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INCE BLUNDELL VILLAGE HALL
TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

Registered Charity Number: 512155

INCE BLUNDELL VILLAGE HALL
ANNUAL REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

Reference and administrative details

Ince Blundell Village Hall, 1 Victoria Road, Ince Blundell, Liverpool, L38 6JE is registered with the Charity Commissioners (No.512155) and is an unincorporated association, constituted by a Deed of Trust, dated 11 November 1988.

The officials who served during the year and were serving on the date of the approval of this report are: -

Chairman	Kevin Sharpe
Vice Chairman	Morley Billington (retired Jun 2021)
Secretary	Kate Williams
Treasurer	Andrea Hartley (to Sept 2022) Mark Morley (from Sept 2022)
Management Committee	Colette Birch, Margaret Jones, Pamela Bond, Gillian Booth (from Sept 2021) Sharon Booth (from Sept 2021), Paul Swash (from Jan 2022)
Trustees	Charles White, Kevin Sharpe, Kate Williams

The Charity's bankers are Barclays Bank, Bootle Merseyside branch, Leicester LE87 2BB and the independent examiners are Smith & Gouling Limited of 2-4 Southport Road, Chorley, Lancs. PR7 1LD.

Structure, governance and management

The Charity is governed by its Trustees, who appoint a Management Committee of Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer and other individuals, subject to approval by the inhabitants of the village, to run the Charity's administrative affairs. The Trustees include a nominated Trustee appointed by the Parish Council for a period of four years and the remaining Trustees are co-opted Trustees appointed for a period of five years by the existing Trustees. All Trustees must be resident within the Parish of Ince Blundell and its immediate vicinity. Trustees are generally recruited by word of mouth but in the past a recruiting drive has also been undertaken by the distribution of a circular to all inhabitants of the village, which emphasised the need for more volunteers to help run the hall. After appointment, new Trustees are provided with copies of the Trust's formal documents and latest financial information, together with pertinent literature from the Charities Commission.

Objectives and activities

The object of the Charity is the provision and maintenance of a village hall for the use of the inhabitants of the parish of Ince Blundell and its immediate vicinity. Its aim is to provide first class hall facilities at an affordable cost to voluntary organisations serving the community. All general administrative work is undertaken by the Management Committee on a voluntary basis, for which they receive payment of out of pocket expenses where relevant. The charity's Trustees confirm that they have complied with their duty to have due regard to the guidance on public benefit published by the Commission in exercising their powers and duties.

A variety of local community groups make use of the Hall's facilities, on a regular basis, such as various church, social and special interest groups, as well as local inhabitants of the Parish for personal celebrations and other activities, including the use of the hall as a Polling Station. A lease was also agreed in 2019 for the use of the Hall on a regular basis by the Sunshine Centre, which is run by an organisation providing home help and companionship.

Financial review

After the improvement in the results over the previous couple of years, the 2021 accounts showed the impact on the income of the Covid 19 pandemic and lockdowns, with a large reduction particularly from renting the Hall where the income fell from over £20,000 in 2020 to about £7,000 in the 2021 accounts. The easing of the restrictions in the 2022 year however has meant a welcome return to higher income with a rise in hire receipts to pre-Covid levels. While some longstanding regular users of the Hall have been lost, it has been possible to attract new users to replace them and the Sunshine Café was running again on a full-time basis from early in the year. It has also been possible to run the bar on occasions during the year, although any fundraising activities have remained on hold in the immediate post-pandemic period.

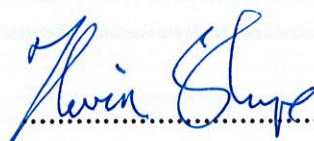
Income was also received from a number of outside sources that helped to fund some larger projects where expenditure was incurred both in the previous year but also in the 2022 accounts. An insurance claim was made to cover the cost of repairs to the Hall floor after damp caused the rupturing of large areas of the wooden planking. The £6,000 funding from Sefton Council over the first half of 2021 helped meet the cost of works on the gents' toilet and the fire doors, which were also partly funded by the further £10,000 Lottery grant. Paving work on the garden and the cost of new roller shutters were also met from this source. Overall, after the large reduction in the Hall's main source of income from hires in the 2021 year meant that the total income for the fell to only £9,012, the income rose again to £44,459 in 2022, though this total did include the grant income and insurance claim used to meet extraordinary expenditure.

After the high level of expenditure in 2021, the total payments actually fell in 2022, as a result of the one-off costs last year, some of which were funded by an earlier year's grant income. The project costs in 2022 were lower but further expenditure is also planned after the year end using the Lottery funding. Despite the greater use in 2022, the Hall's regular expenditure items have not risen as much as expected this year, although inflationary rises especially for heating costs will inevitably impact on expenditure levels going forward. Overall the expenditure fell by about £9,000 to £15,441 and, when coupled with the rise in the income, the final result was a surplus of £29,018 compared to the 2021 deficit of £15,857. Further post year-end transactions also need to be considered, however.

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There remains a continuing need to monitor the position regarding the Hall's finances on an ongoing basis. While the Hall was able to re-open again, the operating restrictions caused by the previous lockdowns has meant that the Hall's resources are still limited and work is needed to generate funds for the future, particularly in the face of known cost increases in regular expenditure items such as utilities. The establishment of a more settled management will help in the generation of income and keep the activities on a more profitable basis. This remains a concern after issues in earlier years, due to the lack of volunteers, meant that additional much-needed funds were not being generated. A greater stability in the management over the next few years should benefit the Hall by improving both its income and reserves.

The lack of funds remains the greatest risk area for the Hall on an ongoing basis, as well as the potential level of renovation costs required. While the Hall continues to remain solvent at present, the Trustees continue to monitor the going concern position and feel that the Hall is able to continue its activities for the time being, helped by the improved, if still low, level of reserves in hand, as activities have started up again this year. For the time being the existing reserves continue to be held in an account that allows for immediate access so that all costs can be met as they fall due. This will be reconsidered in due course if funds increase but for the time being the reserves are earmarked for regular use, especially during the aftermath of the pandemic.

..... Kevin Sharpe, Chairman

For and on behalf of the Board of Trustees on 19.01.23

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT ON THE ACCOUNTS TO THE TRUSTEES OF
INCE BLUNDELL VILLAGE HALL**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Ince Blundell Village Hall for the year ended 31 March 2022, which are set out on the following pages.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act"). The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 (2) of the Act and that an independent examination is needed.

I report in respect of my examination of the Trustees' accounts carried out under s.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 2011 Act.

Independent examiners' statement


My examination was carried out in accordance with the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed the 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 s. 130 of the Act;
- (2) the accounts do not accord with those records; or

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.



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Dated: 23 January 2023

INCE BLUNDELL VILLAGE HALL

**STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES
AS AT 31 MARCH 2022**

	General fund £	Restricted fund £	Total £	2021 £
Monetary assets				
Cash at bank	40,282	-	40,282	11,514
Cash in hand	250	-	250	-
	<u>40,532</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>40,532</u>	<u>11,514</u>
Non-monetary assets				
Permanent endowment				
Land & buildings used by the charity: The Village Hall (freehold title vested in the Official Custodian for Charities)				
Other assets (non-endowed)				
Miscellaneous fixtures, fittings and furniture purchased over many years (value negligible)				
do (defibrillator purchased in 2014 for £1,000)				
do (bar equipment purchased from Village Club in 2015)				
do (bar cooler purchased in 2019 for £636)				
do (laptop and dehumidifier purchased in 2021 for £961)				
Bar and other stocks	450	-	450	490
Grant outstanding	-	-	-	4,202
Owing re payment in error	-	-	-	477
Utilities overpaid	909	-	909	950
Liabilities				
Accountancy	650	-	650	600

The accounts were approved by the Board of Trustees on 19.01.23

Kevin Sharpe : Kevin Sharpe Chairman & Trustee

Charles White : Charles White Trustee

K. Williams : Kate Williams Trustee

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**RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022**

	General fund	Restricted fund	Total	2021
	£	£	£	£
Receipts				
Hire of Hall	23,618	-	23,618	7,009
Bar sales	2,167	-	2,167	-
Car boots income	-	-	-	205
Refund of payment in error	477	-	477	-
Council grant	4,202	-	4,202	1,798
Lottery Grant	9,965	-	9,965	-
Insurance claim	3,980	-	3,980	-
Sale of furniture	50	-	50	-
Total receipts	<u>44,459</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>44,459</u>	<u>9,012</u>
Direct charitable expenditure				
Bar purchases	1,081	-	1,081	-
Fuel oil	1,658	-	1,658	1,450
Water rates	708	-	708	1,525
General rates	186	-	186	-
Electricity	1,500	-	1,500	1,650
Insurance	439	-	439	1,080
Garden maintenance	1,255	-	1,255	675
New equipment	962	-	962	-
General repairs & renewals	6,663	-	6,663	16,310
Cleaning wages & supplies	195	-	195	618
	<u>14,647</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>14,647</u>	<u>23,308</u>
Other expenditure				
Licenses	534	-	534	180
Postage, stationery & sundries	260	-	260	110
Payment in error	-	-	-	477
Website	-	-	-	74
Accountancy	-	-	-	720
	<u>794</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>794</u>	<u>1,561</u>
Total payments	<u>15,441</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>15,441</u>	<u>24,869</u>
Net surplus(deficit) for the year	29,018		29,018	(15,857)
Balances at 31 March 2021	<u>11,514</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>11,514</u>	<u>27,371</u>
Balances at 31 March 2022	<u>40,532</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>40,532</u>	<u>11,514</u>

NB. These accounts have been prepared on the receipts and payments basis and comply with the appropriate legal requirements for this basis to apply.

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