

THE CHICHESTER MEMORIAL HALL

England & Wales · Charity number 802173

Details

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 1989-08-07

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

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Activities

Objects: THE GOVERNING DOCUMENT WILL TAKE EFFECT WITH: CLAUSE 4(2) DELETED AND REPLACED BY:(2) HAVE AN ACTIVE ASSOCIATION WITH ST MARY’S CHURCH, NORTHCHURCH OR ST BARTHOLOMEW’S CHURCH, WIGGINTON.

Activities: Village Hall hired out as a community resource. Hires include: Tai Chi, Art Club, Short Mat Bowls, Craft Fairs, Monthly Talks, etc. Lower floor is Hired by Sandgate Members Club.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, People With Disabilities, People Of A Particular Ethnic Or Racial Origin, Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies, Other Defined Groups, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** SEE SCHEME OF 4TH MARCH 1991
- Kent

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£21,448	£17,653	-	-
2024-03-31	£24,931	£22,466	-	-
2023-03-31	£24,771	£27,836	-	-
2022-03-31	£34,354	£19,109	-	-
2021-03-31	£39,153	£51,930	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Cynthia Acors		2019-05-16
Guy Valentine-Neale		2017-01-01
JANET HOLBEN		2022-05-19
Kate Strand		2019-05-16
Peter Hickman		2019-05-16
Richard Grundy		2022-05-19
TIM PRATER		

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1. Legal and Administrative Information

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Trustees:

Guy Valentine-Neale (Chair)
Tim Prater - Treasurer
Kate Strand (Secretary)
Cynthia Acor
Peter Hickman
Sushila Colquhoun
Richard Hedley

Executive Officer:

David Cowell

Bankers:

HSBC
41 Sandgate Road,
Folkestone,
Kent CT20 1SA

Current account number: 21582895

Sort code: 402115

Deposit account number: 51748556

Sort code: 402115

2. Report of the Trustees

2.1 Our aims and objectives:

2.1.1 The object of the Charity shall be the provision and maintenance of a village hall for the use of the inhabitants of the area called Sandgate without distinction of political, religious or other opinions, including use for meetings, lectures and classes, and for other forms of recreation and leisure-time occupation, with the object of improving the conditions of life for the said inhabitants.

2.1.2 The said land and building shall be held upon trust for the purposes of a village hall.

Focus of our work:

The focus of the Trustees' work is to continue to ensure the building is well maintained and that the community are made aware of its availability for parties and meetings etc

Who benefitted from our work:

The whole of the community potentially benefits from our endeavours

3. Chair's report at the Annual General Meeting on 20th May:

To quote L P Hartley's famous phrase 'The past is a foreign country' and certainly we all did things differently during lockdown but thankfully the present means the hall being what it is meant to be a community hub.

The hall is fully opened for regular and one-off hires including the Danny Boyle crew filming the new Sex Pistols' television drama who used the hall as their base and the premiere of a local production company's A Simple Tale of Love before it moved to London.

In particular I would mention the use of the hall for table tennis, which following our purchase of three new tables, has gone from strength to strength with four sessions now in play with growing numbers of participants. A good example of investment reaping its reward as has the hall in general following the internal refurbishment with hall's hire rate up nearly 50% from March 2019 (pre-Covid) to March 2022 (post Covid).

The farmer's market remains a challenge but one which David, with considerable assistance of his wife Sue, continues to manage but is an area which we need to keep under review.

A mixture of Covid and other grants has meant that the successful completion of the internal refurbishment and with a balance of c£20,000 in our reserves means that we can now move onto the external refurbishment of the hall so therefore fulfilling our role, as trustees, of effectively managing our asset. If we can crack the issue of disabled access whilst we do it then we really will have achieved our ambition of a first class community facility accessible to all.

Referring back to the past and present I am pleased to see that the external clock has been repaired and I thank Richard Grundy for his assistance in resolving this issue.

Also a thank you to Jan Holben, in the Responsible Person role, for checking the accounts.

Finally but definitely not least, a thank you to David who runs the hall most effectively and as I said last year's report leaves us as Trustees with a more modest role than trustees of some other community facilities I know about!

The grant funding we received from Kent County Council for the refurbishment and the Covid support grants from the Government via Folkestone & Hythe District Council were:

Folkestone and Hythe District Council	10,667
Kent County Council	5,630
	16,297

Our thanks to them for their welcomed and appreciated support which, as a consequence, we were able to carry out all of our 20:20 Vision Hall refurbishment project.

4.1 Balance sheet:

	Bank 1	1,836.51
	Bank 2	17,948.07
		19,784.58
Add cash banked not cleared		0.00
Add cash not in bank*		75.79
Add retained small change**		2.77
Add SFM float		10.00
		19,873.14
Liabilities		0.00
Net assets		19,873.14
Unrestricted reserves b/f		4,628.85
Add surplus 2021/22		15,244.29
Unrestricted reserves b/f		19,873.14

* Whilst exercising social distances during the Coronavirus pandemic, we are sending any cheques to the Bank by post or on-line banking and holding any cash in a secure location rather than going physically to the Bank/Post Office.

** Small denominations of coinage no longer taken by the Post Office in Hythe.

4.2. Notes forming part of the financial statements:

4.2.1 Other comments:

No Trustee received any benefit throughout the year.

As a charity, the Chichester Hall is exempt from tax on income and gains.

We are in good financial state and have maintained our £1500 reserve policy throughout the year.



Signed:

Date: 19th May, 2022

Guy Valentine-Neale
Chair
Chichester Memorial Hall Trust

Independent Examiner's report to the Chichester Hall Memorial Trust

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Chichester Memorial Hall (the Trust) for the year ended 31st March 2022.

Responsibilities and basis of the report

As the charity trustees of the Trust you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act'). I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent Examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:



Name: Janet Holben

Relevant professional qualification or membership of professional bodies (if any):

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FOLKESTONE CT20 3BS

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3. Chair's report at the Annual General Meeting on 20th May:

Clearly the last year has been exceptional but in the case of the hall it is definitely a truism to say that every cloud has a silver lining.

The closure of the hall has allowed for the refurbishment that we can all see the results of and I think all agree has been a success with feedback from the limited number of users who have seen it very positive.

Our executive officer, David Cowell, has largely been the creator of this and in particular has been proactive in gaining the funds to follow it through so that work has been completed AND we have a healthy balance in the accounts. So thank you David for all your hard work on this project.

We can now look forward to the hall being used once again as a community hub and welcoming all our hirers. In this regard the Farmers Market remains the standout event at the hall – I was there last Saturday and was most impressed by the range of stalls and the quality of the produce. My thanks to Sue Cowell for all the work she does at the market.

I think the principal issue which remains for the hall is how to make it wheelchair friendly – we now have a disabled toilet but access to the hall remains problematic. As David has highlighted in his report we are currently looking at the option of a lift and hopefully this proves to be viable.

Finally, thank you to all the trustees for your support and a further note of thanks to David without whom our job really would be a job rather than the more modest role that we currently play.

Figures were:

Roger de Haan Charitable Trust	5000
Folkestone and Hythe District Council	20193
Sandgate Parish Council	2500
Kent County Council (KCC)	4370
Cllr Prater (discretionary grant)	500
Cllr Fuller (discretionary grant)	500
	33063

Note: the full grant received towards the Hall's refurbishment from KCC was £10,000 but the balance was not received until the start of the following year.

Our thanks to all of them for their welcomed and appreciated support which, as a consequence, we were able to carry out most of our 20:20 Vision Hall refurbishment project.

Apart from two hire groups whose pre-payment they wanted carried over to the new period when Government regulations allowed hires to resume, all others were refunded money paid in advance.

During the year we have been able to paint the main hall walls and ceiling, paint the stairs, refurbish the downstairs toilet and create a wheelchair accessible toilet upstairs.

4.1 Balance sheet:

	Bank a/c 1	1851.38
	Bank a/c 2	2746.93
		4598.31
	Add cheques banked not cleared	
	Add cash not in bank*	16.10
	Add retained small change**	4.44
	Add SFM float	10.00
		4628.85
	Liabilities	0.00
	Net assets	4628.85
	Represented by:	4628.85
	Unrestricted reserves b/f	17405.68
	Less loss 2020/21	-12776.83
	Unrestricted reserves b/f	4628.85

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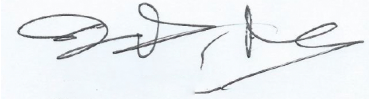
4.2.1. Grants received: £33063 (see section 4 for details)

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