

PEACE MEMORIAL HALL – HERSTMONCEUX
(RCN305254)
TRUSTEES REPORT
YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

The Trustees present their Annual Report with the Audited Accounts for the year ended 31 December 2021

Background/History

Peace Memorial Hall – Herstmonceux (more commonly known as Herstmonceux Village Hall) operates under a scheme dated 1st October 1948 as varied by a scheme of the Charity Commissioners dated 15th April 1996 and is registered with the Charity Commission under number 305254.

Principal Objects

These remain the same as set out in the Charity Commission records and the Trustees ensure that these objects are adhered to in the running and management of the Hall.

Review 1.1.2021 to 31.12.2021

The Hall is heavily used by Parishioners and residents in the locality of Herstmonceux Parish, the village Pre-school playgroup, Women's Institute, Herstmonceux Amateur Theatrical Society, Under 5's group, meetings of Parish Council, Free Church events, Parish Church events, several dance groups and used for wedding receptions, funeral teas and parties for young children BUT this year it has again been materially affected by the Covid-19 pandemic. The Hall has been affected by limited use rules and regulations imposed by Government. The Hall has been maintained and operated by the Management Committee who have worked to ensure that the Hall remains so far as possible Covid safe. The Hall was grateful to receive Wealden D C and Government Grants totalling £13708.00 which has enabled the Hall to maintain those services that were permitted by regulation in the pandemic. It has also meant that new shutters have been able to be installed in the Main Hall kitchen in order to comply with health and safety rules. The Hall has benefited for part of the year by rent allowances from Herstmonceux Parish Council. The hall has been used by the Pre-School all year and in the latter part of the year became increasingly used by the usual users and children parties for the very young children. It was good to see them able to have parties and to use the hall for these events, Some users have ceased use caused mainly by their inability to attract users due to the pandemic and this has reduced income.

Financial Review

The accounts detail the fact that the Hall hire charge income has increased from £19439.40 to £20936.00, which is a very marginal increase. The expenditure was £26,454.62 but this does include the £5094.00 spent on the new shutters and paid for out of the grants received. Our electricity supplier has ceased trading and we have had to negotiate with a new supplier at over 100% increase in charges. Steps have been taken wherever possible to reduce electricity usage. The Winter period, where heating costs are high and the Hall has to stay open for the Pre-school and other essential services, has not passed. There have been increases in hire charges to cover some of the shortfall.

The Hall bankers are HSBC Bank plc.

Dated and signed:

Ian Michael Alexander Stewart – Trustee and Honorary Treasurer

27 October 2022

Independent Examiner's Report
To the Committee of Herstmonceux Village Hall

This report on the accounts for the year ended 31st December 2021, which are set out on pages 1 to 3, is in respect of an examination carried out in accordance with s.145 of the Charities Act 2011 Act).

Respective responsibilities of the Committee and the examiner:

As members you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts: you consider the audit requirement of the Regulations and section 145 (5)(b) of the Act do not apply. It is my responsibility to issue this report on those accounts in accordance with the terms of Regulations.

Basis of this report:

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145 (5)(b) of the Act. That examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the committee and the comparison of those accounts with those explanations from you as committee members 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 in the accounts.

Independent examiner's statement:

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- (1) Which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements.
A). to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Act and
B). to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the requirements of the Act and the Regulations have not been met, or
- (2) To which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts reached.



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Date: 21/10/2022

Approved and adopted by the Committee on the

27/10/2022

Chairman



Table 1

herstmonceux village hall				
cash balances				
at 31ST DECEMBER	2021			
		2020		2021
hsbc bank plc hailsham		£27069.29		36,530.71
add credit not on statement				
less uncleared effects				1,272.04
balances		£27069.29		35,258.67
RECONCILIATION		START OF	2021	£ 27,069.29
		END OF	2021	£ 35,258.67
		SURPLUS		£ 8,189.38
	INCOME-hire fees	2021		£ 20,936.00
	GVMT and WDC GRANT	2021		£ 13,708.00
		2021 Total		£ 34,644.00
	EXPENDITURE	2021		£ 26,454.62
		SURPLUS		£ 8,189.38

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	herstmonceaux village hall					
	income	2020	2020	2021	Grants included in the income	
	January	2706.00	2706.00	30.00		
	February	4602.00	4602.00	1259.00		
	March	2483.16	2483.16	110.00		
	April	1883.00	1883.00	14524.00	13708.00	
	May	249.00	249.00	660.00		
	June	576.00	576.00	1692.00		
	July	604.00	604.00	2111.00		
	August	824.00	824.00	2102.00		
	September	508.95	508.95	1730.00		
	October	1317.00	1317.00	2764.00		
	November	1460.29	1460.29	4626.00		
	December	2226.00	2226.00	3036.00		
		19439.40	19439.40	34644.00		

