

Hatfield Woodhouse Village Hall and Old Peoples Centre

Chairman's Annual Report to the AGM

2020-2021

Firstly, I should like to take the opportunity to welcome everyone tonight and hope that everyone is comfortable with the pandemic precautions taken.

This is my sixth annual report to the annual general meeting and my second such report in this global pandemic. Last year due to the restrictions in place we were unable to meet in person in the usual public way. I am happy that we are able tonight to observe our constitution and hold an open public AGM once more albeit with some precautions.

The committee were furnished last November with copies of the 2019-2020 Chairman's report prior to it being submitted to the charities commission. This submission was made with the rider that it would be available at the next public AGM. Copies are available tonight and the report is a public document downloadable from the Charities commission website.

I do not propose to go over the details of that report as much water has flowed under the bridge since then.

Last November we were still in the storm of the pandemic and following a summer when our hall had reopened and our user groups had begun to tentatively return, we once more went into lockdown and the hall went into mothballs again. This did not stop the need for regular maintenance, cleaning and security and fire checks nor the need for the services of the committee members.

In February we saw the planting of the car park amelioration trees after our secretary's long and hard efforts. Unfortunately, it was soon apparent that not all was well the trees appeared sickly, under specified size, not planted to specification and the shrub understory planting absent. After many months of hard work, contacting the contractors and confirming with Doncaster council tree services that the planting indeed did not meet the specification, our Secretary's efforts paid off and the planting is due to be redone at the start of the year. Many, many thanks to James for his dogged efforts.

During the pandemic the views of the public on the field were sought and following their expressions of desire for further seating to be available, arrangements have been made through Hatfield Town council for the purchase of four new sturdy vandal resistant benches and three picnic tables, one of which to disabled access specification. The order is in the process of procurement. One of the benches, to be sited in the playground will be dedicated to the memory of Edith Mitchell our long serving secretary. These are being funded from our reserves.

At the same time a need for provision for the older 'pre-teens' was identified and our secretary took it upon himself to undertake the onerous ground work for this. His efforts have paid dividends and we are in the process of trying to obtain planning permission for the works to commence in the early new year on a spectacular adventure play ground near the site of the old wooden playground of decades gone. This is being funded likewise by our reserves but also by a generous grant from Vulcan Renewable/ Future Biogas of £5000. Our application for this being successful.

On a more mundane level the building of the new housing development has been completed and the carpark resurfaced. Prior to this the drainage to the cesspit was apparently blocking back. In case this was due to the heavy traffic we had a drain, survey and all was found to be well apart from a blockage of rubble and paper towels at manhole three [easily cleared] and the fact that when built the last 5 meters or so of pipe to the cesspit was completed with 4 inch not 6-inch pipe. A fact to be aware of! It was advised that the access to the cesspit be raised on bricks for safety reasons and our treasurer is ongoing with this. A leak around the manhole outside meeting room one was identified as allowing surface water ingress and likewise our bookings clerk has been in contact with a contractor.

With the lifting of restrictions in July our regular hirers have gradually returned and the hall is once more well utilised. Fortunately, only one of our regular hirers has not returned after the lockdowns. Mitigating this loss has been the return of amateur football to the field. Edenthorpe Junior Football Club have during lockdown been using the field for practice and matches and I am delighted that this will become a regular feature of village hall life again.

At the same time Mr. Pete Thompson of Dantom Homes facilitated the donation to the village hall of a new forty-foot storage container for use by the village hall, by ADJ engineering. This was most welcome and affords greater storage than before. Many thanks to the donors and Mr Thompson

Our amateur dramatic group are well underway with rehearsals for the new year pantomime 'Ali Baba and the Forty Thieves', something everyone is looking forward to.

In summary the year which started off with gloom and not a little despair is ending with hope and light at the end of the tunnel. The fabric of the hall is in good repair, the projects begun this year and last with the objective of enhancing the hall and grounds for the better enjoyment of the village and users are coming to fruition.

I can only at last, thank the members of the committee for their hard work, dogged determination and wise council. It is their efforts which 'keep the show on the road'!

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 2021

	2020/21		2019/20	
	Receipts £	Payments £	Receipts £	Payments £
Fund Raising	-		-	
Grants and Donations				
Hatfield Town Council	-		1,500	
DMBC	26,143		25,000	
Robert Forster Charity	-		-	
Yorkshire Radio Friends	-		-	
Donation			200	
Hirings	4,775		13,393	
Woodhouse Phoenix	-		5,500	
Interest and Dividends	4		76	
Insurance		3,148		3,140
Light & Heat		3,247		4,050
Water Rates		85		140
Waste Disposal Costs		1,028		-
Cleaning costs		5,164		4,441
Treasurer's and Committee Member Expenses		148		23
Car park extension				19,467
Covid costs				1,759
Planning				-
Maintenance/Electrical Expenditure		6,655		15,172
Miscellaneous items		504		2,049
Surplus/(Deficit) for the year		10,943		(4,572)
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Balance sheet for the Financial Year to 30 September 2021

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	£	£
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(Deficit)/Surplus for the year	10,943	(4,572)
Balance carried forward 30/9/2021	<u>927,154</u>	<u>916,211</u>
Represented by:		
<u>Building and Equipment Costs</u>		
Balance brought forward 1/10/2020	847,553	847,553
Additional expenditure	-	-
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<u>Funds available</u>		
HSBC Current Account	41,534	31,041
HSBC Money Manager Account	38,067	38,064
Monies owed to Roy Thomas	-	(447)
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