

VILLAGE HALL ALLINGTON MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE REPORT FOR 2022 – 2023

As Chairman of the Management Committee I present this report to you.

It's been another eventful year at the Village Hall with a range of regular activities taking place every day of the week and most weekends.

In combination with the Parish Council, three First Aid and Defibrillator sessions have been held under the expert tuition of Julian Withington, who is kindly giving of his time free of charge, with one more in order to accommodate all those who requested a place. Donation envelopes were given out by Julian for the Royal Life Saving Society and has raised £148.30 so far.

The library continues to be well utilised and there are now folders containing every issue of Allington News apart from three, numbers 110, 120 and 121, if anyone happens to have these and are willing to let us have them it would be appreciated. There is a notice stating that they are for reference only and not to be removed without permission.

The street party organised by the management committee for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee on 3rd June was a resounding success, ably helped by the good weather.

Events continue to raise much needed funds in order to maintain a healthy bank balance, although we could always do with more, due to the constant increase in running costs. I am so proud of the committee who work incredibly hard organising and staffing the events as well as donating foodstuffs. Extra thanks go to Cliff Wilkins our Treasurer, Joy Hart for acting as Secretary and Booking Secretary, and Heather Nuttall the Events Co-ordinator. All the team really are unsung heroes giving freely of their time.

Cliff has decided to hang up his Treasurer's hat and I am pleased to say that Claire Storer has kindly agreed to take on the role. Joy has also decided to retire from her dual role as

Secretary and Booking Secretary, after several years of doing a brilliant job. John Hart, who has been caretaker for a similar time is also retiring, so thanks are in order to both them and Cliff for their commitment to the Village Hall. Heather, the Event's Co-ordinator has agreed to take over Joy's dual role, with Jackie Willis becoming Events Co-ordinator. Committee member Paul Day, who has been a willing pair of hands at the hall over the past couple of years, especially stepping in to help the caretaker when needed, has been appointed as the new Caretaker.

During this financial year, a fire/smoke alarm system has been installed to keep us in line with fire regulations, along with an electrical certification survey and a service of the fire alarm system. Although the hall is in a conservation area, planning consent was not required to replace the old Crittall windows with uPVC ones and also patio doors which were installed to give access to the rear. This was carried out in the summer, along with a ramp enabling access through the patio doors for all abilities and a path laid round the side of the hall to give safer access to the rear. Due to the fact that the library is often accessed from the main hall and the distance to the other fire doors, and bearing in mind the age and infirmity of some of the users, the patio doors have now been designated as fire doors after consultation with Lincolnshire Fire & Rescue, who are also carrying out a mandatory fire survey of the hall in July.

Although there have been quite a few refurbishment expenses over the past year, the accounts show a healthy balance, thanks to the legacy from Mary Thompson, late of The Rookery. Without that and the fund raising the accounts would be much less healthy, so the fund raising needs to continue in earnest to avoid the accounts making a loss. Which is where we need the support of the whole village attending events, not just the regular few, to who we are very grateful. A vote of thanks must also go to The Friends of the Village Hall who readily step up to help at events when needed and also donate cakes, raffle and tombola prizes. Along with Allington News, Saxonwell Group

Parish News, Village Link and the Grantham Journal for the free publicity they give us.

David Smedley

Chairman AVHMC

ALLINGTON VILLAGE HALL

ACCOUNTS 2022/2023

(Year ended 31 March 2023)

Income	£ 2021-2022	£ 2022-2023
Regular user groups	5,408.00	8,958.00
Other hirings/parties	1,846.00	1,515.00
Fund raising events	962.20	2,525.85
Donations	248.50	689.43
Bank interest	1.94	22.31
Miscellaneous	275.00	12,380.02
Grants etc	13,003.75	-
Totals	21,745.39	26,090.61
Expenditure		
Oil	1,365.53	3,630.07
Electricity	881.42	1,085.04
Water	1,098.00	1,873.00
Rates	277.12	303.12
Caretaker	2,400.00	2,400.00
Cleaner and cleaning supplies	3,519.26	3,981.30
Maintenance	2,837.88	15,927.80
Insurance	1,075.07	1,132.46
Fund raising expenses	222.99	198.49
Refund of deposits	200.00	580.00
Miscellaneous	2,001.84	3,219.02
Donations and community events	100.00	-
Bank charges	32.22	86.46
Totals	16,011.33	34,416.76
Excess of income/ Expenditure	5,734.06	-8,326.15
Total Funds		
Current account	15,002.73	25,736.88
Deposit account	16,041.90	-
Reserve Account	3,021.14	2.74
Petty Cash	90.00	90.00
Totals	34,155.77	25,829.62

Independent Examination of Charity Accounts in accordance with CC32

Unless there is a specific requirement in the charity's constitution, the trustees are able to choose an independent examination instead of an audit if the charity's gross income is: more than £25,000, but not more than £1 million, provided that if its gross income is more than £250,000, its gross assets (fixed assets plus current assets) are £3.26 million or less.

The trustees will not be able to choose an independent examination if the charity's governing document, a funder or the Commission requires an audit to be carried out.

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Allington Village Hall

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Allington Village Hall for the year ended 31st March 2023.

Responsibilities and basis of 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; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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:

Richard Sharpe

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

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Date:

12th May 2023