

Billington Village Hall

Chairman and Treasurers report.

When we met for the annual meeting last year, we were just emerging from the second Covid lockdown and hoping things would improve and now a year later it seems quite hard to remember how we felt and all the problems which we had to deal with.

Use of the hall is still less than before Covid but bookings for parties and other activities are slowly coming in again and so things are almost back to normal.

The major change in the hall this year has been the installation of the accessible toilet. This had been planned for several years and in January Mick Reilly started work and thanks to his efforts we only had to close the hall for two weeks and he was able to complete the job working round the regular lettings. Apart from providing the toilet the work has created a much better main entrance and an improved approach to the existing toilets. Altogether we think a very good result and we thank Mick for his thought and care with the job.

In September, unexpectedly we received a letter from the Parish Council with a detailed survey of repair work required to the hall with a schedule of when they expected the work to be dealt with. We were surprised to receive this because although the hall is held on a 99 year lease from the Council, we had received no indication that they were planning to conduct a survey. Some of the matters they raised had existed for many years.

We have now dealt with most of the items they listed, there is still some external redecoration to be done which will be done in July, this was delayed waiting for better weather.

It was decided to employ a gardener on a semi-regular basis to keep the weeds under control and to keep the car park tidy. This has made a big difference and Mike Lennard has planted wildflowers on the bank between the car park and the main road and they are already making a good show.

A very well attended and successful Quiz night was held in November which raised £367 for the hall and the raffle raised £208 which was given to Children in need. Thanks go to Sharon for organizing this.

Following an offer at last years AGM Tony Price has now built a new website for the village hall which if not already live will be shortly. We hope this will provide more information for users together with other information about what is happening in the village. We thank Tony for his work on this.

During 2021 the lettings and fund-raising income approximately equated with normal outgoings but the receipt of the lottery grant for the toilet and Covid grants increased funds to £66,509 at the end of year. Since then, payments for the toilet extension and other repairs have reduced funds to about £39,000 and we are considering what further improvements we can carry out while of course retaining sufficient funds to deal with unforeseen problems.

In September Peter & Theresa West Robinson resigned from the committee. We thank them for their input during their time with us, particularly the 'Oh Brother!' event which Peter organized. At that time, we are fortunate that Deborah Earnshaw agreed to join the committee and so we now number seven.

Mike Lennard has been vice chairman, Sandra Brewin is the Church representative and has the task of looking after the key for hirers and checking the hall after they leave. Julia Haviland represents the Bowls Club, Sharon is our secretary and Anne Edwins and Deborah are our most recently appointed members.

I have acted as chairman and treasurer and would thank all the committee members and our booking clerk, Tina for their work and efforts. The hall is like an iceberg – there is not much on the surface but there is a lot going on below which no one sees!

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of

Billington Village Hall

I report on the accounts of Billington Village Hall for the year ended 31 December 2021 which are set out on pages 1-2.

Respective responsibilities and examiner

The Hall's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The Hall's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year (under Section 43(2) of the Charities Act 1993 (the 1993 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts (under section 43(3) (a) of the 1993 Act;
- To follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners (under S43(7)(b) of the 1993 Act) and;
- 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 Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the Hall 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 I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

Independent examiner's statement

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

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

- To keep accounting records in accordance with S41 of the 1993 Act; and
- To prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirement of the 1993 Act have not been met or;

(2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed

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BILLINGTON VILLAGE HALL**RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2021**

	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
RECEIPTS		
Lettings & Hire	4168	3061
Fund Raising receipts	549	2526
Covid 19 Grants	16907	11334
Lottery grant	10000	-
Insurance claim	6268	-
Bank interest	29	107
	<u>37921</u>	<u>17028</u>
 DIRECT CHARITABLE EXPENDITURE		
Hall Cleaning	1060	1218
Repairs & maintenance	1364	815
Water	185	184
Electricity	359	716
Insurance	1012	1041
Planning application	-	800
	<u>3980</u>	<u>4774</u>
 OTHER EXPENDITURE		
Fund raising costs	182	580
Sundry expenses	91	134
Insurance repair	6268	-
Share of Play income to Church	-	850
	<u>6541</u>	<u>1564</u>
 TOTAL PAYMENTS	<u>10521</u>	<u>6338</u>
 NET RECEIPTS(PAYMENTS)	27400	10690
 Funds brought forward	<u>39109</u>	<u>28419</u>
 FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	<u>66509</u>	<u>39109</u>

FUND RAISING

	Income	Expenses	Net 2021	Net 2020
Murder mystery play	-	-	-	1861
Quiz	549	182	367	-
Arena	-	-	-	85
	<u>549</u>	<u>182</u>	<u>367</u>	<u>1946</u>

REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE

	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
Heating maintenance	220	206
Fire Extinguishers	121	368
Car park	260	175
Electrical testing	555	-
Christmas lights	161	-
Plumbing & Drains	-	66
Sundry items	47	-
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STATEMENT OF ASSETS

Cash at bank	44181	16863
Current account	1395	720
Holding account	21931	21902
Virgin Account	<u>67507</u>	<u>39485</u>
Cash in hand	387	334
	<u>67894</u>	<u>39819</u>
Less deposits held	<u>1385</u>	<u>710</u>
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