STURMINSTER MARSHALL MEMORIAL HALL

(Registered Charity Number 301186)

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Annual Report 2025/2026

I am pleased to present the Annual Report as Chair of the Memorial Hall Managing Trustees. I was appointed to the role in June last year and I have enjoyed meeting a number of local people and you, the users of the Memorial Hall. Although I have not been able to personally meet everyone, I am pleased you have joined us this evening.

I moved with my husband Phil, also a Trustee, to the village 5 years ago. I am from Poole and following a career in education management, I found, after retiring in 2023, focusing on the local community and our village hall, it's been quite a learning curve!

Working as part of a small group of 7 dedicated local people, we formed the Board of Trustees and registered ourselves with the Charity Commission. Our job is to manage operations at the Hall.

One of the first things we did was to review the only constitutional document we had available to us: A Trust document from 1965. This document confirmed that the land on which the Hall stands was given in Trust to the Parish Council in readiness for the future provision of a village hall. The document gave a basic framework for how things were to be managed. However, one main difficulty was an appendix listing 12 local groups who should be part of a committee setting things up, but only 4 of those groups are still operating!

During the past few months we have searched old records and working with the Parish Council, we have found some other old documents and two leases. These are currently being reviewed on our behalf by Dorset Community Action (DCA) so we can bring things up to date. Therefore we have asked DCA to help us change our governing document to become a Charitable Incorporated Organisation.

This will enable us to be more independent and using an approved model constitution, we will be able to enter legal agreements, which we are currently unable to do. More information will be shared as negotiations progress. And we are proposing at the Annual Meeting to have our appointments for a two year period, rather than annually, for consistency and so we complete the changes.

We have been learning how things work.

As well as the other Trustees, who are Steve, our Treasurer, Mike, "the maintenance man", Barbara Beaves, Maureen Steel and Chris Humphreys, I met Kath Kollberg, our bookings secretary and Anca, our Janitor. These are two reliable and experienced members of the team, with a wealth of knowledge.

I would like to highlight two things we have successfully achieved in recent months.

Towards the end of last year, we successfully launched our new website, complete with a more modern logo and direct access to our online booking system, making bookings simpler. Eventually we hope to link it to a Paypal button! However, I would suggest our major achievement to date is the final refurbishment of our kitchen, completed just two months ago, and achieved after a lot of hard work and fund raising since 2019. It is appropriate to thank Barbara Beaves for her dogged determination and never giving up with raising funds to the end. The kitchen, complete with a new dishwasher, fridge and washing machine provides modern hygienic facilities available to all. The Project was finalised by receipt of two grants, the first from the late Queen's platinum Jubilee Village Halls Fund and from our Parish Council, with sincere thanks.

Life has not been all positives however, over the past year, we have had to work hard to fund some considerable repairs to the building, including significant repairs to the roof and boilers. Sadly these will be ongoing as we acknowledge a building now approaching 30 years old, and needing ongoing maintenance. We are trying hard to find appropriate funding sources, including applying for grants, and keeping hire charges under review as well as continuing to explore a solar panels project, hoping to reduce our electricity costs.

Recent activities have included participating in BBQ on the Green and the Church Fete by loaning our chairs and tables, thus supporting the village. We held two successful Bridge Evenings in recent months and new equipment available to all. The Kurling Kit (which is curling without the ice!) is popular. Final discussions will happen during the summer to hopefully secure support from the Corfe Mullen Youth Trust to provide future regular provision for young people at the Hall. We are hosting a **fund raising fashion show in October**. Our aim is to bring together other community groups to help with planning, selling tickets etc. sharing funds raised for the good of the community as a whole.

Sue Ratcliffe, Chair.

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SMMH INCOME 2025				
Category	Jan, 2025	Feb, 2025	Mar, 2025	Apr, 2025
Grants:				
Dorset Youth Association				
Youth Project				
Parish Council Annual Grant				
Subtotal	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Hiring Casual:				
Kurling & Walking Netball		£21.00		
Meetings & Rehearsals	£115.50	£126.00		
Parties	£231.00	£280.25	£63.00	
Subtotal Casual Hiring	£346.50	£427.25	£63.00	£0.00
Brownies	£131.28	£65.64		£153.16
Badminton Evening	£12.50	£68.75	£75.00	£68.75
Badminton Morning	£56.52	£75.00	£75.00	£75.00
U3A	£50.00	£350.00	£100.00	£75.00
Barbara Beaves' Clubs	£661.50	£325.50	£661.50	
Friendly Food	£87.75			
Flaming Peaches		£16.00		
Jurassic Slice Pizza				
Guide Dog Training		£52.50		£63.00
Bournemouth Canine				£139.50
Guides	£78.75			
Koru Therapy L Wilson	£19.00	£9.50	£9.50	
Moby Micks Chip Van	£48.00	£124.00	£64.00	
New Life Bible Church	£99.77	£77.25	£63.00	£84.00
SMFC	£178.90	£166.40	£166.40	£166.40
SOUL Kickboxing	£90.00	£75.00	£75.00	£235.00
Short Mat Bowls	£252.00	£472.50		£252.00
Short Tennis	£112.50	£393.75	£200.00	£225.00
Slimming World				
Parish Council	£23.75	£23.75	£23.75	£42.75
Tea and Toddlers			£30.00	£40.00
TNT Family Fitness				
Yoga	£31.50	£619.26	£105.00	
Subtotal Regular Hiring	£1,933.72	£2,914.80	£1,648.15	£1,619.56
Subtotal all Hiring income	£2,280.22	£3,342.05	£1,711.15	£1,619.56
Miscellaneous Income:				
Fundraising Activities	£0.00	£0.00	£1,084.50	£0.00
Artsreach Net Income		£139.42		
Interest from Savings	£0.00	£0.00	£4.93	£0.00
Subtotal Misc Income	£0.00	£139.42	£1,089.43	£0.00
Total Income:	£2,280.22	£3,481.47	£2,800.58	£1,619.56

Income

May, 2025	Jun, 2025	Jul, 2025	Aug, 2025	Sep, 2025	Oct, 2025	Nov, 2025
						£1,302.32
					£5,360.00	
				£800.00		
£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£800.00	£5,360.00	£1,302.32

£290.00	£70.00	£43.75	£85.00			£20.00
£73.50			£199.50	£84.00	£398.13	£213.50
£363.50	£70.00	£43.75	£284.50	£84.00	£398.13	£233.50
			£109.40			£131.25
£56.25	£75.00	£56.25	£350.00	£75.00		£75.00
£93.75	£75.00	£75.00	£93.75	£75.00	£75.00	£75.00
£75.00	£18.75		£275.00		£100.00	£125.00
£273.00	£294.00	£813.00	£241.50	£168.00		£252.00
	£16.00	£16.00	£48.00			
			£120.00	£96.00		
£46.89	£15.63	£131.28		£15.63		£93.78
		£71.25		£95.00		
£124.00	£32.00	£64.00	£64.00	£48.00	£64.00	£80.00
		£63.00	£63.00	£127.00	£63.00	£63.00
£166.40	£323.90					£12.50
£93.71		£168.75	£168.75		£131.25	£93.75
£283.50	£220.50	£504.00		£283.50	£220.50	£283.50
£150.00	£196.00	£225.00	£200.00		£225.00	£225.00
						£31.50
	£23.75	£73.75		£23.75	£55.25	£42.75
£30.00			£40.00	£30.00	£30.00	£40.00
£199.02		£125.04	£84.00	£84.00		£189.00
£1,591.52	£1,290.53	£2,386.32	£1,857.40	£1,120.88	£964.00	£1,813.03
£1,955.02	£1,360.53	£2,430.07	£2,141.90	£1,204.88	£1,362.13	£2,046.53

£0.00	£0.00	£700.00		£148.60		£572.50
£0.00	£0.00			£13.88		
£0.00	£0.00	£700.00	£0.00	£162.48	£0.00	£572.50

£1,955.02	£1,360.53	£3,130.07	£2,141.90	£2,167.36	£6,722.13	£3,921.35

Dec, 2025	Total
	£1,302.32
	£5,360.00
	£800.00
£0.00	£7,462.32

£21.00	£42.00
£183.00	£933.25
£63.00	£1,605.88
£267.00	£2,581.13
	£590.73
£75.00	£987.50
£75.00	£919.02
	£1,168.75
£252.00	£3,942.00
	£87.75
	£96.00
	£216.00
	£115.50
	£139.50
	£381.96
	£204.25
£48.00	£760.00
£243.00	£946.02
£665.60	£1,846.50
	£1,131.21
£535.50	£3,307.50
£200.00	£2,352.25
£126.00	£157.50
	£333.25
£70.00	£310.00
£132.79	£132.79
	£1,436.82
£2,422.89	£21,562.80
£2,689.89	£24,143.93

£100.00	£2,605.60
	£139.42
£25.54	£44.35
£125.54	£2,789.37

£2,815.43	£34,395.62

excluding grants: £26,933.30

REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF STURMINSTER MARSHALL MEMORIAL HALL

I have reviewed the available spreadsheet records and Bank Statements of the Trustees for the year ended 31st December 2025.

I am satisfied that true and correct information is being presented of the income and expenditure position in accordance with the records.

Signed R F Stephenson

Robert Stephenson

Independent Examiner

20th May 2026