

ROPSLEY HALL
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 25 APRIL 2022

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT: NOVEMBER 2021 - MARCH 2022

I will start this report with my sincere thanks to all of the members of the Management Committee, our employees and volunteers for your continued support for the Hall and assistance and contributions at the meetings.

Since the last AGM in November 2021 we have been able to keep the Hall open for business; fortunately the anticipated problem with the Omicron variant of the coronavirus did not lead to a lockdown or unworkable restrictions.

Hire of the Hall

We have a good range of regular weekly/fortnightly activities: Yoga, Zumba, seated exercise, table tennis, carpet bowls and a Wednesday coffee morning. Touring Arts returned with a varied programme, one aimed at a younger audience being very well received. We also have had bookings for craft sessions, relaxation, WI, Parish Council, private functions and birthday parties. There will be more information from the Booking Secretary.

We undoubtedly have a excellent facility; response from hirers has been very favourable. However the challenge is to increase the number of weekday, daytime hirings, so we can say we are genuinely succeeding in "Bringing Leisure to Life".

Finance

The Treasurer's Report shows our financial position for 2021. 2021 was a "normal" year compared to 2020 which was skewed by the new build project.

Our expenditure exceeded our income for the year; this is not too surprising as we have only had a half a year of operation. However we now have a better understanding of our running costs and believe that the new pricing strategy, based on hourly rates, is fit for purpose.

Our gas usage is of some concern. However we still do not have a true understanding of this as we have been hampered by problems with the underfloor heating system (more details in the **Snagging** section) and having to heat areas of the Hall for periods to test the system. One bright spot is the savings we will be making on what we are paying for our gas; a 30% reduction in the price to be paid in 2022 (compared with 2021) was negotiated with Calor, part of a new 3-year deal.

It goes without saying that we are constantly reviewing our income versus expenditure and when the time is right we will commit to further expenditure on the priorities as agreed by the Committee.

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Snagging

As with any new building, we have had a number of problems with the Hall.

The most significant has been the underfloor heating system. During periods of very cold weather the temperature in some of the rooms became uncontrolled; to keep the main hall in use we had to hire some portable heaters. Visits from Burmor (our builder) and specialist heating engineers identified a number of issues which now appear to have been resolved. However we will not know for sure until next winter; there will be an agreement put in place with Burmor in which they will be responsible for any further work that may be required.

I would particularly like to record my thanks to Paul Mason and Trevor Hammond for their efforts in getting the problems attended to.

Other areas that have been worked on include but are not limited to flooring in the main hall, lobby and community room, a worktop in the kitchen, and cracks in walls and ceilings in most rooms (except main hall). Some minor items still need to be rectified.

Outside

The border directly outside the main entrance to the hall turned from a bare patch of ground to a blaze of colour over the summer of 2021. I look forward to seeing what Karen and helpers have in store for the coming year.

The condition of the playing field continues to improve, aided by grants from the Football Foundation. Special thanks to Ropsley Farms for its continued support with the field and hedge maintenance.

Parking

Car parking space is at a premium. Although we have space for up to 40 vehicles, without ground markings or marshalls to guide drivers into spaces, that capacity is unlikely to be achieved. Therefore there are times when visitors have to park on the roadside outside the Hall. I would like to thank Ropsley Colts for their efforts to protect our neighbours' verges by placing no parking signs on them during match days. I will be attending a Parish Council meeting in May 2022 to discuss councillors' concerns.

Chris Cordon
Chairman

Ropsley Hall

Accounts for the year ending 31 Dec. 2021

1 Receipts & payments General Fund

	£	£
Income Receipts		
Grants	28303	
Donations	6109	
Hall Hiring Income	3595	
Sport Hire	758	
Equipment Sales	679	
Touring Arts & Raffles	1203	
Deposits	245	
		<u>40892</u>
Direct Charitable Expenditure		
Equipment	9310	
Construction	0	
Professional Fees	720	
Fittings & Maintenance	1241	
Electricity	1194	
Heat	1777	
Water Charges	209	
Cleaning	1690	
Insurance & Bus. Rates	1524	
Licences	95	
Deposit Refunds	150	
Ground Maintenance	6114	
Fund Raising	647	
Committee Admin	41	
B.Soc. Res.Download	0	
		<u>24712</u>
Net receipts/payments for the year	16181	
Cash & Bank balances at 1 January 2021	21117	
Cash & Bank balances at 31 December 2021		<u><u>37298</u></u>

2 Statement of assets/liabilities 31 Dec. 2021

	£
Assets	
Cash in hand	689
Barclays (Main)	30764
Barclays (Saver)	2384
Barclays (Lottery)	3461
	<u>37298</u>
Includes:	
Ring fenced funds	
Playground	553
Touring Arts	3120
Reseves	7000
	<u>10673</u>
Liabilities	
Retention (Burmor)	20012
Professional Fees (Focus)	2022
	<u>22034</u>

Non Monetary Assets

Land & buildongs used by the Charity
Furniture and equipment held in the Hall

Other assets - held for functionaluse by the Charity

Furniture and equipment held in the Hall

Examiners Report - Ropsley Village Hall

I report on the accounts of the Charity (No. 521863) for the year ended 31 December 2021, which are set out on the attached pages.

Respective responsibilities of trustee and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts.

The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year (under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility as examiner to:

- Examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- To follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination included 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 I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention: to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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Date: 08/04/2022

Signed:

