

**Trustee annual report for the Clacton on Sea Brotherhood Institute**  
**Charity No. 245784 (2021)**

The Brotherhood Hall is run by a board of trustees that meet on a regular basis. Its main aim is to serve the local community and provide a building that all groups can use at a reasonable hire rate. Our trustees are made up of local business owners and volunteers from sporting clubs and other local organisations.

The last year has been an incredibly challenging time due to Covid. Thankfully, we have received regular financial help from the government which has prevented us from struggling to keep going.

Because of this help the trustees decided that we would keep all hirers slots open to them during the lockdowns, without charging them rent. As guidelines allowed, we have had several groups return to the hall, with only one group leaving us. We wrote a comprehensive risk assessment for all hirers and asked for copies of theirs. The Premises has been made 'Covid safe' and all groups were supplied with a sanitizing starter kit before returning.

We have managed to pick up a few new groups since re opening and hope that we can continue to provide a affordable place where local residents can hire out one of our three rooms. Enquiries are starting to come in again now so we hope to get back to a normal state during the next year.

Lastly, we lost our current treasurer during the year as he moved away and contracted Covid. Lucky, he got through this illness. One of our current trustees has agreed to take on the job of treasurer and we have managed to enrol a new local businessman to make up the shortfall.

I have examined the foregoing Accounts with the books, and those vouchers which I asked to see, and I have been provided with all the information and explanations which I have sought. In my opinion these Accounts are properly drawn up to exhibit a true and correct view of the financial position as shown by the books of the Charity.

M.P. Hillier

Hon. Treasurer

*M. P. Hillier*

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*16.12.2020*

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