Warsash READING ROOM AND Victory Hall

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Annual Report of the Trustees of the Warsash Victory Hall 2025/26

In line with the objectives in the Hall's constitution, the Victory Hall Charity continues to provide and maintain the building for the use of the inhabitants of Hook and Warsash, without distinction of political, religious or other opinions, with the object of improving the conditions of life for the said inhabitants.

Several activities can take place at the same time due to the layout of the building. Regular users include Slimming World, Senior Citizens Luncheon Club, a Choir, Bowls and Badminton Clubs plus there are Keep Fit, Slimming World and Dancing Classes every weekday.

Other Clubs have regular monthly bookings, i.e., Flower Club, Horticultural Society, Warsash Residents' Association, Warsash Theatre Club and U3A.

Casual user events such as Music Festivals, Drama Productions, Concerts and art and craft shows also help to make the Victory Hall a lively social community meeting place, The Hall is also regularly used by Blood donors and for Local and General Elections. It is estimated that normally over 1500 people use the hall each week.

The financial report ending 31st March 2026 shows that bookings have been steady, with high occupancy levels. Even with spending around £80K on building work, our financial position remains healthy with income usually exceeding expenditure each month.

Projects completed during the year include the following:

- Accessible toilet and additional storage project completed.
- Purchase of a salt bin and sandbags.
- Servicing and repair to the main stage curtain winding mechanism.

The accessible toilet and storage space project completed in August and was signed off by FBC building control. The work has been well received and the extra storage space makes setting up for functions much easier.

The Trustees have become aware of a potential flooding risk from a drainage culvert running underneath the Hall. As the Hall is wholly responsible for this culvert, the Trustees will ensure that reserve funds are available in the event that urgent repairs are needed.

Overall, the Trustees feel the Hall is in a very good position to move forward over the coming years. The Trustees would like to thank the Hall Manager Karen, for all her hard work over the past year.

The Trustees will continue to progress further improvements to the Hall's fabric and facilities.

Derrick McNeill Chairman Victory Hall Management Committee 6th May 2026