

**NORTHAM VILLAGE HALL TRUST**

**Charity No 269218**

**ACCOUNTS**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED**

**31<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER 2022**

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# **NORTHIAM VILLAGE HALL TRUST**

Frewen Close, Main Street, Northiam, East Sussex, TN31 6RA

Registered Charity Number 269218

## **Report of the Trustees for the financial year ended 31 December 2022**

The land on which Northiam village hall now stands was purchased by the community in 1971 from two local landowners/farmers. A Trust was established at that time to hold the land, to arrange for the hall to be built, and then to manage the site for the benefit of the village. Construction of buildings started in 1975, following the disposal of parcels of land on which were built the six Frewen Close bungalows which provided the financial wherewithal to construct the hall. Over the following 25 years the hall building was extended to provide additional meeting rooms and storage space, and the whole facility is now believed to be one of the largest village halls in East Sussex.

The buildings and surrounding land are now held in trust by the Charity Commission's Official Custodian, on behalf of the local community. A management committee (Northiam Village Hall Trust) has responsibility for the day-to-day running of the hall, governed by the Trust Deed established in 1971, which set the original goal of providing a village hall for use by the community, with the ongoing objective of improving the conditions of life for Northiam residents. The Trust is a registered charity, regulated by the Charities Commission, and answerable to the local community each year at an Annual General Meeting. Trustees are appointed each year at the AGM, either elected by the community or nominated by local groups that use the hall.

As of 31 December 2022 the Trust comprised 12 Trustees:

Keith Whiting (Chair); Christine Palmer (Secretary); Sylvia Wickens (Bookings Secretary); Bernie Bone (Treasurer); Margaret Davies; John Fenton; Sarah Giles; John Palmer; Richard and Sandra Robinson; Pete Sargent, and Sue Schlesinger.

The Trust generates its income from rentals paid by hall users, supplemented by donations and fund-raising activities. Running costs absorb most of the income but, where there is a surplus, this is used to contribute towards hall improvements. Where appropriate, grants from other bodies are accessed by the Trust, but all monies raised, whatever the source, are used in maintaining or improving the village hall.

The Covid-19 pandemic significantly affected the Trust's finances for the years 2020 and 2021 with the lockdowns and other restrictions meaning that many of our regular social groups and other users were unable to use the hall buildings in the normal way. During those two years very limited use was made of the hall, leading to severely reduced income for the Trust. 2022 has seen a return to more normal levels, comparable to pre-pandemic levels, albeit a cautious return for the first few months of 2022.

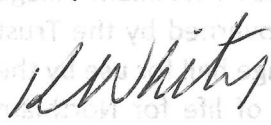
For the financial year ended 31 Dec 2022 our rental income was £15,312, which compares very favourably with 2021 (£6,370), but still short of our pre-pandemic income in 2019 of £19,914. Day to day running costs of £12,851 were below 2021 costs of £15,753, although the latter included some of that year's building improvement costs. As with 2021, our costs were substantially lower than 2019 (£16,953).



The surplus in 2022, which includes grants of £12,667 and income from a number of fund raising activities, provided the resources to enable us to continue our programme of major improvements to the hall facilities, which we started in 2020. During 2022 we have completely re-laid the paths along the North side of the hall, replaced the paddock fencing and gate, re-laid the floor in the Jenkins Room, and made great strides in bringing back into use the old committee room behind the stage, which for 20 years or so has been used as a storage space. This has been a major undertaking, involving creating a new external door access and accessibility ramp, reinstating a toilet facility, as well as upgrading the electrics and heating to the rear-stage area. The project will be completed in early 2023. It has only been possible with the substantial financial assistance of Rother District Council, The National Lottery Community Fund, and Northiam Parish Council.

We suffered some damage during Storm Eunice in February 2022, which destroyed a storage shed, and caused some damage to our heating control system. We were able to restore the heating control and access system with only a couple of days closure, and the loss of the shed turned into a blessing as it enabled us to rethink the use of land behind the hall.

January 2023

  
Keith Whiting  
Chair, Northiam Village Hall Trust

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## **STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2022**

	2022	2021
	£	£
<b>INCOME</b>		
Lettings	15,312	6,370
Donations	650	1,557
Fund Raising	3,674	1,650
Fund Raising - Special Projects	-	4,416
Miscellaneous	2,565	3,211
Grants re: Special Projects	10,000	-
Government Grants	2,667	17,474
Bank Interest	30	2
	<u>34,897</u>	<u>34,680</u>
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>		
Insurance	1,146	1,100
Repairs, Renewals and Maintenance	3,036	6,548
Cleaning	1,931	896
Equipment	407	1,847
Administration	1,100	1,293
Rates	-	-
Heat and Light	2,212	1,635
Water	832	748
Fund raising expenses	818	843
Expenditure on special projects	20,466	27,090
Loan repayment	600	600
Miscellaneous	770	243
	<u>33,317</u>	<u>42,843</u>
<b>(DEFICIT)/SURPLUS FOR THE YEAR</b>	1,580	(8,163)
Cash funds brought forward 1.1.22	18,253	26,416
Cash funds carried forward 31.12.22	<u>19,833</u>	<u>18,253</u>

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## STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AS AT 31st DECEMBER 2022

	2022	2021
	£	£
<b>ASSETS</b>		
Cash at bank	19,773	26,246
Cash in hand	60	160
	<u>19,833</u>	<u>26,406</u>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>		
Loan from Don Hanson Charitable Foundation	<u>1,800</u>	<u>2,400</u>

The Income and Expenditure Account and Statement of Assets and Liabilities were approved by the Trustees.

Name

*Keith Whiting*

KEITH WHITING, CHAIR, NORTHAM VILLAGE HALL TRUST

Date

*14th February 2023*

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**BREAKDOWN OF FUNDRAISING INCOME 2022**

	2022	2021
	£	£
Jumble Sales	1,582	717
Boot Sale	467	415
Coffee Mornings/Tea Parties	842	262
Cinema	750	257
Amazon Smile	33	-
	<u>3,674</u>	<u>1,650</u>

**BREAKDOWN OF FUNDRAISING INCOME 2022 (SPECIAL PROJECTS)**

	2022	2021
	£	£
Main hall floor renovation	-	4,416
	<u>-</u>	<u>4,416</u>

**BREAKDOWN OF EXPENDITURE: SPECIAL PROJECTS**

	2022	2021
Reinstatement of sound system	828	-
Heating control	1,398	-
Shed replacement	1,158	-
Jenkins Room floor replacement	2,019	-
Committee Room reinstatement	12,708	-
Rear path reinstatement	1,637	-
Replacement of chestnut fencing	718	-
Total 2021	-	27,090
	<u>20,466</u>	<u>27,090</u>



**Independent Examiner's Report on the Unaudited Financial Statements to the Trustees of Northiam Village Hall Trust**  
**Charity No: 269218**

I report on the financial statements for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2022 set out on the following pages.

**Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Independent Examiner**

The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year (under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Act), and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts (under section 145 of the Act),
- To follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Act), and
- To state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

**Basis of independent examiner's statement**

My examination was conducted in accordance with General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the accounts.

**Independent examiner's statement**

In the course of my examination, no matter has come to my attention

- (1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect, the trustees have not met the requirements to ensure that:
  - proper accounting records are kept (in accordance with section 130 of the Act); and
  - accounts are prepared which agree with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act; or
- (2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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