## CHALFONT ST GILES MEMORIAL HALL



# TRUSTEES REPORT and

## ACCOUNTS

## for the year ended

## 31<sup>st</sup> December 2019

Charity No. 1163859

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## School Lane, Chalfont St. Giles, Bucks, HP8 4JJ

### Legal and Administrative Information

Chalfont St. Giles Memorial Hall is a foundation charitable incorporated organisation Charity No. 1163859 – Registered on 6 October 2015

#### Trustees -

Mr. A. Hoare Miss K. Martin Mr. I. A. Johnson Mr. A. Penson Mr. R. Glen Mr. K. Huxham Mr. G .Jackson Dr. R. Perkins Ms. C. Santry Mrs. P. Schurer Mr. S. Whitehurst Chairman/Fund Raising Co-ordinator Deputy Chairman Hon. Secretary Hon. Treasurer

(Minutes Secretary)

Booking Secretary Mr.D. Howkins memorialhallbookings@gmail.com

Independent Examiner – Mr. M.J. Bedford Retired Chartered Accountant 10 The Brow Chalfont St Giles HP8 4JD

Bankers – Lloyds Bank plc Barclays Bank plc, NatWest Bank plc, Buckinghamshire Building Society, Chalfont St. Giles,

### **Trustees Report for the year ended 31 December 2019**

#### Introduction

The Trustees present their report and accounts for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2019 together with the report of the Independent Examiner.

The Chalfont St. Giles Memorial Hall was funded by public subscription from 1919 and constructed in 1923 as a memorial to servicemen from the village, who lost their lives in the Great War. The hall was extended in 1999/2000 with the benefit of some restricted fund donations.

This current incorporated charity was formed in 2015. Previously the Hall was run as an unincorporated charity with the same name and with the same objectives.

#### **Objects of the Charity**

The Memorial Hall is operated for "the use of the inhabitants of the Parish of Chalfont St. Giles or within one mile of the Memorial Hall without distinction of political, religious or other opinions, including use for:

- a) Meetings, lectures and classes
- b) Other forms of recreation and leisure time occupation, with the object of improving the conditions of life for the inhabitants."

#### **Organisational Structure**

The activities of the Charity are governed by the Trustees (The Committee) who meet six times during the year. Day to day management is delegated to the officers who report progress to each Trustee meeting. Trustees are elected at the Annual General Meeting (AGM) and include representatives of regular user groups of the Hall and, from time to time, from the Parish Council. Vacancies are filled by co-option during the year. None of the Trustees has any beneficial interest in the charity nor do they receive any remuneration. The trustees are closely involved in the operation and maintenance of the Hall.

The Trustees take into account the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit when carrying out their duties.

#### **Trustee Investment Powers**

The Trustees have powers to invest monies not immediately required in accordance with the Trustee Act 2000. It is not the policy to invest long term. Funds held on deposit are regularly monitored.

#### **Review of Activities**

The Hall is the largest in Chalfont St. Giles and is hired for a variety of activities including drama, public meetings and a range of social and leisure events. The Infant School continues to use the Hall at lunch time and for other school activities. The Hall is used most days of the year.

Receipts from hall hire were flat in 2019, although the actual income from events in the year increased as some £1,580 was paid in January 2020 for December 2019 hirings.

Our regular fundraisers continue to organise events which included the Lottery and Quiz Nights, which provide enjoyment for all those who take part. Another popular event is the Open Gardens Day every two years, which was held very successfully again in 2019. As usual we must thank the fundraising team for their unstinting support.

The overall core running expenditure was much the same as in previous years. However, there has been a saving of  $\pounds$ 3,000 in repairs and maintenance expenditure, some of which is discretionary. Also there was a one-off cost of  $\pounds$ 4,200 in 2018 to upgrade the capacity of the heating system.

Total payments less total receipts for the year were a cash inflow of £9,917. Cash funds at 31 December 2019 were £35,873.

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### Trustees Report for the year ended 31 December 2019 - continued

#### **Reserves Policy**

It is the trustees' policy to try to maintain at least six months running costs in unrestricted cash reserves. The trustees are satisfied that unrestricted reserves at the year-end would cover more than six months running costs. In principle, the reserves policy is also intended to ensure that the charity is able to cope with occasional significant items of expenditure to maintain or upgrade the Hall. The trustees wish to rebuild the unrestricted reserves and create a designated fund towards the cost of exceptional expenditure. The plan is for a further surplus in 2020.

#### **Risk Factors**

The Trustees assess the major risks to which the charity is exposed and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate exposure to them. Insurance covers employers, public and product liability, personal accident and trustees' indemnity as well as buildings and contents.

#### Volunteers and staff

Members of the Committee and the fund raising group assist with various administrative and practical matters during the year. These services are greatly appreciated as is the contribution of other volunteers who provide services to the Hall.

#### Independent Examiner

Mr. M.J. Bedford has indicated that he is willing to continue in office.

#### Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

Charity law requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year. In preparing those financial statements the Trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently.
- state whether the policies adopted are in accordance with the regulations and Charity Commission guidance.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the detection and prevention of fraud or other irregularities.

#### Approval

This report has been approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf.

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A.J.Hoare Chairman

31 March 2020

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## Chalfont St Giles Memorial Hall Independent Examiner's Report on the Accounts

I report to the Trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Chalfont St Giles Memorial Hall (Charity No. 1163859) for the year ended 31 December 2019.

#### **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").

I report in respect of my examination of the Memorial Hall's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 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 giving me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- 1. accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act; or
- 2. the accounts do not accord with the accounting records.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed

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Mr. M.J. Bedford Retired Chartered Accountant 10 The Brow Chalfont St Giles HP8 4JD

10 April 2020

## Receipts and Payments For the year ended 31 December 2019

2018		2019
£		£
	Receipts	
14,586	Hire of Hall	14,488
10,818	School	10,817
2,500	Snooker Club	2,750
5,693	Fund Raising (net)	8,068
1,477	Donations	2,501
82	Interest	100
35,156	Total Receipts	38,724
	Payments	
8,271	Cleaning/Caretaking	8,176
4,940	Gas/Water/Electricity	4,236
2,385	Insurance	2,631
1,470	Gardening	1,770
2,521	Administration/Sundries	2,665
12,329	Repairs/Renewals	9,329
4,200	New Heating System installation	-
36,116	Total Payments	28,807
(960)	Receipts less (payments)	9,917
26,916	Cash Funds on 1 January	25,956
25,956	Cash Funds on 31 December	35,873

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## Statement of Assets and Liabilities at 31 December 2019

2018				2019
£				£
	Cash Funds		ų., e.,	
20,057		<b>Building Society</b>	20,057	
5,899		Banks _	15,816	
25,956			-	35,873
	Unrestricted Funds			
25,956		General Purposes	-	35,873
	Fixed Assets at cost (no	ote 4)		
2,300		Land and buildings		2,300
182,488		Extensions		182,488
184,788			-	184,788
	Restricted Funds			
184,788		Fixed Assets	-	184,788

Restricted funds have been established specifically in connection with the premises or raised for particular purposes (e.g. extensions).

Signed on behalf of the trustees

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Chairman 31 March 2020

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Treasurer

#### Notes to the Accounts for the year ended 31 December 2019

#### 1. Accounting policy

These Accounts have been prepared on the receipts and payments basis in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 and the Charity Commission's guidance for preparing receipts and payments accounts.

#### 2. Fundraising

2018 Net <u>£</u>		Income £	Costs/Prizes £	2019 Net £
- 2,229 3,464	"Open Gardens" day Quiz Nights Lottery	3,414 3,551 4,152	447 1,562 1,040	2,967 1,989 3,112
5,693		11,117	3,049	8,068

#### 3. Expenditure

The largest recurring expense category and one that fluctuates from year to year is repairs / renewals. This can be analysed as follows:

#### Repairs

2018 £		2019 £
4,380	Building repair work	6,680
3,285	Other general maintenance	2,649
3,644	New oven	-
1,020	Special floor sanding	-
12,329		9,329

#### 4. Fixed Assets

Land and Buildings are shown at original cost in 1923 of £2,300 and Extensions at cost in 1999/2000 of £182,488.

The building and land were professionally valued in November 2015 by John Nash and Co. of Amersham at  $\pm 1.98$ m and are insured for  $\pm 2$ m on an index linked basis.

#### 5. Secured debts and guarantees

The charity has no secured debts and has not provided any guarantees.