

THAKEHAM VILLAGE HALL

Registered Charity No 279177

The Management Committee presents its report for the year 2020/21

Registered Office:

The registered office is 1 Abingworth Crescent, Thakeham, Pulborough, West Sussex, RH20 3GW.

Trustees at the date this report was approved:

Official Custodian for Charities (Custodian Trustee)

Mr John Bearman (Chairman---Elected)

Mr John Instance (Secretary/Treasurer-----Elected)

Mr Norman Prince (Representative of Thakeham Morris)

Mr Barry Laker (Representative of Thakeham Parochial Church Council)

Mr Steve Watkins (Representative of Thakeham Parish Council)

Mrs Cecily Linfield (Representative of Thakeham Bridge Club)

Mr Dave Kirkwood (Representative of Thakeham Gardeners Club)

Mr David MacEachern (Elected)

Mrs Sarah Pearce (Elected)

Structure, Governance, and Management

- a) The Conveyance and Trust Deed setting up the Charity is dated 12th October 1979, for land at Greendene Farm. Thakeham Parish Council was the original Custodian Trustee, replaced in November 2018 by the Official Custodian for Charities. The land at Greendene was leased in May 1989, with due authority from the Charity Commission, to the Pulborough Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses. The lease expires in May 2024. Details are available in the Village Hall records. Alternative land for a village hall at Abingworth was acquired by way of a lease from A G Linfield Limited in July 1980, and a building erected as a Village Hall. This building and land were handed over to Abingworth Developments in December 2018. On the same day, a Licence to Occupy was signed with the Parish Council for the new Village Hall, built as a Community Benefit on the Abingworth Meadows housing development. In January 2020, a 99 year Lease for the new Village Hall and Sub-Lease for the use of the Parish Office were signed with the Parish Council, along with a Financial Agreement.

- b) Committee of Management: the original Conveyance provides as follows:

The Committee shall consist of Three members elected at the Annual General Meeting, at least Five representative members, and not more than Two co-opted members.

One representative member shall be appointed by Thakeham Parish Council, Thakeham Parochial Church Council, Thakeham Women's Institute (now defunct), Thakeham Community Committee (now defunct), Thakeham Gardeners Club, and/or such other community organisation as the Committee shall determine. (Thakeham Morris and Thakeham Bridge Club our now included as hall users). The original conveyance was amended in April 2017 to permit 5 elected members and 4 co-opted members.

All members of the Committee shall retire from office together at the end of the Annual General Meeting next after the date on which they came into office, but they may be re-elected or re-appointed. There are further detailed provisions dealing with co-options,

casual vacancies, and dates of appointment. New Trustees are sought from the community as the need arises.

c) Discussions have continued this year with the Jehovahs' Witnesses about the future of the Greendene site. A new commercial lease arrangement was still the Committee's preferred choice. After a request to re-assign the lease to the Kingdom Hall Trust was put on hold, The Jehovahs' Witnesses issued us with a Notice to Treat and to compulsory purchase the Greendene site. Under the Places of Worship (Enfranchisement) Act 1920, they are now entitled to do this, as the Parish Council is no longer the Custodian Trustee. We have now commissioned a valuation of the site.

Objects:

The objects of the Charity are to hold the Trust Property for the purpose of a Village Hall for the use of the inhabitants of the Parish of Thakeham, including use for meetings, lectures, and classes, and for other forms of recreation and leisure time occupation with the object of improving the conditions of life for the said inhabitants.

Financial Review, Achievements, and Performance

The result for the year was a surplus of £10,715, compared with a surplus last year of £8,328. This was mostly due to grants from Thakeham Parish Council and Horsham District Council. The overall assets increased from £176,386 to £187,257. This was due to an increase in cash funds. The Liabilities were reduced from £1,167 to £675, due to a reduction in property costs. The actual Letting income at £4000 was reduced from last year's £24,916, due to the Hall restrictions and closures for the Covid 19 pandemic. The Charity has no specific reserves policy except to maintain sufficient funds to meet contingencies, such as unexpected structural repairs, and to meet its service to the community.

Since the last report in July 2020, the Village Hall has been closed for significant periods due to the Covid 19 virus, following the Government guidelines. The West Sussex Police were able to use it for training purposes. Some exercise classes used the Sports Field when possible, managed by the Village Hall. The Hall re-opened in April 2021 for limited activities, including some dance and exercise classes, and Table Tennis and Short Mat Bowls restarted. However, there are strict guidelines for all to follow. Other regular users are awaiting further lifting of Government restrictions. We are expecting Government guidelines for further re-opening of the Village Hall in June 2021. We are grateful to our Hall Manager Amanda, who has been looking after the Hall during closure, and organising the limited use of the Hall and the Covid 19 guidelines.. The Treasurer has obtained Leisure Grants from Horsham District Council to cover some of our loss of income during the closure.

During the year, we received a grant for equipment from Waitrose, and sold our old chairs. A trolley for tables and another Coat Rack have been purchased. The Fire Risk Assessment has been updated, and arrangements made for regular inspection and testing of alarms. There are still problems at times with the main door, and the Parish Council has agreed some more remedial work.

Issued and approved by the Management Committee at the Annual General Meeting held on 7th June 2021.

Signed:

Date:

John Bearman (Chairman, Thakeham Village Hall Management Committee)

THAKEHAM VILLAGE HALL
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RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED

31st MARCH 2021

	Notes	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total 2021 £	Total 2020 £
Receipts					
Donations		333	-	333	2,845
Grants		24,207	-	24,207	13,650
Hall hire fees		4,000	-	4,000	24,916
Interest		13	-	13	51
Kingdom Hall rent		504	-	504	252
Other Income		866	-	866	-
Total Receipts for the Year		29,923	-	29,923	41,714
Payments					
Employment costs	1	6,349	-	6,349	7,563
Telephones		627	-	627	561
Subscriptions		460	-	460	383
Other running costs		1,571	-	1,571	5,345
Insurance		967	-	967	955
Equipment		410	-	410	3,182
Electricity		1,061	-	1,061	2,231
Gas		1,000	-	1,000	2,912
Cleaning and materials		5,476	-	5,476	7,339
Water		142	-	142	-
Non-domestic rates		69	-	69	912
Repairs and maintenance		879	-	879	1,549
Refuse collection		197	-	197	454
Total Payments for the year		19,209	-	19,209	33,386
Net Receipts/(Payments)		10,715	-	10,715	8,328
Opening Balance at 1st April 2020		26,254	-	26,254	17,926
Balance at 31st March 2021		36,969	-	36,969	26,254

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STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED

31st MARCH 2021

ASSETS	Notes	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total 2021 £	Total 2020 £
Tangible Fixed Assets		150,001	-	150,001	150,001
Cash Funds at this Year End	2	36,969	-	36,969	26,254
Debtors - Hall Hire Fees		287	-	287	-
Debtors - pre-payments		-	-	-	131
Total Assets		187,257	-	187,257	176,386
LIABILITIES					
Liabilities - immediate					
Independent Examination		500	-	500	250
Property costs		175	-	175	917
Total Liabilities		675	-	675	1,167

Presented and approved by the Board of Trustees at their meeting held on 7 June 2021
and signed on their behalf

Chairman

Treasurer

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED

31st MARCH 2021

Note

1 Employment costs and Trustees

There is one part-time employees in the role of Village Hall Manager.

There are no employees being paid in excess of £60,000 per annum.

The number of equivalent full time employees during the year = .26 (2020: .34)

During the year the trustees received £nil in remuneration. (2020: £nil)

The total expenditure reimbursed to trustees amounted to £nil. (2020 £nil)

2 Cash funds at year end

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Total
	£	£	31:03:21	31:03:20
			£	£
Lloyds Treasurers No: 00914421	7,591	-	2,639	2,639
Fundraising accounts No: 79101868	1,147	-	413	413
Lloyds Business N.: 03794141	18,221	-	3,200	3,200
Lloyds Deposit no. 3794141	10,010	-	10,002	10,002
Lloyds 32 day deposit	-	-	10,000	10,000
	36,969	-	26,254	26,254

3 Ultimate Controlling Party

The charity is under the ultimate control of its trustees, whose names are shown at the front of the financial statements.

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To the Members:
THAKEHAM VILLAGE HALL
Registered Charity Number: 279177

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT ON THE ACCOUNTS

We have Independently Examined the Receipts and Payments Account and Statement of Assets and Liabilities on Pages 1 to 3, for financial year ending 31st March 2021.

Respective responsibilities of Members and Examiner

As members, you are responsible for the preparations of the Accounts; you have to consider that an audit does not apply. It is our responsibility to state, on the basis of procedures, whether particular matters have come to our attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's Report

Our examination was carried out in accordance with general accounting practice. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the organisation and an examination of the accounts presented with these records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from you the Members concerning such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently we do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the Accounts.

Independent Examiner's Statement

In connection with our examination, no matter has come to our attention:

- (1) which gives us reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:
 - to keep adequate accounting records
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with general accounting requirementshave not been met or
- (2) to which in our opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

B Peers-Ross

Brenda Peers- Ross FMAAT ACIE

28th November 2021