

Hatfield Woodhouse Village Hall and Old Peoples Centre

The Phoenix Centre

Chairman's Report for the year 2019-2020

[normally presented to the Public Annual General meeting but due to the present emergency will be presented to the public when restrictions allow]

Another year in the life of the village hall has passed and to say it has been extraordinary would be an understatement. As I write this the hall, its hirers and society in general are taking yet again cautious steps towards normality and a life beyond the covid-19 pandemic.

As the village hall year starts with our AGM in November, 2019-2020 started normally enough with our annual pre-Christmas Brass band concert. As usual a bright uplifting, and successful start to the festive season. This was followed by the new year Pantomime by the Phoenix group. This year they 'wowed' the public with, Rumpelstiltskin'.

Our regular hirers and the youth organisations commenced the year and the hall was fully utilised and vibrant. All this came to an end with arrival of the SARS COVID-19 virus on our shores and the subsequent imposition of national lockdown. The hall went into hibernation.

This however did not stop the need for regular maintenance nor cleaning. The opportunity was taken during the lockdown to go through the hall for a major clean, thank you Colin and Elaine. The emergency systems and the water infrastructure were maintained.

The Preparations to make the hall Covid Secure were carried out in anticipation of reopening. This and the interpretation of the at times vague and ever-changing regulations proved quite onerous burden.

New sanitising stations, signage and markings were installed During this a failed emergency light was identified and replaced. This in turn revealed that the emergency lighting outside the lift on the upper floor did not meet present regulations. A new light was fitted and the opportunity taken to improve the lighting in the access to the sound and lighting gallery the upstairs room. This has proved successful and may very well provide the template for upgrading the rest of the rooms. However, that is for another day.

The institution of a Covid Secure one-way system in the hall highlighted the poor lighting outside the back door. This was urgently rectified so as to allow the one-way system without placing the public in danger.

As summer arrived all our hirers started to gradually return having completed their own risk assessments and followed their own professional bodies guidance. Leasing with them certainly identified the ambiguities and difficulties in the regulations.

The uniformed groups started their returns using the field and then progressed to indoor meetings. Our dancers returned. I must at this point pay tribute to all our hirers for their diligence and rigour in observing the myriad of regulations associated with a safe return

Unfortunately, all these preparations eventually came to nought as we progressed into various tiers of restrictions such that by the end of November 2020 we were back in hibernation.

On the carpark front, I am happy to report that the extension resurfacing was completed in late 2019. Unfortunately, due to the emergency we were unable to complete the tree planting required during the winter season and this has had to be postponed till the next bare rooted planting season.

The developers have started on the new housing development and are utilising access across the carpark. We are assured that this will be restored to 'as is'.

Financially we have obviously completely lost our income stream during the lockdown and associated tier restrictions but have been fortunate to be eligible for a support grant from government via Doncaster council. This has proved a great boon as preparation costs for Coved Secure status, signage, sanitary stations and consumables, has been not unsubstantial.

I should like to take this opportunity to formally record our sadness at the passing of our longstanding secretary, Edith Mitchell. Edith was a stalwart of both the village and the committee. Her name cannot be spoken of more highly. Her service to the village, the school and the village hall an example of civic service to which we can only aspire. I am sure that we as a committee will, at the first opportunity, make our admiration more permanently recorded.

Likewise, our longstanding, hardworking treasurer Roy Thomas took a well-deserved retirement from the post. We as a committee, let alone the village in general are greatly indebted to him for his years of service and his unfailing good stewardship of the village hall resources. We wish him a happy retirement from his onerous duties.

The committee is pleased to welcome on board John Reeves as our new Treasurer. I can honestly say that he volunteered his services and acumen and a shot gun was nowhere near him!

A big thank you is also due, personally, from me to all the committee members who whilst unable to meet in person have been available, to bounce ideas and problems off a give me sound advice.

In summary, whilst an extraordinary year, the Village Hall has weathered it well and has been upgrade if anything to meet the challenges of the coming years. Whilst we have to be aware the it is likely that some of our hirers may not return and our income will most probably be less than before, certainly in the short to medium term. We are in a good position, financially and in terms of fabric of our facility to bounce back as society its self does.

Ian R. Weeks

Chairman

# **HATFIELD WOODHOUSE VILLAGE HALL AND OLD FOLKS' CENTRE**

Registered Charity No. 519079

## **Revenue Account for the Financial Year to 30 September 2020**

	2019/20		2018/19	
	Receipts £	Payments £	Receipts £	Payments £
Fund Raising	-		540	
Grants and Donations				
Hatfield Town Council	1,500		1,500	
DMBC	25,000		-	
Robert Forster Charity	-		-	
Yorkshire Radio Friends	-		1,000	
Donation	200		45	
Hirings	13,393		26,358	
Woodhouse Phoenix	5,500		5,000	
Interest and Dividends	76		124	
Insurance		3,140		3,079
Light & Heat		4,050		4,145
Water Rates		140		213
Waste Disposal Costs		-		120
Cleaning costs		4,441		4,469
Treasurer's and Committee Member Expenses		23		150
Car park extension		19,467		10,800
Covid costs		1,759		-
Planning		-		254
Maintenance/Electrical Expenditure		15,172		6,325
Miscellaneous items		2,049		1,187
(Deficit)/Surplus for the year		(4,572)		3,825
	<u>45,669</u>	<u>45,669</u>	<u>34,567</u>	<u>34,567</u>

I confirm that the attached Revenue Account and Balance Sheet for the Financial Year to 30 September 2020 are in agreement with the accounting records and information supplied by Hatfield Woodhouse Village Hall and Old Folks' Centre.

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S D Boyall, FCCA

16 April 2021

# **HATFIELD WOODHOUSE VILLAGE HALL AND OLD FOLKS' CENTRE**

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## **Balance sheet for the Financial Year to 30 September 2020**

	2020 £	2019 £
<b><u>Fund Account</u></b>		
Balance brought forward 1/10/2019	920,783	916,958
(Deficit)/Surplus for the year	(4,572)	3,825
Balance carried forward 30/9/2020	<u>916,211</u>	<u>920,783</u>
<b><u>Represented by:</u></b>		
<b><u>Building and Equipment Costs</u></b>		
Balance brought forward 1/10/2019	847,553	847,553
Additional expenditure	-	-
	<u>847,553</u>	<u>847,553</u>
<b><u>Funds available</u></b>		
HSBC Current Account	31,041	5,242
HSBC Money Manager Account	38,064	67,988
Monies owed to Roy Thomas	(447)	-
Net assets at 30/9/20	<u>916,211</u>	<u>920,783</u>