

SALWARPE AND DISTRICT VILLAGE HALL

England & Wales · Charity number 525139

Details

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 1973-05-07

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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Activities

Objects: A VILLAGE HALL FOR THE USE OF THE INHABITANTS OF BENEFICIAL AREA WITHOUT DISTINCTION OF SEX OR OF POLITICAL RELIGIOUS OR OTHER OPINIONS AND IN PARTICULAR FOR USE FOR MEETINGS LECTURES CLASSES ENTERTAINMENT AND FOR OTHER FORMS OF RECREATION AND LEISURE-TIME OCCUPATIONS WITH THE OBJECT OF IMPROVING THE CONDITIONS WITH THE OBJECT OF IMPROVING THE CONDITIONS OF LIFE FOR THE SAID INHABITANTS.

Activities: Management of village hall for Salwarpe and District

Classification

- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space
- **What:** Other Charitable Purposes
- **Who:** Other Defined Groups

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** SALWARPE AND NEIGHBOURHOOD
- Worcestershire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£31,873	£40,104	-	-
2024-03-31	£30,955	£23,048	-	-
2023-03-31	£30,349	£52,483	-	-
2022-03-31	£31,290	£28,163	-	-
2021-03-31	£25,491	£17,785	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
CAROL MARY LUSCOMBE	Chair	
Cheryl Karon Stephan		2025-01-08
Dr Barbara Clough		2023-08-30
FREDERICK JOHN RANDALL		
JOHN CLIVE HILL		
Mavis Maureen Miles		2015-09-29
Miranda Frances Harris		2015-01-08

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Salwarpe and District Village Hall

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Dr B Clough

Mr J Hill*

Mrs M Harris

Mrs C Luscombe

Mrs M Miles*

Mr F Randall

Mrs C Stephan

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Financial Review

The accounts for the year ended 31 March 2025, which are enclosed with this report, show a deficit for the year of £8231. Although the deficit has reduced the hall reserves, the balance of £25984 at 31st March 2025 is more than sufficient to cover the current level of operating costs for one year.

Hire income for the year was £30148, a small increase on the year before, in spite of the limitations on weekend bookings considered necessary during the year. However, once again it produced the numerically highest level ever achieved.

Operating costs, excluding the expenditure on the extension and development of the car park, totalled £22717, slightly lower than the year before. Within that figure, the largest item of expenditure was for caretaking and maintenance services of £9052, an increase of almost 3.5%, in part reflecting the changes in arrangements which started in January 2025. Expenditure of £524 was incurred in replacing some of the seat backs on the hall chairs. For the first time, the accounts include a full year cost of providing broadband access at the hall, amounting to £245. The only other item showing a significant percentage increase was electricity costs which rose by 13% and now includes a full year cost of the two-year fixed rate contract effective from November 2023.

The total cost of the extension and development of the car park was £40561, including VAT. The grant from Wychavon provided £15975 and that from the Parish Council covered £7200, leaving net expenditure of £17386 to be met from the village hall funds and reflected in the accounts.

Once again, investment income more than doubled (the corresponding figure two years ago in 2022-23 was £360), reflecting both the higher level of bank balances and the interest rate environment. Fund raising income of £164 relates to the barn dance earlier this year.

It is worth noting that excluding the expenditure on the car park development, there was a surplus of almost £9000 for the year from the normal activities in the hall.

The hall holds deposit funds on two accounts, consisting of a 95-day notice account with Cambridge & Counties (£13292) and an instant COIF Charities Deposit Account (£11588), currently earning 4% and 4.3% respectively.

The accounts were reviewed by the Independent Examiner without qualification and a copy of his report has been filed with the signed accounts.

Chairman's Report

In January 2024 an application was prepared and submitted for a grant from Wychavon Rural Prosperity Fund. After much discussion and a re-submission the grant was finally approved for an extension to the car park, two EV charging points, bicycle racks and relining of the car park.

David Luscombe submitted the application and Philip Oakley managed the project. The Parish Council contributed towards the costs which included resurfacing the car park. This work was carried out in March 2025.

The hall continues to be a popular venue for hirers and is busy most of the week. Thursday mornings are kept free for general maintenance. Week-end activities have been limited to allow lighter duties for the caretaker. The caretaker Steve Tyler, announced his intended resignation at Christmas 2024. After much negotiation, it was decided that he and Andrew Parkes, his occasional assistant, should job share. This has been organised – and is still under review. As a result Tracey Hall our part-time cleaner is no longer required.

Hall maintenance has been quite considerable this year.

Barbara and Cheryl have completed extensive Health and Safety checks

About 20 chairs have had new seat pads.

The ladies toilets required a new floor due a leaking water main. Blocked drains due to excessive use of toilet paper have required regular hosing down.

The boiler house fascia boards have been replaced. Steve has his nephew helping with other outside work.

On the social side, a successful January Jig (aka Barn Dance) with a pig roast took place in January. Our annual dinner was held at The Thai at Bullocks.

Finally, we welcomed Cheryl Stephan onto the committee. She had formerly acted as secretary on the committee but now has more time so has rejoined.

My thanks to all committee members for their part in running the hall. Special thanks go to Nikki, Steve and Andrew, for their day-to-day involvement at the hall, also to Fred and Miranda.

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Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2025

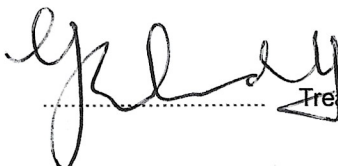
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RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

	<u>2024-25</u>	<u>2023-24</u>
Receipts		
Hirings	30148.17	29465.00
Investment income - deposit interest	1548.28	731.38
Fund raising	164.29	746.28
Other income	11.97	11.97
Total Receipts	31872.71	30954.63
Payments		
Booking secretary	3247.89	3227.59
Caretaking Services	9052.00	8752.00
Car Park development	17386.32	0.00
Cleaning charges	468.00	622.00
Equipment	0.00	54.00
Insurance	1732.95	1606.12
Licensing fees	315.68	257.04
Maintenance of grounds	144.00	588.00
Repairs & maintenance		
Building and grounds	2569.63	2629.62
Cleaning & other supplies	463.81	599.93
Electrical, heating & plumbing	325.02	734.80
Furnishings & equipment	534.39	0.00
Refuse collection	385.32	374.40
Window cleaning	169.00	176.00
Utilities		
Electricity	1320.58	1171.98
Oil	919.34	1407.00
Water	282.51	396.78
Miscellaneous		
Internet and website	417.98	212.80
Other	369.20	238.20
Total Payments	40103.62	23048.26
Net surplus (-deficit) for the year	-8230.91	7906.37

STATEMENT OF ASSETS & LIABILITIES

	<u>31.3.25</u>	<u>31.3.24</u>
Reserves		
General		
Brought forward	34215.33	26308.96
Net surplus (- deficit) for the year	-8230.91	7906.37
Balance at 31 March	25984.42	34215.33
Assets		
Current account	2492.66	9210.85
Deposit accounts	24879.76	28331.48
Advance hire deposits	-1388.00	-3327.00
Total assets	25984.42	34215.33


Treasurer

11/4/25

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT ON ACCOUNTS

Independent examiner's report to trustees of Salwarpe Village Hall

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Basis of independent examiner's report

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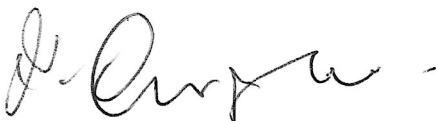
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Name: I E Argyle

Relevant professional qualification or body: ACIB

Address: Rose Cottage, Newland Common Rd., Newland, Droitwich Spa, Worcs. WR9 7JE

Date: 30th April 2025



Signature.

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Member

Financial Review

The accounts for the year ended 31 March 2024, which are enclosed with this report, show a surplus for the year of £7906. The Hall Reserves were £34215 at that date.

Hire income for the year was £29465, an increase of more than £3000 on the year before and once again the highest level ever achieved. Operating costs totalled £23048 and this year there were no major exceptional costs. The largest item of expenditure was the charge for caretaking and maintenance services of £8752, an increase of about 5.5%. The only other item showing a significant percentage increase was, unsurprisingly, electricity costs, which rose by 45% following the maturity of the previous two-year fixed rate contract.

Investment income has more than doubled, reflecting the higher interest rate environment. Fund raising income of £746 relates to the barn dance earlier this year.

The deposit funds are held on two accounts. A 95-day notice account with Cambridge & Counties (£12427) earning 4.5% and COIF Charities Deposit Fund (£15904) earning over 5%.

The accounts were reviewed by the Independent Examiner without qualification and a copy of his report has been filed with the signed accounts.

Chairman's Report

At the beginning of the year Barbara Clough agreed to become a trustee of the village hall and was welcomed onto the committee.

During another busy year, security issues were dealt with, tightening up of key safe use and the requirement of the caretaker to lock up after parties. Despite this the hall was broken into, and a window was broken but nothing was stolen. Our insurance no longer covers the use of bouncy castles. Their use is now the responsibility of the hirer.

A fibre broadband connection has been made to the hall and wi-fi is now available for general use.

Damage to the floor in the ladies cloakroom due to two leaking toilets was eventually repaired. Other improvements to the hall have been delayed due to a very wet winter and spring, namely repairs to the boiler house and tidying up the path alongside the hall. No decision was taken on the purchase of crowd control barriers to act as a temporary barrier, when required, between the car park and the garden.

An enjoyable and successful pig roast supper and barn dance was held after Christmas.

The Parish Council encouraged the application for a part funded grant from the Wychavon Rural Fund. This would be for repair and resurfacing of the car park and include several "green features." The verdict on the application is awaited.

My thanks to all who contributed to the hall's success again this year. Special thanks to Clive Downey who, sadly, is retiring.

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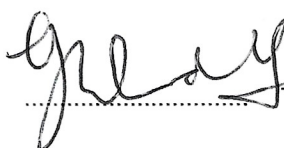
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RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT


	<u>2023-24</u>	<u>2022-23</u>
Receipts		
Hirings	29465.00	26458.50
Investment income - deposit interest	731.38	360.05
Fund raising	746.28	257.19
Section 106 grant	0.00	3261.60
Other income	11.97	11.97
Total Receipts	30954.63	30349.31
Payments		
Booking secretary	3227.59	3157.49
Cleaning charges	622.00	892.00
Equipment	54.00	45.29
Insurance	1606.12	1368.89
Licensing fees	257.04	229.13
Maintenance of grounds	588.00	947.98
Repairs & maintenance		
Building maintenance	2629.62	28431.70
Cleaning materials	599.93	713.50
Electrical, heating & plumbing	734.80	480.14
Furnishings & equipment	0.00	65.00
Refuse collection	374.40	363.48
Window cleaning	176.00	154.00
Section 106 improvements	0.00	3261.60
Site Maintenance Services	8752.00	8290.00
Utilities		
Electricity	1171.98	809.47
Oil	1407.00	2168.46
Water	396.78	414.75
Miscellaneous		
Internet and website	212.80	407.18
Other	238.20	282.62
Total Payments	23048.26	52482.68
Net surplus (-deficit) for the year	7906.37	-22133.37

STATEMENT OF ASSETS & LIABILITIES

	<u>31.3.24</u>	<u>31.3.23</u>
Reserves		
General		
Brought forward	26308.96	48442.33
Net surplus (- deficit) for the year	7906.37	-22133.37
Balance at 31 March	34215.33	26308.96
Assets		
Current account	9210.85	5208.40
Deposit accounts	28331.48	24301.47
Advance hire deposits	-3327.00	-2296.00
Advance Section 106 grant	0.00	-904.91
Total assets	34215.33	26308.96


Treasurer

17/4/24

 Chair
23/4/24

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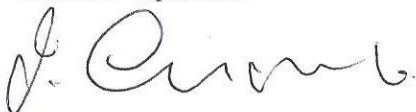
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Financial Review

The accounts for the year ended 31 March 2023, which are enclosed with this report, show a deficit for the year of £22133. After deducting this, the Hall Reserves stand at £26309.

Hire income for the year was £26459 which, in nominal terms, is the highest level ever achieved. In addition to routine operating costs, £27825 was spent on replacing the hall roof. Excluding this exceptional item, hire income exceeded operating costs by more than £5000. There were no other special costs, although it is worth noting the increase of £1300 in charges for utilities – not unexpected in the current economic environment.

Other income includes £257 raised from the barn dance earlier this year. Investment income is lower than in the previous year as a result of the use of funds for the roof replacement. However, recent increases in interest rates are likely to produce a higher level of income in the current year.

The Copcut property development provided the hall with the opportunity to apply for Section 106 funds up to a total of £21037. Current year claims included the purchase of the new store shed and a garden bench. The period for admissible claims ended in March 2023 and the hall has received the full amount available.

The accounts were reviewed by the Independent Examiner without qualification and a copy of his report has been filed with the signed accounts.

Chairman's Report

Another busy year with regular hirers and many other activities such as adults and children's parties, a christening, funeral wakes and local society meetings. After many years Mr. Pengelly decided to move elsewhere and another long standing hirer, the karate organiser, retired to be replaced by Droitwich Rugby Tots.

A busy hall meant a busy maintenance schedule for the caretaker. He has been given extra responsibility of carrying out minor repairs without referral to a trustee. The employment of Purity Cleaning Services to provide extra cover for the caretaker when required proved impractical but the caretaker now has a regular assistant.

The major expenditure of the year was the re-roofing of the hall carried out during the summer, after Western Power had raised the height of the overhead power lines so that this work could be carried out safely.

A risk assessment was carried out in August. As a result, to reduce fire risk, unwanted items under the stage and in the stage storage cupboard were removed.

The trustees organised a successful barn dance after Christmas which provided an energetic evening of enjoyment.

Remaining S106 monies were spent on a new fire alarm system, a garden shed and a garden bench, and a radio microphone to add to the loop sound system.

Providing a gate between the garden and the car park is left to further discussion.

My thanks to all who have contributed to the hall's success after yet another busy year.

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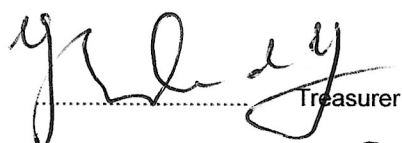
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RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

	2022-23	2021-22
Receipts		
Hirings	26458.50	19094.40
Investment income - deposit interest	360.05	435.09
Fund raising	257.19	0.00
Section 106 grant	3261.60	1081.42
Other income	11.97	11.97
Total Receipts	30349.31	20622.88
Payments		
Booking secretary	3157.49	3033.99
Caretaker	8290.00	8437.00
Cleaning charges	892.00	700.00
Equipment	45.29	0.00
Insurance	1368.89	1253.50
Licensing fees	229.13	66.00
Maintenance of grounds	947.98	546.00
Repairs & maintenance		
Building maintenance	28431.70	1770.02
Cleaning materials	713.50	440.75
Electrical, heating & plumbing	480.14	7528.31
Furnishings & equipment	65.00	145.45
Refuse collection	363.48	272.40
Window cleaning	154.00	164.00
Section 106 improvements	30207.82	164.00
Utilities	3261.60	1081.42
Electricity	809.47	641.64
Oil	2168.46	1230.49
Water	414.75	222.18
Miscellaneous		
Web site costs	407.18	340.00
Other	282.62	289.44
Total Payments	52482.68	28162.59
Net deficit for the year	-22133.37	-7539.71

STATEMENT OF ASSETS & LIABILITIES

	31.3.23	31.3.22
Reserves		
General		
Brought forward	48442.33	45315.04
Covid19 grants	0.00	10667.00
Net deficit for the year	-22133.37	-7539.71
Balance at 31 March	26308.96	48442.33
Assets		
Current account	5208.40	40054.41
Deposit accounts	24301.47	10941.42
Advance hire deposits	-2296.00	-2553.50
Advance Section 106 grant	-904.91	
Total assets	26308.96	48442.33



Treasurer

20/4/23

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Mr C Downey
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Mrs C Luscombe
Mr F Randall

Mr R Drury
Mr J Hill*
Mrs M Miles*

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Member

Financial Review

The accounts for the year ended 31 March 2022, which are enclosed with this report, show a deficit for the year of £7540. As a charity, Salwarpe Village Hall has received support during the current Covid-19 pandemic,

by way of Government funded grants totalling £10,667 in the year. This sum is shown separately in the Reserves.

The operating figures for the hall have recovered, although continuing to be affected by the pandemic in the early part of the year, with hire income about 25% below pre-pandemic levels. In addition to the routine running costs, substantial expenditure was incurred on repairs and maintenance. The total of £10321 in that category includes the repair and subsequent replacement of the boiler (£7157), the replacement of the fire door (£992) and repairs to the roof (£480).

Whenever possible, we have continued to make use of the Section 106 funds arising from the Copcut development, held by Wychavon District Council. After some discussion, expenditure of £1081 on the new and extended fire alarm system was recovered. The balance of unclaimed funds is now £3887 and the final date for recovery is 24th March 2023.

Thanks to the excess of the grant support over the operating deficit in the year, the hall reserves show an increase to £48,442. There are two potential areas of substantial expenditure which would probably absorb the whole of these reserves, namely the resurfacing of the car park and replacement of the roof. The current account balance at the end of the year was very high as it was expected that the work on the roof would be starting imminently. A decision on the latter is under review and, until then, the funds need to be readily accessible.

The accounts were reviewed by the Independent Examiner without qualification and a copy of his report has been filed with the signed accounts.

Chairman's Report

The year began with COVID 19 restrictions still in place but gradually being lifted. Initially, in April, children's dance and karate classes were allowed, followed by some adult classes and outdoor dog training in May. Fortunately by September, Hall activities were getting back to normal with children's parties and other special events being permitted to take place. By the end of March this year, Hall occupancy had just about returned to pre-COVID 19 levels, although income for the year lagged behind outgoings. In the light of this and other rising costs, hiring fees are being reviewed.

A number of Hall improvements have been carried out during the year including the installation of a new fire door, the fire alarm system has been renewed, and the Hall website updated including a revised hiring agreement. A new central heating pump was installed in the Autumn and then the central heating boiler failed over Christmas. The boiler was condemned and replaced with a condensing boiler. General maintenance included a number of separate roof repairs and the painting of nearly all the Hall radiators which

had shown signs of paint flaking off. With the ongoing problems of a leaking roof, it has been decided that a new roof is now a priority which means the earlier decision to resurface the car park will once again be delayed. During the year, arrangements were made to employ Purity Cleaning as relief cleaners if required to cover Steve over busy week-ends. Our additional weekly cleaner moved to another job and her place has been taken by Tracey Hall.

Once again, my thanks to all the Hall Trustees for their help during a busy year. Also special thanks to both Nikki and Steve who deal with all the day-to-day problems, and to Tracey who now helps Steve with cleaning the Hall.

SALWARPE & DISTRICT VILLAGE HALL

Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2022

Registered Charity No. 525139

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

	2021-22	2020-21
Receipts		
Hirings	19094.40	4193.00
Investment income - deposit interest	435.09	535.93
Section 106 grant	1081.42	1081.00
Other income	11.97	11.97
Total Receipts	20622.88	5821.90
Payments		
Bookings secretary	3033.99	2944.59
Caretaker	8437.00	4612.00
Cleaning charges	700.00	390.00
Insurance	1253.50	1195.85
Licensing fees	66.00	257.45
Maintenance of grounds	546.00	948.00
Repairs & maintenance		
Building maintenance	1770.02	3224.74
Cleaning materials	440.75	593.92
Electrical, heating & plumbing	7528.31	1086.10
Furnishings & equipment	145.45	0.00
Refuse collection	272.40	260.52
Window cleaning	164.00	120.00
Section 106 improvements	1081.42	1081.00
Utilities		
Electricity	641.64	595.86
Oil	1230.49	0.00
Water	222.18	266.67
Miscellaneous		
Web site costs	340.00	159.18
Other	289.44	49.44
Total Payments	28162.59	17785.32
Net surplus for the year	-7539.71	-11963.42

STATEMENT OF ASSETS & LIABILITIES

	31.3.22	31.3.21
Reserves		
General		
Brought forward	45315.04	37609.25
Covid -19 grants	10667.00	19669.21
Net surplus for the year	-7539.71	-11963.42
Balance at 31 March	48442.33	45315.04
Assets		
Current account	40054.41	7193.71
Deposit accounts	10941.42	38506.33
Advance Deposits	-2553.50	-385.00
Total assets	48442.33	45315.04


 Treasurer

26/4/22

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT ON ACCOUNTS

Independent examiner's report to trustees of Salwarpe Village Hall

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31st March 2022

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) but that an independent examination is required under the requirements of the Charity Commission.

It is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- To follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 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 the 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:

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- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
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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: I E Argyle

Relevant professional qualification or body: ACIB

Address: Rose Cottage, Newland Common Rd., Newland, Droitwich Spa, Worcs. WR9 7JF

Date: 20th ^{Apr} ~~May~~ 2022



Signature.

SALWARPE AND DISTRICT VILLAGE HALL

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Accounts

Salwarpe and District Village Hall

Registered Charity No.525139

Trustees' Annual Report for the year ended 31 March 2021

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Financial Review

The accounts for the year ended 31 March 2021, which are enclosed with this report, show a deficit for the year of £11,963. As a charity, Salwarpe Village Hall has received support during the current Covid-19 pandemic, by way of Government funded grants totalling £19,669 in the year. This sum is shown separately in the Reserves.

The operating figures for the hall have been dramatically affected by the pandemic. Indeed, as may be seen from the accounts, without the benefit of the grant support there would have been a reduction of about 30% in the 2020 Reserves.

Prolonged periods of closure and restrictions in allowable activity meant that hire income fell by 80% from the 2020 figure, which itself was substantially down from the year before when the pandemic was starting to have an effect. Compared with 2018-19, hire income is down by more than £20,000.

The need to ensure that when the hall was available for use it was Covid secure, gave rise to extra costs, both once-off and ongoing while the pandemic continues. Even during periods of closure there are regular costs to ensure that the condition of the hall is maintained as well as staying physically secure. However, in addition, there were some unexpected costs including £700 for roof repairs and £1800 to replace the oil tank which had started to leak, although fortunately little oil escaped from the inner lining. With reduced usage, utility costs were naturally lower and, having filled the oil tank at the end of the previous year, it has not been necessary to replenish it in 2020-21, in spite of the leak.

Whenever possible, we have continued to make use of the Section 106 funds arising from the Copcut development. During the past twelve months, a fogging machine was purchased to provide a means of ensuring a contamination free environment for the safety of hirers, as well as our caretaker and booking secretary, who are required to spend time in the hall even during the periods of lockdown. Again, for safety reasons, hirers were required to use a separate door when departing the hall and extra lighting and paving was installed, using Section 106 funds.

It is early days but it is clear that assuming the national recovery from the pandemic is maintained, there is a demand for use of the hall. However, the income will be slow to build and meanwhile operating costs continue. Thanks to the excess of the grant support over the operating deficit in the year, the hall reserves show an increase to £45,315, but this will come down if, as expected, there is an operating deficit for some months yet.

The accounts were reviewed by the Independent Examiner without qualification and a copy of his report has been filed with the signed accounts.

Chairman's Report

It has been a challenging year for the SVH Trustees. However generous grants from Wychavon have enabled us to maintain the hall as a COVID-19 free environment.

On March 23 2020 the hall was closed ensuring that closure complied with insurance guide lines for temporarily unoccupied buildings. Nikki, Steve and Nicky have all continued their employment throughout.

At the beginning of June the hall was prepared for re-opening with advice from Community First. A detailed risk assessment was carried out and various health and safety measures were implemented including the purchase of a fogging machine for weekly sanitisation of the hall. A One Way Entrance and Exit system was introduced. The hiring agreement was updated with COVID guidelines and hirers had to produce their own risk assessment and evidence of insurance.

Hirers gradually returned to the hall throughout the summer until November 3 when the hall was closed for the second wave of the pandemic. All the necessary measures for closure were implemented. There was a brief period in December when the hall opened for limited activities but closed at Christmas and did not open until April 12 2021. There has been a gradual resumption of activities since then according to government guidelines.

Regular maintenance has continued, when possible, throughout this period. The roof has been repaired, the chair room completely redecorated, the oil tank replaced due to a leak internally, and the central heating pump has been replaced due to failure. Sundry other jobs were completed.

My thanks to all who have had to put in extra work to keep everything running smoothly. Our thanks and best wishes to Rhod Drury who is moving away for all his help and advice over the last few years.

SALWARPE & DISTRICT VILLAGE HALL

Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2021

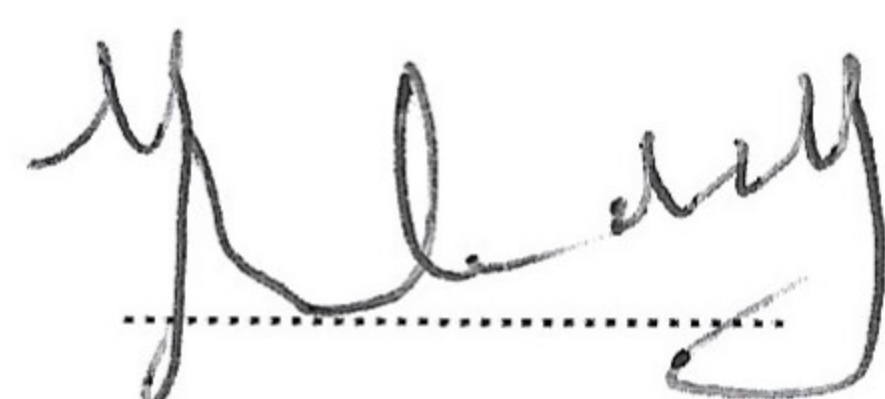
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RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

	2020-21	2019-20
Receipts		
Hirings	4193.00	21454.00
Investment income - deposit interest	535.93	537.74
Section 106 grant	1081.00	1897.00
Other income	11.97	31.97
Total Receipts	5821.90	23920.71
Payments		
Bookings secretary	2944.59	2600.59
Caretaker	4612.00	6724.00
Cleaning charges	390.00	726.00
Insurance	1195.85	1163.71
Licensing fees	257.45	301.09
Maintenance of grounds	948.00	720.00
Repairs & maintenance		
Building maintenance	3224.74	3507.76
Cleaning materials	593.92	244.57
Electrical, heating & plumbing	1086.10	0.00
Furnishings	0.00	668.04
Refuse collection	260.52	339.04
Window cleaning	120.00	135.00
Section 106 improvements	1081.00	1897.00
Utilities		
Electricity	595.86	725.48
Oil	0.00	1721.32
Water & sewage	266.67	355.43
Miscellaneous		
Web site costs	159.18	37.80
Other	49.44	365.15
Total Payments	17785.32	22231.98
Net surplus for the year	-11963.42	1688.73

STATEMENT OF ASSETS & LIABILITIES

	31.3.21	31.3.20
Reserves		
General		
Brought forward	37609.25	35920.52
Covid -19 grants	19669.21	0.00
Net surplus for the year	-11963.42	1688.73
Balance at 31 March	45315.04	37609.25
Assets		
Current account	7193.71	1993.85
Deposit accounts	38506.33	35970.40
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Total assets	45315.04	37609.25



Treasurer

12/5/21

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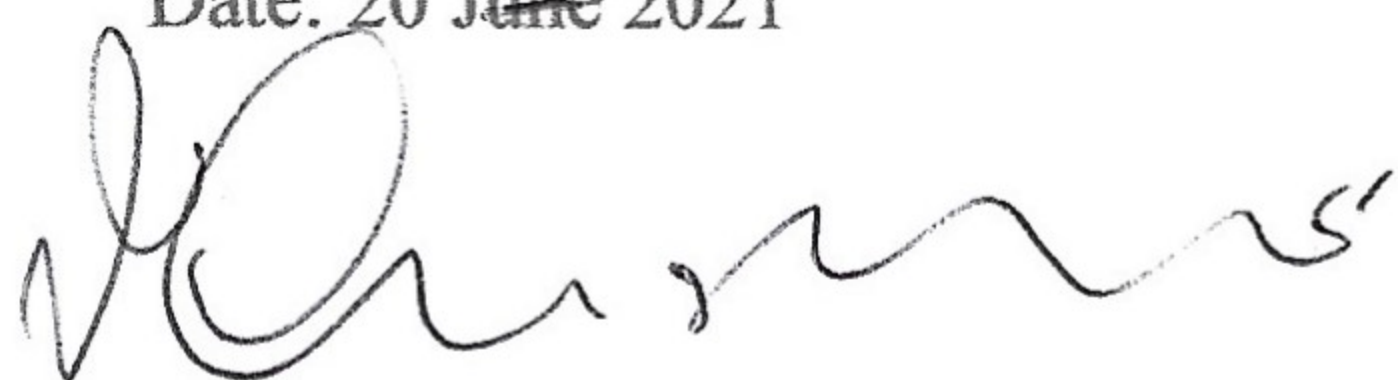
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Date: 20 ^{May} ~~June~~ 2021



Signature.