



APPLETON THORN VILLAGE HALL

Charity Reg Number: 507976

Annual Report for the year September 2020 - September 2021

Appleton Thorn Village Hall is a typical village hall offering a number of benefits to the local community. These include providing activities such as dancing classes and play group, and to be hired out for functions such as christening celebrations, birthday parties and wakes. The hall has a Premises Licence and the bar is rented out to the holder of a Personal Licence four evenings a week. The Village Hall also has quite extensive grounds which are a well used local amenity.

The pandemic dominated the year and left us closed for many months and having to cancel user groups and events including our 40th Year anniversary, Beerfest, and Christmas/New Year celebrations amongst other fund-raising opportunities. However, in May 2021 we created an on line raffle which amassed over £1000 and we could then use to help fund the scaled down Bawming (the village fete) as well as additional income for the Hall.

However, there was still optimism and we had the opportunity to carry out much overdue maintenance especially within our grounds. I must thank Kevin McAloon for his sheer relentless enthusiasm in bringing together a level of co-operation between the HMP Thorn Cross prison and ourselves not seen before with the provision of a ready and willing workforce. At times we had anything between 5 to 8 workers 3 times a week.

Over the following 4 months we undertook the huge task of clearing out the field of years of stored debris, bush clearance and fir tree cutting. We also removed the old concrete panelled fencing segregating the bowls green from the main field with an aim to have just one big field, which is where we are today.

The re-establishment of an avenue running alongside the Church's graveyard hedge has added a massive visual improvement with additional seating.

In June we engaged a specialist tree maintenance company to carry out work such as "Cobbing" and tree removal covering the trees on the main front grassed area to the main field together with much needed maintenance work. Our thanks to Neil Trevor for his generous donation towards this work.

I'm sure everyone will agree that the results of all this work have provided us with a wonderful place to roam and enjoy for many years to come.

The replacement Septic tank soakaway went ahead successfully at no cost to the Hall. The "Project" concerning the replacement of the old Septic tank system continues and we are making progress with the attempt to connect to the main sewer.

Through COVID recovery grant aid we managed to secure funding to purchase 8 new 6-seater benches replacing the old garden benches and providing a new marquee for the garden.

This turned out to be of great value during the semi re-opening of the Hall for providing an outside facility unaffected by the weather.

The old benches have been recycled and now form additional seating in the newly created avenue.

During this period, we were obliged to provide a system for "Test & Trace" so part of the previous grant was spent on a new laptop and barcode scanner which assisted with the process.

We used this opportunity to introduce a new registration system ensuring members and their guests were formally registered when visiting the Hall.

This has greatly helped with the promotion of our membership and revenues increased from £3200 in 2019 to £8000 in 2020 and £5100 in 2021. This equated to 722 active members on September 30th 2021.

Ongoing registration normally brings in at least one new membership or renewal per week plus with guests can equate £30 to £50 per week revenue.

Our thanks to Sue Plass who has relentlessly driven the membership project and championed the registration system. Also our thanks to David Bennett who created and supports the membership database and to all the dedicated volunteers who give up their time Thursday through Sunday to man the desk.

The formalisation of the registration process brought about new memberships (the residents of the Bloor Homes development for example) and hence additional funds. This funding has helped us to carry out inward investment in the Hall by refurbishing the lounge area. New upholstery and painting has vastly improved the lounge. The installation of a new and long overdue security alarm system has been installed giving us a higher level of security and utilisation of latest technology.

By the end of June the Hall was allowed to open "Fully" under COVID guidelines which was much needed by our user groups and the bar giving us back some kind of normality.

Continued maintenance work and investment had to be made with the purchasing of two new chillers for the Bar and other issues throughout the Hall - plumbing, electrical etc. which are a constant drain on funds but one that is expected in a building of its age.

On a rather sad note, we said goodbye to one of our original members Keith Brown who passed away earlier in the Year. Kevin McAloon gave a very moving and informative eulogy at Keith's delayed wake here in the garden covering his many years of involvement with the Hall, especially with its formation, and the Warrington community. A garden seat has been presented to Judith his wife as a mark of our respect from the Hall membership and we look forward to using it for many years to come.

Finishing on a positive note I would like to congratulate once again Derek, Alison, Kris, and their staff on securing not just CAMRA Club of the Year again but a highly prestigious "gold" award given by CAMRA celebrating their 50 Years anniversary.

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER 2021

<u>INCOME</u>	<u>Note</u>	<i>Unrestricted income</i>	<i>Restricted income</i>	<u>2021</u> £ TOTAL INCOME	<u>2020</u> £ TOTAL INCOME
Hall Hire and Social Functions		9,852	-	9,852	9,145
Bar rent		3,452	-	3,452	3,860
Pool Table		107	-	107	275
Membership Subscriptions		5,160	-	5,160	8,508
Car park		300	-	300	3,600
Donations and fundraising		2,533	-	2,533	6,886
WBC Covid grants	3	17,669	-	17,669	10,000
Other grants	8	-	2,479	2,479	-
Bank and Building Society Interest		1	-	1	22
		39,074	2,479	41,553	42,296
EXPENDITURE					
Repairs and renewals		5,209	-	5,209	4,990
Garden refurbishment		6,762	-	6,762	-
Cleaning and refuse		4,557	-	4,557	5,320
Rates, water, electricity and gas		4,344	-	4,344	4,961
Telephone, postage and stationery		748	-	748	706
Accountancy fee	4	250	-	250	225
Website and advertising		560	-	560	863
Stripe charges		98	-	98	-
Insurance		1,253	-	1,253	1,241
Miscellaneous		1,101	266	1,367	916
Fund raising costs		166	-	166	-
Donations		100	-	100	-
Functions		439	-	439	244
Depreciation		2,430	-	2,430	1,892
		28,017	266	28,283	21,358
NET INCOME		11,057	2,213	13,270	20,938
Transfers between funds	8	2,309	-	2,309	-
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		13,366	-	13,270	20,938
Total funds brought forward		74,140	975	75,115	54,177
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		87,506	879	88,385	75,115

**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
AS AT 30TH SEPTEMBER 2021**

		<u>2021</u>			<u>2020</u>
	<u>Note</u>	£	£	£	£
		<u>Unrestricted</u>	<u>Restricted</u>	TOTAL	TOTAL
FIXED ASSETS					
Property		17,843	-	17,843	17,843
Land		10,897	-	10,897	10,897
Fittings and furnishings		10,396	-	10,396	8,633
Equipment		3,364	-	3,364	2,094
	5	<u>42,500</u>	-	<u>42,500</u>	<u>39,467</u>
CURRENT ASSETS					
Sundry debtors and prepayments	6	1,008		1,008	1,657
Bank account		25,876	879	26,755	25,306
Savings account		20,007		20,007	10,005
Cash in hand		228		228	48
		<u>47,119</u>	879	<u>47,998</u>	<u>37,016</u>
CURRENT LIABILITIES					
Sundry creditors and accruals	7	<u>2,113</u>	-	<u>2,113</u>	<u>1,368</u>
		2,113	-	2,113	1,368
Net Current Assets		45,006	879	45,885	35,648
TOTAL ASSETS		<u>87,506</u>	879	88,385	75,115

REPRESENTED BY:-

Restricted income funds	8			879	975
Unrestricted funds				87,506	74,140
				<u>88,385</u>	<u>75,115</u>

Signed on behalf of all trustees

*Name**Signature**Date approved*

Note 1 **Basis of preparation**

1.1 Basis of accounting

These accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant note(s) to these accounts.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with:

- the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) issued on 16 July 2014

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and with the Charities Act 2011.

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102.

1.2 Going concern

The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the ability to continue as a going concern.

1.3 Change of accounting policy

The accounts present a true and fair view and the accounting policies adopted are those outlined in note 2.

1.4 Changes to accounting estimates

No changes to accounting estimates have occurred in the reporting period (3.46 FRS 102 SORP).

1.5 Material prior year errors

No material prior year error have been identified in the reporting period (3.47 FRS 102 SORP).

Note 2**Accounting policies****2.2 INCOME****Recognition of income**

These are included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SoFA) when:

- the charity becomes entitled to the resources;
- it is more likely than not that the trustees will receive the resources; and
- the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability.

Offsetting

There has been no offsetting of assets and liabilities, or income and expenses, unless required or permitted by the FRS 102 SORP or FRS 102.

Grants and donations

Grants and donations are only included in the SoFA when the general income recognition criteria are met (5.10 to 5.12 FRS102 SORP).

Government grants

The charity has received government grants in the reporting period under the application of the Covid 19 government grant funding.

Tax reclaims on donations and gifts

Gift Aid receivable is included in income when there is a valid declaration from the donor. Any Gift Aid amount recovered on a donation is considered to be part of that gift and is treated as an addition to the same fund as the initial donation unless the donor or the terms of the appeal have specified otherwise.

Volunteer help

The value of any voluntary help received is not included in the accounts but is described in the trustees' annual report.

Income from interest

This is included in the accounts upon receipt and the amount receivable can be measured reliably.

Income from membership subscriptions

Membership subscriptions which gives a member the right to buy services or other benefits are recognised as income earned from the provision of goods and services as income from charitable activities.

2.3 EXPENDITURE AND LIABILITIES**Liability recognition**

Liabilities are recognised where it is more likely than not that there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to pay out resources and the amount of the obligation can be measured with reasonable certainty.

Deferred income

No material item of deferred income has been included in the accounts.

Creditors

The charity has creditors which are measured at settlement amounts less any trade discounts

Basic financial instruments

The charity accounts for basic financial instruments on initial recognition as per paragraph 11.7 FRS102 SORP. Subsequent measurement is as per paragraphs 11.17 to 11.19, FRS102 SORP.

2.4 ASSETS**Tangible fixed assets for use by charity**

These are capitalised if they can be used for more than one year, and cost at least £300

They are valued at cost.

The depreciation rates and methods used are disclosed in note 5.

Debtors

Debtors are measured on initial recognition at settlement amount after any trade discounts or amount advanced by the charity. Subsequently, they are measured at the cash or other consideration expected to be received.

Note 3 Analysis of receipt of government grants

	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
Covid 19 local restrictions supports grants	17,669	10,000

Note 4 Fees for certain items of expenditure

4.1	Independent examiners fees	250	225
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Note 5 Fixed Assets

	<u>Property</u>	<u>Land</u>	<u>Fittings & Furnishings</u>	<u>Equipment</u>	<u>Total</u>
Cost or valuation					
At beginning of year	50,650	10,897	17,580	7,682	86,809
Additions	-	-	3,599	1,864	5,463
At end of year	<u>50,650</u>	<u>10,897</u>	<u>21,179</u>	<u>9,546</u>	<u>92,272</u>
Depreciation					
At beginning of year	32,807	-	8,947	5,588	47,342
Charge for the year	-	-	1,836	594	2,430
At end of year	<u>32,807</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>10,783</u>	<u>6,182</u>	<u>49,772</u>
Net book value					
At beginning of year	17,843	10,897	8,633	2,094	39,467
At end of year	<u>17,843</u>	<u>10,897</u>	<u>10,396</u>	<u>3,364</u>	<u>42,500</u>

Depreciation has been provided at the following rates:

Property - no depreciation has been charged as it is the opinion of the committee that with policy of continuing maintenance the net realisable value would be in excess of the cost.

Fittings & Furnishings - 15% reducing balance basis

Equipment - 15% reducing balance basis

Land is not depreciated

Note 6 Sundry debtors and prepayments

	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
Prepayments	697	1,617
Hall Hire	311	40
	<u>1,008</u>	<u>1,657</u>

Note 7 Sundry creditors and accruals

	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
Bar expenses	678	682
Refuse	-	64
Income received in advance of hall hire	257	-
Accruals	1,178	622
	<u>2,113</u>	<u>1,368</u>

Note 8 Restricted funds movement

Defibrillator reserve		<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
brought forward		975	975
Expenses:	Defibrillator pads	-	96
Funds held in reserve		<u>879</u>	<u>975</u>

Blue Orchid Grant - Covid recovery		<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
Grant received		2,479	-
Expenses:	towards cost of barcode reader	-	170
Transfer:	towards cost of fixed assets (see below)	-	2,309
Funds held in reserve		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

Grant was used to purchase the following fixed assets which are included in note 5.
Once purchased there are no restrictions on the assets.

	<u>Fittings & Furnishings</u>	<u>Equipment</u>	<u>Grant value</u>
Tablet		720	480
Marquee		690	460
Benches	1,601		1,067
Outdoor heaters		454	302
	<u>1,601</u>	<u>1,864</u>	<u>2,309</u>



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Charity Name
APPLETON THORN VILLAGE HALL FUND

On accounts for the year
ended

30TH SEPTEMBER 2021

Charity no
(if any)

507976

Set out on pages

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 30/09/2021.

Responsibilities and
basis of report

As the charity's trustees, 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 which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did 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.

* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed:

Date:

21/02/2022

Name:

SHARRON BOWER

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Section B

Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

Empty box for disclosure details.