

Old Headington Village Hall (formerly St Andrew's Parish Hall) ,Dunstan Road, Oxford OX3 9BX

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Trustees Annual Report for the year ended 31st December2024

The trustees met on 24th March 2024.Hugh Ferris was appointed as chair, Helen Ann Priestley and Saleha Nisar were elected as trustees. Jill Freston resigned as chairman and David Ramsbottom and Neil Bird also resigned as trustees.

It was agreed that the Charity Commission should be advised that the name of the hall should be formally changed to Old Headington Village Hall.

The following is the annual report for 2024 as agreed by the trustees and the hall management committee at the joint annual general meeting of the hall charity on 8 May 2025.

People

Mahliqa Nisar became Hall Manager in June 2024 following the resignation of Peter Hart. The charity continued to have the professional services of Zara Tekin and the use of the Xero accounting software platform. The turnover of the charity in 2019 was £23,000 whereas in 2024 turnover was nearly £49,000. Managing our finances in a timely and accurate way continued to be an essential part of the hall operation.

Finance

The charity income is almost entirely from room hire, rental from the flat and parking. Expenditure (Administrative Costs) in 2024 was significantly higher with improved staffing costs (accountancy and hall management), repairs and maintenance (including new front door furniture, gas servicing and pest removal from the hall flat). Cleaning costs were higher (nearly £1,600) as room hiring increased. Ground improvements (£7,500) were the most visible investment in 2024 :firstly, the new St Andrew's Road fence, the cleared vinca and the area between the hall and guide hut. Secondly, the fencing around the hall flat garden was replaced. Grass cutting and ivy/bramble removal also helped to maintain the ambiance of the hall setting.

From the Balance Sheet, the charity had £68,000 on deposit. This compares to £25,000 in 2023 and zero in 2022.

Strengths and weaknesses, opportunities and threats - 2024

The charity had an assured income from the flat (£14,475), an improved balance sheet and the unlimited demand for parking (mainly from JR staff).The funds on deposit (£68,000) could enable a phased programme of improvement. Bookings, regular and ad hoc, remained stable and the charity continued to refuse bookings for weekend adult parties. The opportunities to "grow" the charity as a business are limited given current demand and the demography of the area.

The main threat to the hall site is "car park T" next to and visible through the JR fence. Historically, flood damage and cost (2006,2013 and 2024) has occurred and may happen again.

The hall makeover - 2024

In early 2024 time was spent looking to replace the curtains in both the main hall and committee room. Later it was felt that a more complete review of decor, toilet facilities, chairs and noise levels was needed. To this end two different proposals were received plus advice from an RIBA architect.

Peter C Shaw

on behalf of Trustees and management committee, Old Headington Village Hall

