

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT 2022

Thankfully my 4th year as Chair of the Trustees has seen a slow return to normality. Most of our groups have now returned to the hall with some new groups as well. Our finances remain healthy with, once again, our Treasurer Nan Fellows securing a further government grant. This has ensured our finances have not been impacted and we are indebted to Nan for her diligence in finding these grants.

We cannot be complacent with a number of challenges facing us. The largest issue will be rising energy costs. We are working on an energy proposal and this will require some investment.

Our community groups: Rowney Green Horticultural Society, Drama Clubs, Flower Club, Girls on Top and ACE are now fully functioning. The Goat and Trousers Community Bar and Coffee Shop are now both fully open again.

Our commercial groups Pilates, Riopedre Dance Group, Childrens Rainbow Explorers and Baby Massage are running too.

We started getting back to normal with a Goat and Trousers Summer BBQ which was very well attended. We had our fireworks display, Fish and Chip Supper and Christmas Tree Light Up. It is great to see the community getting together again.

Sadly, we had to postpone our 'Rowney Green Peace Memorial Hall' Centenary event, although we did take some comfort that on the planned date it rained all day. The good news is that we can go ahead this year and we have a fabulous summer fete planned on June 4th. Will Savage and his team of volunteers have put a lot of effort into this event and we hope the village will enjoy themselves. In addition, we have a event planned on June 3rd with a pig roast and a live band. Thanks to Nan and Mike Fellows for organizing this.

Our maintenance team of Tony Cowles and Mark Coulson continued to maintain and improve the Hall and its surroundings. These individuals devote a huge amount of their time to this work, without which we would have to spend a great deal of money. I would like to record our thanks to them.

A big thankyou to Sadie Dykes and Annie Cowles for all their hard work running the hall booking system and invoicing our customers. Sadie Dykes is also the hall's auditor and I would like to thank her for her knowledge and efficiency in dealing with the accounts. I would also like to thank Nan Fellows for her work as Treasurer and particularly her skills in securing further grants to maintain the hall's finances.

I would like to thank all of the trustees for their help and hard work over the year. A very important member of our team is Liz Ballard, the trustees' secretary who continues to support our meetings and ensure they are properly documented.

This year we have two trustees retiring. Mike Fellows who is currently vice chair and Will Savage. Both have been the chair of the trustees and both have given many years of dedicated service to the Village Hall. We will miss their experience and their company. I would like to put on record, our thanks to both of them for all their hard work. We have two new trustees: Louise Croxton and Tony Wallis. Thanks to both of them for volunteering.

I hope that everyone is aware that the trustees have signed a fifteen-year lease with Alvechurch Parish Council for the management and maintenance of the Rowney Green Park. The negotiations for the lease required a lot of work from the trustees for which we thank them. We have a management team and a number of volunteers to carry out this work. We hope this will provide a number of benefits to the village and we have a number of improvements planned assuming we can generate the funds required.

It has been a busy year and we look forward to our celebrations on June 4th and hope that we are lucky with the weather.

Chris Gollings



Cash Funds		
Deposit account	52,708	41,203
Current account	22,621	21,172
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	75,329	62,375
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Signature of 2 trustees on behalf of all the trustees:

Signature: C.L. Collins

Print name: C.L. COLLINS

Date of approval: 2/5/23

Signature: Nan M Fellows

Print name: Nan M Fellows

Date of approval: 2/5/23

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Rowney Green Peace Memorial Hall

I report on the accounts of Rowney Green Peace Memorial Hall (charity no 523186) for the year ended 31 December 2022, which are set out on the following page.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act); and
- to 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 Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity 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 evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

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 section 130 of the Charities Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities 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.

Name: *Sadie Dykes*

Relevant professional qualification or body: *ICAEW*

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Date: *2-5-2023*