

2022 CANNOCK WOOD AND GENTLESHAW VILLAGE HALL REPORT

A lot has happened in a year, mostly concerning the opening up the hall after the reduction of government restrictions because of Covid.

The continued grants for upkeep and maintenance were invaluable and enabled us to continue with the part time employment of our caretaker.

After a slow start mostly caused I suspect through nervousness, the permanent users of the hall and the number of hirers are virtually back to normal.

During the year a questionnaire was used by the Neighbourhood Planning Group to find out what people required from the village. Part of that census referred to the activities of the village hall.

This was valuable feedback, in a number of ways. Many people were under the impression that the hall was financed by the council and were unaware that it is a self-funding charity.

A number of suggestions were made not only for the use of the interior of the hall but also our small field at the back. Ideas range from building a tennis court to a communal orchard!

To achieve many of these possibilities obviously requires funding and not least an increase in the number of volunteers prepared to help out.

However, it is a fact that we do need to look at more inclusive activities that do not necessitate membership of an organisation. Examples could be film nights, dances/music nights , plays, picnics, displays, exhibitions, etc.

Although we are in a good financial situation at the moment, we have a number of expensive improvements that we want to make. We will make every effort to get grants to part finance, obviously large sums will have to be found by ourselves. This may well mean an increase in our rental fees which have not been increased for a number of years, and are much lower than other local village halls.

It is becoming a concern that the members of the Village Hall Management Committee, have not changed for a number of years, and we need new younger members with fresh ideas. There is added urgency because a number of the present members wish to retire from the Committee. How we solve this problem is something of a conundrum because many younger villagers are busy with other things, but a solution will have to be found or the future of the hall will be in jeopardy.

Finally my thanks to all the users that have supported the hall through a very difficult time, and also the hard working members of the Committee who have given up their time.

Robert Shelley (Chairman CWAGVH) May 2022

Cannock Wood and Gentleshaw Village Hall **Statement of accounts for year ended 31 March 2022**

Income	Year ended		
	31-Mar-22	31-Mar-21	31-Mar-20
	£	£	£
Balance brought forward	24,348.56	13,433.91	18,314.03
Snooker meters	61.20	33.80	428.46
User clubs / organisations	3,655.00	450.00	4,845.00
Lettings	9,810.43	831.20	9,214.25
Grants & Donations received	17,801.00	23,059.00	1,993.30
Fund raising	1,180.00	592.00	2,686.67
Bank account interest	2.40	7.67	27.89

Balances	Year ended		
	31-Mar-22	31-Mar-21	31-Mar-20
	£	£	£
Deposit account	25,924.14	20,654.74	10,647.07
Current account	3,286.87	3,019.27	2,411.87
Cash in hand	285.18	674.55	374.97
TOTAL	29,496.19	24,348.56	13,433.91

Expenditure	Year ended		
	31-Mar-22	31-Mar-21	31-Mar-20
	£	£	£
Cleaning & Caretaking wages	6,404.70	5,851.78	5,755.21
- supplies	61.16	285.30	169.07
Electricity	711.34	677.03	1,402.31
Oil	2,665.80	549.15	2,288.25
Water	993.48	1,016.23	1,045.97
Refuse collection	272.87	131.40	1,078.83
Repairs and maintenance	9,779.98	3,610.14	2,895.27
Council Tax	123.49		476.28
New and replacement equipment	4,661.60	62.97	6,970.92
Licensing	180.00	180.00	180.00
Insurances	1,243.24	1,093.36	1,056.07
Performing Rights Society	132.00	412.18	438.84
Administration expenses	132.74	189.48	318.67

Balance carried forward	27,362.40	14,059.02	24,075.69
	29,496.19	24,348.56	13,433.91
	<u>56,858.59</u>	<u>38,407.58</u>	<u>37,509.60</u>

ACCOUNTANT'S CERTIFICATE

I have examined the books and records of Cannock Wood and Gentleshaw Village Hall and certify that these accounts show a true record of these

R. Child
F.C.A.

5th September 2022

The Committee of Management
Cannock Wood and Gentleshaw Village Hall
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5th September, 2022

Dear Sirs,

Auditor's Report

I have examined the books and records used to compile the annual income and expenditure account and am satisfied that the account as presented is an accurate representation of the transactions that have occurred during the financial year ended 31st March, 2022

The Village Hall maintains simple income and expenditure accounts. As such, any assets acquired or significant maintenance costs are written off during the year and there is therefore no need for complex depreciation calculations.

I have no exceptions or issues to report

Yours faithfully

R. Child

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