

GORING VILLAGE HALL
TRUSTEES' REPORT AND UNAUDITED ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

Registered Charity No. 287398

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LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Trustees

Mr M Baker (Chair)
Mr J Barrett
Mr P Davies
Mr M Kibble
Mr B Jackson
Mr B Novell (resigned 22nd March 2022)
Mrs L Palmer
Mr S Smith (Treasurer)
Mr B Urbick
Mr R Wood

Charity Number 287398

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES

The Trustees present their report and accounts for the year ended 31st December 2022.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the financial statements and comply with the Charity's governing document, the Charities Act 2011 and "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)" (as amended for accounting periods commencing from 1 January 2016)

Structure, governance and management

Goring Village Hall is an unincorporated association and is governed by a Conveyancing and Trust Deed dated 29th April 1983.

The charity is not politically aligned.

The Trustees who served during the year were:

Mr M Baker (Chair)

Mr J Barrett

Mr P Davies

Mr M Kibble

Mr B Jackson

Mr B Novell (resigned 22nd March 2022)

Mrs L Palmer

Mr S Smith (Treasurer)

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Mr R Wood

All of the Trustees provide their services free of charge.

The Village Hall Trustees meet every two months and decisions are made on a simple majority basis unless constitutional or legal requirements mandate a greater majority.

None of the Trustees had a material interest in any contract of significance to which the Charity was a party during the period.

The Trustees have assessed the major risks to which the Charity is exposed, and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate exposure to major risks.

Objectives and activities

The Charity's objectives are to provide a village hall for the use of the inhabitants of the Parish of Goring in the County of Oxfordshire without distinction of political, religious or other opinions including use for meetings, lectures, and classes and for other forms of recreation and leisure time occupation with the object of improving the life for the said inhabitants.

The Trustees have paid due regard to guidance by The Charity Commission in deciding what activities the Charity should undertake.

During the year the Village Hall Trustees applied for grant funding and raised income through the rental of the hall as set out in the notes to the accounts.

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES (CONTINUED)

The Charity's performance during the year

Goring Village Hall continued to provide a venue for the use of the inhabitants of the Parish of Goring for meetings, lectures, and classes and for other forms of recreation and leisure time.

At the start of the year the Omicron Covid-19 variant started circulating and the hall continued to advise users to use social distancing, face masks, hand sanitisers and to maximise ventilation when in the hall. Users employed these measures and thankfully the Omicron wave subsided.

Use of the hall increased with many of our regular hirers returning, some successfully employing hybrid face to face/Zoom meetings through facilities provided by the hall. By the end of the year most regular users had returned to the hall, though there were two jazz clubs which ceased operation during the pandemic. We did however host a major part of the Goring Gap festival during the summer and hope we can repeat this in 2024 when it is next takes place.

Unfortunately a few of our long term users which involve staging musical acts have ceased due to the increased insurance costs, reduced attendance and the uncertainty imposed by changing regulations.

During the year the gas cooker in the kitchen was condemned due to corrosion. It was replaced with an electric cooker and this has already been used on a number of occasions.

Through 2022 we continue to maintain a prudent approach to expenditure on equipment allowing business to return before we commit to any major items. The repaired Belleme Cockerel was remounted in early 2022 (taken down for safety reasons in 2021). The hall paid for this to be completed because the twinning association has no funds.

In February 2022 our fixed energy supply contract expired, but we had started looking for a new contract late in 2021. Though prices were rising rapidly in 2021 we managed to negotiate a three year fixed price contract with EON in October of that year. As a result when prices escalated due to the war in Ukraine in February/March 2022 we have found ourselves in the lucky position of having a fixed three year contract set at rates set in 2021.

During the year the hall was offered a fibre broadband connection paid for by SODC. After considerable negotiation with the suppliers, NEOS Networks, the new equipment was installed and will be paid for by SODC for three years.

A project is under way to identify an environmentally efficient new heating system. A great deal of research work was carried out during 2022 and it is likely we will engage design contractors next year.

We continue to retain the services of our two contractors; the booking secretary and the caretaker who helped with essential maintenance and enhanced cleaning between uses.

The trustees would like to thank all the users for their support and help as we emerge from the pandemic.

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES (CONTINUED)

Financial Review

The detailed financial position of the Charity is as shown in the Financial Statements.

During the year income from bookings improved significantly following the removal of Covid restrictions. Whilst not quite hitting pre-pandemic levels the bookings income of over £34,000 is very promising as we go into 2023. The only other significant income was a final covid-relief grants of £2,666.

We continued to closely manage expenditure and expenditure was only slightly higher than 2021 level despite the full reopening of the hall from March. We did purchase a new cooker for the kitchen as the old cooker needed replacing. Otherwise there was no other capital expenditure.

Income was £9,614 more than expenditure resulting in an increase in our bank balance to £59,069. The balance sheet improved by £1,000 to £435,635.

The Trustees consider the finances of the Charity to be satisfactory.

It is the policy of the Charity that unrestricted funds which have not been designated for a specific use be maintained at a level equivalent of six months' expenditure. The Trustees consider that reserves at this level will ensure that, in the event of a significant drop in funding, they will be able to continue the Club activities while consideration is given to ways in which additional funds can be raised. This level of reserves has been maintained and exceeded throughout the year.

On behalf of the board of Trustees

Mr M Baker
Chair and Trustee
Dated:

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**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF
GORING VILLAGE HALL**

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31st December 2022, which are set out on pages 6 and 7.

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

The charity's Trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this period under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- (i) examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- (ii) to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by The Charity Commission under section 145(5) (b) of the 2011 Act; and
- (iii) to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's Report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the 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 you as Trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a "true and fair view" and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent Examiner's Statement

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

(a) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements :

- (i) to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
- (ii) to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act;

have not been met; or

(b) 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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Signed:

Dated: 17-Jan-23

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
Income		
Hall bookings	35,392	14,107
Grants (restricted)	2,667	5,000
Grants (unrestricted)	-	18,708
Donations	-	213
Misc. income	35	2,414
	38,094	40,442
Expenses		
Cleaning (materials) and consumables	1,998	779
Caretaker	5,770	3,539
Maintenance	5,845	11,679
Gas, electricity and water	5,790	3,183
Insurance	1,488	1,359
Performing rights licence, TV licence and broadband	1,146	1,000
Sundries	296	391
Administration	2,415	1,755
Hallmaster	224	212
Refunds	455	500
Garden maintenance	70	-
Total Operational Expenses	25,498	24,398
Net incoming resources available	12,596	16,044
Capital Expenditure		
Equipment, fixtures and fittings	2,982	-
Total resources expended	2,982	-
Surplus (deficit) over the year	9,614	16,044
Bank balance at start of year	49,455	33,411
Bank balance at end of year	59,069	49,455

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BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 December 2022

	2022 £	2021 £
Fixed Assets		
Village Hall		
Original cost	25,000	25,000
Building work as at 1 January	292,520	292,520
Building work this year	-	-
Total cost as at 31 December	<u>317,520</u>	<u>317,520</u>
Furniture, fixtures and fittings		
Net book value as at 1 January	70,826	88,534
Additions this year	2,982	0
Depreciation at 20% on reducing balance	<u>(14,762)</u>	<u>(17,707)</u>
As at 31 December	<u>59,046</u>	<u>70,826</u>
	<u>376,566</u>	<u>388,346</u>
Current Assets		
Cash in hand and at bank	59,069	49,455
Current Liabilities		
Money held in advance of bookings	-	<u>(3,185)</u>
	<u>59,069</u>	<u>46,270</u>
TOTAL NET ASSETS	<u><u>435,635</u></u>	<u><u>434,616</u></u>
ACCUMULATED FUNDS		
As at 1 January	434,616	435,606
Net surplus from hall bookings	9,894	(10,291)
Less depreciation	(14,762)	(17,708)
Less current liabilities	3,185	674
Fund raising, grants, donations etc	2,702	26,335
	<u><u>435,635</u></u>	<u><u>434,616</u></u>

The accounts were approved by the Trustees on 29th March 2022

Mr M Baker
Chair and Trustee