



# Chair's Report April 2022 to March 2023

## AGM 2023

**Orton Wistow Community Association**  
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## Introduction

Welcome to the 2023 AGM of the Orton Wistow Community Association – the first year in a few where we have not had any impact from the COVID19 pandemic and the centre has had a stable and healthy year. This report covers the period from April 2022 to March 2023.

## User Groups

We had said farewell to one of our church groups this year – the Christian Community Church no longer use the centre on a Sunday but they do continue to use the hall for choir practice. This has allowed us to hire the hall to another church for a few hours each Sunday morning and leaves us the afternoon free for one-off hirers.

The community hall remains popular for parties at weekends and we are seeing high usage. We get more queries than we can accommodate – unfortunately we still have to chase people for deposits and information to guarantee their booking. Changing the policy to avoid late night hires has worked well and in general the hall is being looked after when used.

We have had several returnee hirers – including for Christmas Day and New Year's Day again this year. The hall remains popular for young local children's birthday parties. The Under5's have been able to hold fetes again this year – the committee decided to waive any fees for these fundraising exercises.

## Renovations

The floor in the children's bathroom has been replaced but the quest for reliable tradespeople remains to complete the project. We are often let down by people booking time to quote and then not showing up.

The garden continues to be maintained and the under5s have repainted their sheds and added some equipment to the garden. The microwave has been replaced.

Our plans for the upcoming year include a replacement programme for the chairs, CCTV, some painting and a commitment to look into a defibrillator to be housed inside the hall.

## Volunteers

I would like to thank Tracy, Sury and Linda for continuing in their roles so wonderfully. The place would not be able to run without them giving so much of their time in the background. We are still missing a Vice Chair and ideally need to recruit into this position in the upcoming year. A special thank you as well to Darren, our maintenance expert, who fixes the items we are responsible for and arranges qualified tradespersons if required.

## Asset Transfer

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As per our position set out in last year's AGM, the process has not progressed. It continues to remain in our interest to maintain the status quo. This is because the Council continues to cover the cost of major repairs and maintenance, and fire regulations. Post transfer, this will become the responsibility of the association.

## Summary:

To conclude, we've had a successful year at the association and the bank balance remains healthy. I would like to thank our regular users for looking after the hall when it's in their care and for continuing to use the hall. The hall is a big asset to the community here in Orton and we could not keep it functioning without everyone's help.

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**ORTON WISTOW COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION**  
**CHARITY NO: 1027473**  
**Income and Expenditure**  
**Year Ended 31 March 2023**

	£	£
	Year 2023	Year 2022
<b>INCOME</b>		
Hall Hire-Regular	25,607	14,147
Hall Hire-Casual	2,148	2,761
Donations	0	340
Investment Income	58	30
PCC Covid-19 Grant	0	950
	<b>27,813</b>	<b>18,227</b>
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>		
Cleaning	4,877	4,400
Insurance	577	556
Gas	1,079	1,015
Electricity	1,211	1,054
Water	656	420
Examiner	40	30
Meetings	0	99
Booking Administrator	1,000	1,000
Maintenance	1,970	716
Garden	705	435
PHS Cleaning	0	196
Stationery and Postage	88	86
Donations and Gifts	20	25
Licenses	139	316
Pest Control	180	180
Internet and Telephone	447	522
Waste Collection	992	899
Sundry	37	0
Assets Write Off/Loss on Disposal		34
Depreciation-Furniture & Fixtures	238	237
Depreciation-Hardware & Equipment	81	200
	<b>14,336</b>	<b>12,422</b>
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Excess of Income Over Expenditure	<b>13,477</b>	<b>5,805</b>

**Jo Piercey**  
**Chairman**

**Sury Dhanecha**  
**Treasurer**

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