

Wellow St Swithin's Church Schoolroom

Annual report 2021

Apart from a few minor points the work of the restoration of the Schoolroom has been completed, with the rebuilding of the west perimeter wall. This has been enabled through generous grants from:

- ⌄ Nottinghamshire County Council LIS Grant £4,500
- ⌄ Charles Littlewood-Hill Grant £1,500
- ⌄ Nottinghamshire County Councillor Divisional Fund £150

The following works and purchases were completed this year:

- ⌄ Rebuilding of the West wall £7,298.79
- ⌄ Bespoke banner and tablecloths £381.00
- ⌄ Minor electrical work and checks £308.40
- ⌄ Outdoor banner £44.96
- ⌄ Installation of Broadband (paid for out of the Lottery Fund grant)

We express gratitude for other grants received, which have enabled us to pay for the above and on-going revenue costs, including:

- ⌄ Nottinghamshire County Council Councilor Fund £341
- ⌄ Newark & Sherwood District Council Discretionary Grant £2,000
- ⌄ Newark & Sherwood District Council Restart Grant £8,000

Due to Covid restrictions the Schoolroom couldn't take any bookings for much of the end of the year. This resulted in an acute shortage of anticipated income; as compensation we were awarded the above Restart Grant from Newark & Sherwood District Council, which will enable us to continue to pay running costs until we gain a steady flow of bookings and hold our regular open days. However, we did manage to hold our open day/launch of heritage research as part of the national Heritage Open Days scheme where we enabled visitors to see the new displays (discussed below) and enjoy a lecture and walk around the Village Trail. At times throughout the year where committee/group meetings were allowed, three village groups were able to hold their meetings at the Schoolroom, but otherwise conducted via Zoom.

Our National Lottery Heritage Funded project also ended this year. The project was designed to research and interpret the heritage of Wellow and make the Schoolroom the focal point of that heritage. Consequently, we have now installed seven permanent heritage interpretation panels, a heritage/tourism leaflet holder, and a display cabinet, built into the former fireplace. We have also created several temporary heritage displays. The project funds also paid for the creation and installation of two permanent external wall mounted signs for the Schoolroom along with a village heritage trail interpretation board located outside the front door. The project also produced two further external heritage trail boards, a heritage trail leaflet, associated website, videos, a village heritage booklet and a War Heroes booklet. The remainder of the grant funds received this year totaled £38,948.86.

The committee understand all this level of funding and the ensuing works would not have been possible but for the efforts of a few people who have spent many hours filling in application forms and being prepared, if at first we were unsuccessful, to re-submit until we were able to secure the funds. Thanks to all the volunteers and those who have carried out work on the Schoolroom in 2021. We would also like to thank all those volunteers who have spent hundreds of hours working on the heritage project.

Chris Levy
(Chair)

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Charity Commission Number: 245654

Balance of Accounts for 2021

			Balance
Balance Brought Forward from 2020			£18,022.70
	Income	Expenditure	
Summary of Income			
Grants	42,513.00		
Donations	30.00		
Room Hire	120.00		
Sale of Items	177.00		
Total Income	£42,840.00		£60,862.70
Summary of Expenditure			
Utilities (Elec & Broadband)		306.66	
Restoration		7,298.79	
Equipment		381.00	
Maintenance		340.14	
Insurance		393.25	
Marketing		44.96	
Lottery Fund Project		38,948.86	
Total Expenditure		£47,713.66	£13,149.04

There are no overdue or outstanding debts.

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All income and expenditure are transacted through the bank account and consequently the charity does not operate a petty cash account. Therefore, the income and expenditure reflect the bank balance:

Amount in the bank at the beginning of 2021: **£18,022.70**

Balance carried forward at the end of 2021: **£13,149.04**

Over the year the organisation had a nett decrease of **£4,873.66**

Accounts verified by Denis Hill, Auditor



16/02/2022