

CHAIR REPORT 2017/8

During the year as part of our ongoing refurbishment programme the Ladies toilets had all the furniture replaced and the walls redecorated. This received several complimentary remarks. It was therefore particularly disappointing that it was vandalised within a matter of a few weeks.

We had hoped to have the Green Room at the side of the stage, redecorated. Unfortunately, on clearing away various items of detritus it became apparent that there were a few cracks running the whole thickness of the walls. It was uncertain whether these had been caused by settlement or subsidence. After some false starts steps were put in train to measure the width of the gaps over several months to determine whether they are getting wider. When the results of these steps are known we will be able to determine our next actions.

Concurrent with the redecoration of the Green Room, the adjacent outside walls will be redecorated, and the Fire Escape doors replaced. In that area we also need to replace the hand rails on the steps. As part of the preparation for this work, all the ivy was stripped from the West Wall and undergrowth cleared from the surrounding ground.

Damage to the brickwork on the north wall due to rubbish and moss being allowed to accumulate on the adjacent car park which in turn prevented rainwater draining away, has now been rectified.

The fence between the car park and the Red Lion has fallen further into disrepair. As the Red Lion is currently vacant and the Parish Council have not accepted responsibility, the matter is still in abeyance. A recent Risk Assessment identified the car park surface to also be an issue and this will be pursued with the Parish Council when they have completed their assessment of their responsibilities in this regard. Our dispute with the Performing Rights Society have now been resolved to our satisfaction and the Treasurer's efforts in this regard were truly outstanding.

The U3A again requested that we provide a drop-down screen for their use. As part of the consideration as to the viability of this request it was thought we should organise a film show which has proved popular in other local Village Halls. This was held earlier in the year and although the thirty people who attended enjoyed the performance, this was not enough to cover our costs. Various theories were subsequently aired as to why it had not been a greater success.

All the internal fluorescent tubes in the two main halls were replaced by modern dimmable LED lighting. This gives users greater flexibility in the amount of light they can use.

Finally, I would like to thank all the committee for their help during the year and especially Hayley and Tony our Administrator and Treasurer respectively who have now been carrying out these vital roles for 10 years. 10 years ago, our finances were in a perilous condition and the hall needed extensive refurbishment. Their contribution during the years has helped us move to a much better position today where we are having to turn away bookings from time to time and gradually catch up on the back log of maintenance.

Brixworth Village Hall Management Committee

Accounts for Year Ending 31st December 2018

	2018	2017		2018	2017
Balance as at 1st January					
Current Account and Cash	£24828.29	£26312.33	Payments	2018	2017
	£0.12	£0.12			
	£24828.41	£26312.45			
Receipts	2018	2017			
Net Interest	£0.00	£0.00	Salaries & Administration	£8000.00	£7200.00
Regular Hire	£31491.20	£29903.00	Gas/Electricity	£6229.90	£5243.06
Sundry Hire	£2081.50	£2736.17	Water	£807.50	£612.00
Deposits	£1300.00	£1610.00	Insurance	£1276.90	£1294.64
Grants: DDC & NCC, etc	£0.00	£1870.30	Property Maintenance	£4392.41	£13918.03
Donations & Fund Raising	£210.00	£360.00	Advertising	£0.00	£0.00
Film Nights ¹	£481.00	£0.00	Health and Safety	£1456.34	£806.35
Transfer from Savings	£0.00	£0.00	Telephone	£225.00	£225.00
Miscellaneous	£0.00	£0.00	Deposit Refunded	£1092.50	£1015.00
Unpaid Cheques, Creditors	£880.00	£3013.5	Miscellaneous Expenses	£825.19	£1243.23
			Cinema Costs ²	£461.00	£0.00
			Cleaning and Refuse Collection	£6794.80	£5482.20
			Licenses for Premises ³	£0.00	£180.00
			Capital Costs: Chairs & Stands	£0.00	£744.00
			Total Payments	£31,561.5	£37,963.51
Total Receipts	£36,953.70	£39,492.97	Balance as at 31st December 2018		
<i>Income less Grants,</i>	<i>£36,743.70</i>	<i>£37,262.67</i>	Current Account	£29,340.45	£24,828.29
			Unpaid cheques as at 31/12/18	£880.00	£3013.50
Total Funds available 2018	£61,782.11	£65,805.42	Cash on Hand 31/12/18	£0.00	£0.00
			Refurbishment Account	£0.12	£0.12
				£61,782.11	£65,805.42

Notes

- The Accounts have been prepared on the receipts and payments basis, in accordance with previous policy.

¹ The costs and income arise from a new initiative to provide a benefit to local residents, in the form of an occasional cinema performance. The first performances (2) have been barely profitable but it is expected that as the facility is developed, that profits will also increase.

² These are the costs of providing, from an external resource, the film and projection equipment (2 performances to date). The net profit so far in £20.00.

³ The License for BVH remains at £180.00 pa and has been paid. The funds have been drawn from the January 2019 accounts and are shown in the list of creditors.

Account Audit

I confirm that the Accounts have been properly drawn up in accordance with the historic accounting practice and are in accordance with the records produced by the Treasurer.

Signed by Colin Sanderson

Signed: C. I. Sanderson Date: 28 March 2019