

EMBERTON UNITED CHARITY

(Incorporated 1999) Reg. Charity No. 204221

ANNUAL REPORT For the year ended 31 December 2020

Organisational structure

The Trustees met on six occasions, some by Zoom or email, during the year to consider the management and maintenance of the Charity's property, monitor the financial position and consider any other matters concerning the Charity. All financial transactions require the signature of two Trustees or officers or on line authorisation.

There was a change of one trustee as reported below. Secretary and treasurer remained in office as the previous year (2019).

Activities

1. Property: Four cottages and the Institute care taker's cottage were fully let during the year. Minor repairs and improvements have been carried out as necessary. Cottage rents were reviewed but no changes made. Smoke and CO detectors were checked or fitted. Updating of the bath room at 4 High Street to provide a walk in shower in place of the bath was carried out. A structural survey of part of exterior stone walling was carried out to confirm its stability. New replacement double glazed windows were installed in cottages 2 Olney Road and 2,4,6 High Street.
2. Letting of the hall was suspended in compliance with pandemic regulations. Risk assessments were carried out.
3. Land: The tenancy of the fields at Petsoe remained unchanged.
4. Required inspections, servicing and system checks were made.

Grants and gifts

The value of grants and gifts made during the year were:-

£350 Senior citizens Christmas lunch.

£750 Educational grants.

£2,349 Family support charitable gifts.

The Charity agreed to administer a temporary pandemic hardship fund on behalf of the Parish Council.

(A pledge of £10k was made to the community group towards the planned purchase of the village public house)

Accounts

1. Income from hall lettings seriously diminished by the pandemic. £10k in financial support was received from Milton Keynes Council. An average of normal income was paid to the Institute caretaker.
2. The value of the Charity's investments and income received remained satisfactory during the year. Cash investments are in recognised charitable funds – COIF and M&G.
3. The Charity received by right seven tenths of the income from the K A H Sams Charitable Fund quarterly. Three tenths was paid to All Saints' parish church.
4. The investment income remained satisfactory during the year. The value of the Charity's investments is shown on the balance sheet.
5. The value of the Charity's buildings and land is shown on the balance sheet.

Future developments

The 5 year plan was reviewed for a future period.

Trustees and officers

Trustees:

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| Gerald Mann | Retired after 60 years as a trustee. (A party was held) |
| Warwick Clarke | All Saints' Church, Emberton nomination. |
| Judith Taylor | Parish Council nomination (4 year term expiring March 2024) |
| Susan Soul | Parish Council nomination (4 year term expiring March 2022) |
| Paul Megeary | Parish Council nomination (4 year term expiring March 2025) |
| Andy McGrandle | Parish Council nomination (4 year term expiring March 2023) |

The trustees' appointed officers:

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| Gary Evans | Treasurer |
| Andrew Harris | Secretary (for all correspondence: 16 Gravel Walk, Emberton, Olney, MK46 5JA) |

Description of trust

The Trust provides and maintains a village hall.

Support for any member of the village community considered in “real need” available, on application, from the K.A.H. Sams Charitable Fund.

Financial assistance to residents under 25 years for vocational education or training.

The Trustees administer seven tenths of the income of the K A H Sams Charitable Fund, which provides “for such charitable purposes for the benefit of the inhabitants of Emberton”.

Independent examiner's report to the Trustees of the K A H Sams Charitable Fund and Emberton United Charity.

I report to the Trustees on my examination of the accounts of K A H Sams Charitable Fund and Emberton United Charity for the year ending 31 December 2020.

Responsibilities and basis of report.

As the charity Trustees of the Trusts you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011.

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the 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.

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.

Signed:

Name:

Address:

Date:

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