

Salisbury Green Parish Rooms

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The Louisa Seymour Charity
No. 205807



217 Barnes Lane, Salisbury Green, Hampshire SO31 7BH

Annual Report for January to December 2023

This charity is responsible for the running of the Salisbury Green Parish Rooms. Details can be found on our website SGPR.org.uk. The building comprises of two halls, a committee room and a large kitchen. The address for correspondence is 217 Barnes Lane, Salisbury Green, Hampshire SO31 7BH. It is constituted by a Trust Deed dated 5th March 1892, updated on 28th November 1986.

The charitable purpose is the provision and maintenance of the Parish Rooms for the use of the inhabitants of the parish of St Paul's, Salisbury Green (the area of benefit) without distinction of political opinions, including the use for meetings, Pre School, lectures, classes and for other forms of leisure activities, with the object of improving the lives and conditions of the said inhabitants.

The public benefit is that the rooms are available to the public at very competitive rates. The Parish Rooms are maintained to a high standard using income received by lets, and they continue to be improved and maintained by regulation and changing needs.

The Charity is administered by Trustees, five of whom are elected annually. Other committee members are appointed from local organisations (Hampshire County Council) and up to two are co-opted.

The committee is made up as follows:

Chairman	Paul Bowler
Secretary	Michelle Day
Treasurer	Amanda Williams
Trustee members	Tony Linford, Mary Farmer, Sarah-Jane Tarr, Steve Launey, Joanne Bull, Jessica Axtell
Invited Committee members	Bob Edney

Day to day management is overseen by the trustees and carried out in the main by the secretary. All roles are voluntary which contributes to halls very competitive rates. The committee meets generally four times a year. The Charity has no employees. Contract services are used on a regular basis for hall cleaning and window cleaning.

Secretary's Report

The Dance School have continued to thrive for Primary children to adult and have taken up additional hours in the afternoon and evenings. We have been unable to engage another Pre-School since the former Preschool closed in 2022. However, the Dance College (run by the Dance School) for young Adults 18 years plus is now established and booking 3 days a week, morning/afternoons. The other regular hirer is a Big Band group who hire one evening a week. Weekend party bookings have increased significantly. These are mainly children's parties.

A refundable deposit for party bookings to cover extra cleaning/energy costs was introduced to ensure that hirers left the building in a 'reasonable manner'.

Amanda Williams Treasurer
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Review of 2023

Maintenance and major projects this year included:

Complete redecoration of the Main Hall which included hire of indoor scaffold to reach high ceilings.

Installation of a new boiler.

Damp proofing and decorating the 2 front Entrances/Porches, plus replacing door frames and draft excluders.

Sanding and resealing the wooden floor in the main hall.

All work was completed to a high standard to ensure the building is safe and fit for purpose.

Treasurers Report

Income received	2023 £36,476	2022 £32,959
Expenditure	2023 £34,600	2022 £32,250
Total Monetary Assets year end	2023 £39,727	2022 £37,856

Income has steadily increased due to the increased regular hours of the Dance College and Dance School and weekend family party bookings. It is a concern that we were unable to replace the Preschool which means we are reliant on one main Hirer which is 79% of the income. However, weekend party bookings have increased by 68%. Energy costs have continued to rise this year by 68%.

The Accounts for 2023 were presented and discussed with the Trustees at the committee meeting on 17/9/24. Copies of the accounts 2023 have been sent and approved by the Chairman, Secretary and Trustees. An audited Summary of our accounts by Jenny Hammer is attached to this report. Full audited accounts are available on request.

Chairman's Report

With the continuation of rising energy costs this year we focused on making the building more energy efficient which is reflected in some of our major projects and maintenance work.

We have recognised that we should focus attention on encouraging other new groups and hirers to use the building when available.

With our finances back on track after COVID and losing one of our major Hirers we were happy to continue our program of supporting the local Community with a donation of £100 to the local Volunteer Gardening group. They have done some great work in the local area including at the front of our building.

The Sarisbury Parish Rooms continue to be a thriving and popular local asset used and enjoyed by the community. Our Trustees meet regularly and are aware of their responsibilities in ensuring continuing professional management.

Michelle Day Secretary

Amanda Williams Treasurer

Paul Bowler Chairman

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Accounts for the Year 2023 Jan - Dec

Receipts and Payments		2023	2022
Income Receipts		£	£
Grants and Donations	Refunds	809	558
sub total			
Trading Activities			
Hire charges for use of building		35457	32959
Investment Income			
Bank account current interest		0	0
Bank deposit account interest		53	3
Hampshire Trust account interest		157	69
sub total		210	72
Total		Receipts	36476 33031

Direct Charitable Expenditure

Routine Maintenance	6022	795
Projects and major purchases	4715	9910
Refuse Disposal and water	993	904
Cleaning	11678	10605
Trustee Expenses	271	1045
Insurance	1320	1264
Heating and Lighting	7759	5783
Telephone	88	551
Gardener and plants	0	48
sub total	32846	30905

Other Expenditure

Fees PRS /Website	418	365
Admin /minor purchases (post, stationery etc.)	86	0
Refunds (deposit refunds) Bounced Cheques etc.	1150	980
Miscellaneous	0	0
Charitable Donation	100	0
sub total	1754	1345

Total

Payments	34600	32250
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Net Receipts for Year	1666	1267
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Total Monetary Assets at start of the year	23732	22465
Total Monetary Assets at end of the year	25398	23732

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Statement of Assets and Liabilities at December 31st 2023	2023	2022
Bank and Cash Balance	25398	23732
Bank Deposit Account	6402	6346
Cash	0	8
Sub total	31800	30086
Other Monetary Assets		
Reserve Fund - Hampshire Trust Investment Account (note 2)	7927	7770
Debtors	0	0
Total Monetary Assets	39727	37856
Liabilities		

Non Monetary Assets

Land and Buildings owned by
Charity

Salisbury Parish Rooms (see note*)	1,202,339	1,167,320
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Held for functional Use by the
Charity

Furniture and Equipment in Hall	(see note*)	42,229	42,229
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Note* figure taken from Insured Building / Contents on 29th November 2023

Attn: Charity Commission

Reference: Louisa Seymour Charity 205807 - Sarisbury Green
Parish Rooms

I have examined the books, records and bank statements of the
Louisa Seymour Charity 205807 and I confirm that these are an
accurate record of the transactions for the year 2023

Signed

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J. Hamer', with a large, stylized initial 'J' and a checkmark-like flourish at the end.

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