

Salwarpe and District Village Hall

Registered Charity No.525139

Trustees' Annual Report for the year ended 31 March 2023

Salwarpe and District Village Hall ("the Foundation") is governed by the terms of a Deed of Conveyance dated 22 February 1973.

The Foundation is established for the maintenance of a Village Hall for the use of the inhabitants of the parish of Salwarpe and the neighbourhood ("the area of benefit" as defined in the Trust Deed). The Village Hall has been provided for letting to persons both within the area of benefit and to other parties throughout the year. In carrying out these activities and exercising their powers and duties under the Trust Deed, the Trustees have paid due regard to the guidance on public benefit published by the Charity Commission.

The principal office of the Foundation is Old School House, Salwarpe, Worcestershire, WR9 0AH, being the address of the Secretary, Mrs M Harris.

The members of the Committee of Management are Trustees of the Foundation. The names of all the trustees at the date of this report and other trustees acting during the financial year are set out below in alphabetical order. Elected Members of the Committee are normally appointed at the Annual General Meeting but the Committee has the power at other times to co-opt further members to act until the following Annual General Meeting. The local organisations set out in the Trust Deed may appoint Representative Members of the Committee; their names are to be advised to the Secretary of the Committee, in advance of any Annual General Meeting, for appointment for the year following that Annual General Meeting.

Mr C Downey
Mrs M Harris
Mr J Hill*

Mrs C Luscombe
Mrs M Miles*
Mr F Randall

*denotes Representative Member

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.

SALWARPE & DISTRICT VILLAGE HALL

Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2023

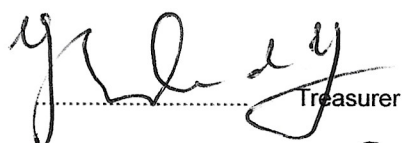
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RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

	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	3261.60	1081.42
Utilities		
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

2014/23

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 2023

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:

(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 2011 Act; and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 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: I E Argyle

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Date: 30th April 2023



Signature.