

TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 14th NOVEMBER 2022****Reference and administration details**

Mountnessing Village Hall is a registered charity, number 278509.

Day to day management of the Village Hall is the responsibility of the Mountnessing Village Hall Management Committee. The trustees of this Committee are:

- Andrew Stephenson Chair Elected
- Ieuan Harries Treasurer and Secretary Appointed by Mountnessing Village Council
- Brian Hurrell Appointed by Shaftesbury Cycling Club
- Susan Conley Appointed by Shenfield U3A Art Multi Media
- Alaric Cundy Appointed by Mountnessing Bridge Club
- Rita Harries Appointed by St Giles Church
- John McCoy Appointed by Billericay Mayflower Bridge Club
- Susan Stevens Appointed by Shenfield U3A

Mountnessing Village Council, formerly known as Mountnessing Parish Council, is the custodian trustee of Mountnessing Village Hall.

The address of the principal office of the Mountnessing Village Hall is Bibury, Padhams Green, Mountnessing CM13 1UL

The bankers of the Hall are:

- Barclays Bank - High Street, Brentwood, Essex.

The independent Examiner is:

- David Parker FCA – 8a Church Road, Mountnessing, Brentwood, CM15 0TH.

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 14th NOVEMBER 2022****Structure, governance and management:**

The governing document of the charity is a lease and trust deed dated 21st March 1979. To be more relevant to present day requirements the lease and trust deed has been amended and a resolution approving this amendment was passed at the Annual General Meeting held on 7th September 2020.

The charity is constituted as a Trust.

The management committee members consist of up to eight elected members and twelve representative members and not more than four co-opted members. Representative members are appointed from user bodies who are supportive of the charity objectives and that notify the secretary of the committee the name of the representative. Elected members are elected at the annual general meeting, whilst co-opted members are appointed at committee meetings.

Objectives and activities

The objectives of the charity are to establish and run a village hall and to promote for the benefit of the inhabitants of the village of Mountnessing and the neighbourhood ('area of benefit') without distinction of political, religious or other opinions including use for meetings, lectures, classes and other forms of recreation and leisure-time occupation with the object of improving the conditions of life of the inhabitants.

In managing Mountnessing Village Hall the trustees had due regard to the Charity Commission's public benefit guidance.

In the past year the public benefit was continued provision of a village hall facility to provide a regular venue for a wide variety of local organizations such as two bridge clubs, art clubs a cycling club, a number of U3A groups, a thriving senior citizens club and mother & toddler groups. In addition, the hall is used as a one off venue for a wide range events such as children's parties, weddings, anniversaries, quizzes, shoe sales and charity fund raising events.

Achievements and performance

Covid 19 continued to impact the use of the hall for the first few weeks of the financial year and a further support grant was received from the government via Brentwood Borough Council.

Almost all the regular community groups, clubs and societies returned after COVID and the hall was heavily used on weekdays by them during the year. Weekends were usually used for private social gatherings of various kinds. More use of the hall at weekends following facility upgrades and promotion of the availability has led to a substantial uplift in income surplus over regular expenditure from pre COVID levels. All such surpluses are ploughed back into uplifting hall facilities in addition to maintaining a suitable emergency reserve for the substantial building which the trustees have responsibility for.

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Work to renew all the main hall windows and blinds was completed, which will improve ventilation and insulation to the building. All the fire exit doors and frames were also replaced during the year. Substantial grant funding helped with the window costs whilst the doors were funded from income. A batch of folding chairs were acquired with a further order made following positive feedback on their use.

The trustees are mindful of the need for the hall to be used for community group activity purposes and over the course of the last 12 months have sought to raise its profile. There is scope for this to continue and to encourage the community to develop activities that could be accommodated at the hall, especially at weekends.

Financial review

In order to continue to secure and sustain the Hall's viability and its future availability to users the Trustees policy is to aim to hold sufficient funds in unrestricted reserves to support planned major maintenance and improvement costs as well as being able to meet variations in future income and expenditure.

The Trustees reviews its Reserve Policy on an annual basis.

Mountnessing Village Hall held £28,361 in unrestricted funds at 14th November 2022

The requirement to disclose details of any funds materially in deficit is not applicable.

Declaration

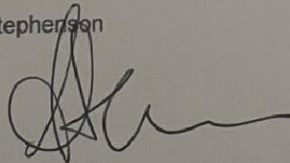
The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees.

Andrew John Stephenson

Treasurer

Ex Chairman



Date:

3/11/22

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RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 14th NOVEMBER 2022

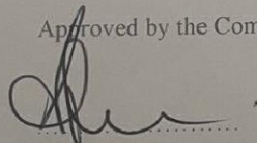
	2022 £	2021 £
Receipts		
Hall Lettings - Regular Groups	16,131	9,286
Hall Lettings - Functions	17,976	4,981
Government Grant	2,667	19,018
Voluntary Sources Grants	2,900	12,490
Bank Interest	14	1
	<u>39,688</u>	<u>45,776</u>
 Payments		
Electricity	3,986	1,168
Water & sewerage	606	301
Waste removal	1,128	1,037
Repairs & replacements	29,880	9,568
Garden & car park maintenance	2,330	1,855
Insurance	943	880
RCCE-Subscription and Professional advice	66	66
Toilet refurbishment	-	3,836
Window cleaning	-	120
Wages	10,394	4,561
Cleaning materials	202	163
Postage and stationery	33	48
Rates	-	115
Website and Broadband	532	232
Miscellaneous	101	-
	<u>50,201</u>	<u>23,950</u>
 Net (Payments) / Receipts	<u>(10,513)</u>	<u>21,826</u>

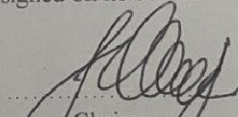
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STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AT 14th NOVEMBER 2022

	2022 £	2021 £
Current Assets		
Cash at Bank - Trust Account	(668)	3,268
Cash at Bank - Lettings Account	2,535	1,229
Cash at Bank - Business Premium Account	26,493	34,312
Petty Cash	1	65
Net Assets	<u>28,361</u>	<u>38,874</u>
Funds		
Village Hall unrestricted:		
Balance brought forward	38,874	17,048
Net (payments) /receipts in the year	<u>(10,513)</u>	<u>21,826</u>
Balance carried forward	<u>28,361</u>	<u>38,874</u>

Approved by the Committee of Trustees and signed on its behalf


Treasurer


Chairman

The notes on page 3 form part of these accounts

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 14th NOVEMBER 2022

The receipts and payments account provides an analysis of the incoming and outgoing cash for the year.

The statement of assets and liabilities outlines the charity's main assets and liabilities at the end of the year including the cash balances at the year end shown in the receipts and payments account.

**REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT EXAMINER
TO THE TRUSTEES OF MOUNTNESSING VILLAGE HALL
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 14th NOVEMBER 2022**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 14th November 2022 which are set out on pages 1 to 3.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees of the Trust, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

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 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 and I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

David Parker FCA
8a Church Road
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Date: 3/4/23