pandemic levels. Most of this income came from regular hires (£9,229, an increase of 52% from 2021) including dog training, an art club, yoga and pilates classes, band practice, law exams, and meetings of the parish council and the West Peckham WI. We were also pleased to welcome two new regular hirers this year, the West Kent Spiritist Group and the Dog Squad who do scent training. Alongside this, the hall is used on a more occasional basis for important village events such as Arts and Crafts fairs, the village's Christmas drinks party, and government elections when it serves as a polling station.

Total expenditure for the year increased by 14% to £10,353. Ongoing expenditure for the year increased by 22% to £8,454, with over half of this going on cleaning, electricity and maintenance and repairs. The increase from 2022 was driven mainly by higher electricity costs (32p per kWh in 2023, up from 16p in 2022) and by increased maintenance costs for the air conditioning and the fire safety equipment. Expenditure of £1,899 on improvements remained at the lower level achieved in 2022 (£2,202) after the major work in 2021 on the toilets and the hall floor (£10,268). Projects this year included landscaping the east side of the car park under the leadership of Caroline Pearce and repair of the fencing on the west side of the hall.

The increase in income and the continued low levels of capital and improvement expenditure led to a surplus for the year of £984. The Trustees therefore decided to keep rates the same as last year.

I would like to conclude by offering thanks to my fellow trustees for their continuing support and their hard work both running and improving the hall and by encouraging villagers to make use of the hall.

Matthew Edwards
Chair

WEST PECKHAM VILLAGE HALL Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO)
(Registered Charity no. 1190977)

Accounts for the Year to 31st December 2023

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

| | | 2023 | 2022 |
|--------------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------|----------------|
| | | £ | £ |
| INCOME | | | |
| Caro Kennettt | Art Club | 1,024 | 825 |
| Felicity Crouch/Milligan | Pilates | 546 | 474 |
| Sam Petter | Yoga | 627 | 317 |
| Georgia D'Arcy | Dance | 1,109 | 1,094 |
| Louise Ince | Canine Performers | 1,428 | 566 |
| Sue Julian | Dog Training | 629 | 330 |
| Sue Gaines | Dog Training | 0 | 48 |
| Gordon Hardwick | West Kent Big Band | 592 | 252 |
| Peter Marshall | Band Practice U3A | 196 | 603 |
| Colin Wheeler | Hilden Brass | 388 | 268 |
| Carol Filtress (Colin Wheeler) | Second Wind | 36 | 84 |
| TS Spiritualist Group | West Kent Spiritist Group | 1,395 | 0 |
| Beverley Duval/Showler | U3A Choir | 0 | 90 |
| Stephen Thomas Law | Law Exams | 534 | 421 |
| Syrah Martin | The Dog Squad | 72 | 0 |
| WPPCC Mary-Anne Gribbon | Alpha Course /Childrens Choir | 240 | 158 |
| West Peckham Parish Council | | 72 | 108 |
| West Peckham WI | | 341 | 416 |
| | Regular Hires | 9,229 | 6,054 |
| T&MBC Elections | | 330 | 0 |
| OF Productions (Buds) Ltd | Larkins Filming | 0 | 264 |
| BBC Home Services | 'Any Questions' & 'PM' | 0 | 300 |
| Arts and Crafts Fair | two events | 350 | 0 |
| Casual | | 1,088 | 1,276 |
| TOTAL HALL HIRE | | 10,997 | 7,894 |
| Fete | | 0 | 0 |
| Village Christmas Drinks | two years' events | 100 | 0 |
| TOTAL DONATIONS/GRANTS | | 100 | 0 |
| Interest | | 240 | 0 |
| TOTAL INCOME | | 11,337 | 7,894 |
| Ongoing expenditure | | 8,454 | 6,904 |
| Capital and Major Improvements | | 1,899 | 2,202 |
| TOTAL EXPENDITURE | | 10,353 | 9,106 |
| Surplus / (Deficit) | | 984 | (1,212) |

| | 2023 | 2022 |
|--|--------------|--------------|
| | £ | £ |
| EXPENDITURE | | |
| Electricity | 1,665 | 791 |
| Insurance | 844 | 812 |
| Cleaning (inside and windows) | 3,019 | 2,812 |
| Rates | See Note 2 | 140 |
| Fire Equipment Maintenance and Repair | 547 | 266 |
| Air Con Equipment Maintenance and Repair | 523 | 226 |
| Music Licence (PRS Royalties) | 142 | 107 |
| Water | 197 | 225 |
| Maintenance and Repairs | 853 | 673 |
| Outside Maintenance and Repairs | 193 | 275 |
| Gardening | 139 | 156 |
| Sundry including Hygiene costs | 193 | 237 |
| Rural Kent | 0 | 62 |
| | 8,454 | 6,904 |
| CAPITAL AND MAJOR IMPROVEMENTS | | |
| Outside painting | 0 | 604 |
| New soakaway | 0 | 1,598 |
| Replace Fence and Gatepost | 1,899 | - |
| | 1,899 | 2,202 |

BALANCE SHEET
As at 31st December 2023

| | 2023 | 2022 |
|--|----------------|---------------|
| Fixed Assets | | |
| Land and Building | See Note 3 | 120 |
| | | 120 |
| Current Assets | | |
| Cash | 76 | 90 |
| Bank | 26,872 | 25,570 |
| Debtors | 2,484 | 1,680 |
| Prepayments | 257 | 454 |
| | <u>29,689</u> | <u>27,794</u> |
| Current Liabilities | | |
| Advance Receipts | (40) | (203) |
| Creditors and Accruals | (1,634) | (559) |
| | <u>(1,674)</u> | <u>(762)</u> |
| | <u>28,135</u> | <u>27,152</u> |
| Opening surplus | 17,152 | 18,364 |
| (Deficit) / Surplus | 984 | (1,212) |
| Accumulated Surplus Carried Forward | <u>18,135</u> | <u>17,152</u> |
| Reserve for Major Expenditure | 10,000 | 10,000 |
| | <u>28,135</u> | <u>27,152</u> |

Approved

Chairman
Treasurer

M. Edwards
J. Taylor

date 16.1.2024
(M Edwards)
(J Taylor)

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

- Note 1** Basis of Accounting: These accounts are prepared using the receipts and payments method adjusted for yearend debtors and creditors
- Note 2** The Village Hall was impacted by the Government regulations relating to the the Covid 19 Coronavirus pandemic and the Hall was shut at various periods in 2021 as part of the national lockdown strategy. Although there were periods of less severe restrictions hiring was restricted. In relation to the economic impact, Government and Local Council (Tonbridge & Malling Borough Council (T&MBC)) provided support grants to the Hall in 2021 and for Business Rates, full relief in 2021/2 and partial relief (50%) in 2022/23.
- Note 3** Land and Building: The Village Hall building and associated land was transferred on 1 January 2021 into the West Peckham Village Hall Charitable Incorporated Organisation at nil consideration. The land and building are included in these accounts at the nominal cost, being the Land Registry transfer fee paid.