

Chairman's Report for 2020

2020 was the Year dominated by the Covid19 pandemic with the Centre closed for most of the year. Thankfully I had joined Community First Oxfordshire, which gives advice to Village Hall and Community Centres, towards the end of 2019. They have provided a lot of information on how to keep the Centre safe and as to when Groups were able to return.

This has meant that our AGM has not been held within the time specified in the Constitution ie by 30th April. On checking the Charity Commission web site, as there was a legitimate reason for the delay, this is in order and a note should be made in the Minutes.

I would like to thank Muriel, our Treasurer and Sumi our Secretary for the work done during the year.

The Centre had a high level of usage prior to Lockdowns and at the present time we have 27 different groups registered.

As you will see from the Accounts income from the Hire of the Centre is reduced. A decision was taken at the start of the Pandemic not to charge if groups were unable to use the Centre and in some cases refunds were made for those paying in advance.

We had been lucky in obtaining Grants from the Government, totalling over £11,000, in respect of the Business Shutdown Scheme, which has replaced this lost income.

Repairs the entrance to the Car Park were carried out and also the untidy hedging in front of the building removed and tarmaced over to provide more parking.

A gardener continues to be employed on a regular basis and I think you will all agree there has been an improvement in the look of the property. The overgrown hedge on the Patio Area has been trimmed, which has given more space, and generally tidied with thanks to Daniel Bell. We need to consider whether to upgrade this area for it to be a selling point for hirers.

The Deeds to the property have now been registered at the Land Registry and the final Solicitors bill was £2,171. This will now enable us to apply to the Local Council for possible grants in the future.

I thank all the users of the Northcourt Centre for their continued support. The centre is a great asset to the local community. However for this to continue we do need some more volunteers at the top to take an active roll with the day to day running of the Centre.

David Ward
Chairman

Northcourt Centre

EXPENDITURE

M. J. Halliday

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Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the
trustees/members of

Northcourt Centre

On accounts for the year
ended

31st December 2020

Charity No

300185

Set out on pages

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity for the year ended 31/12/2020

Responsibilities and
basis of report

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

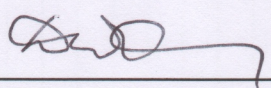
I report in respect of my examination of the charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under Section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent
examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. 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 the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or 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.

Signed:

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Date:

05/05/2021

Name:

David William King

Qualification:
Body:

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