

# **Carshalton Old Rectory Association**

## **Trustees' Report for 2018-9**

Registration number 1165834.

### **Objectives and Activities**

The objects of CORA are:

1. To preserve the Old Rectory, a Grade II\* listed historic building in the Carshalton Conservation area.
2. To open the building to the public and to promote the arts, heritage and conservation of the area for education and public enjoyment.

The Council is still planning to transfer the Old Rectory to a company called Sutton Living which is wholly owned by them. The building was to be converted into flats with 'commercial space' on the ground floor. The commercial space has been dropped as increasing cost estimates have made the conversion of doubtful financial viability. The Council has not yet transferred the Old Rectory to Sutton Living and no planning application has been filed.

In August 2017 CORA asked Historic England to review the listing of the building. This application was successful and the Old Rectory was upgraded to grade II\* in September 2018. This puts it in the top 10% of listed buildings which in theory increases the protection.

Sue Horne has carried out a great deal of research into the history of the Old Rectory and its occupants and she has written a book – *A Respectable Parsonage House* – which CORA has published. We have so far sold 46 copies. We have kept the price as low as possible to try to maximise sales and increase awareness of the Old Rectory's history and importance.

CORA does not have any paid staff and is wholly reliant on the work of volunteers.

### **Achievements and Performance**

Our main achievements in the last year have been success with our application to upgrade the listing of the Old Rectory and the publication of the history of the house.

### **Financial Review**

The charity's income is derived from membership fees, gift aid, small donations and the sale of the history of the Old Rectory. Total income for the period was £621.48 and expenditure £819.21. At the year-end we had book stock valued at £325 and £549.39 cash in hand. The cash provides a reserve to cover contingencies which are likely to arise when the Council's development plans are finalised.

### **Structure, Governance and Management**

CORA is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation governed by a constitution following the Association Model.

The initial trustees were drawn from other organisations which were active in the local area but they acted on a personal basis and not as representatives of those groups.

## Plans for the future

We continue to engage with London Borough of Sutton, seeking to persuade them to recognise the importance of the Old Rectory, the negatives associated with their current proposals and the merits of other options. These are that the Council should retain ownership of the Old Rectory, acknowledge the Grade II\* house as an asset and re-open the house as community space to help preserve this important building.

When the Council submit detailed proposals for the building in the form of a planning application, CORA will be ready to examine them in detail, consider their impact on the historic fabric and decide on the appropriate course of action.

## Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Carshalton Old Rectory Association
Other name the charity uses	CORA
Registered charity number	1165834
Charity's principal address	Flat 5 31 Camden Road Sutton SM1 2SH

## Names of the charity trustees who managed the charity in 2017-8

John Richard Phillips (Chairman)  
Susan Margaret Kelsall (Treasurer)  
Laurence Elliott  
Julia Heather Gertz  
Susan Keyte  
Jean Carole Knight  
John Shepley Thornton  
Derek Channon Yeo

All the trustees acted for the whole period.

There are no corporate trustees and there are no trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity.

## Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

CORA does not hold any funds on behalf of other people or organisations.

John Phillips on behalf of the Trustees  
14 May 2019

## Carshalton Old Rectory Association

Income and Expenditure account: 6 April 2018 – 5 April 2019

### **Income**

Subscriptions and Donations	£166.95
Gift Aid	£144.18
Book Sales	£310.35
<b>Total</b>	<b>£621.48</b>

### **Expenditure**

Website	£78.55
Social Functions	£7.58
Postage for books	£16.40
Cost of books sold and write offs	£716.68
<b>Total</b>	<b>£819.21</b>

**Deficit for the year** **-£197.73**

Funds: At 5 April 2019

Cash in bank	£549.39
Stock of books	£325.00
<b>Net assets</b>	<b>£874.39</b>

### **Funds**

Opening funds	£1,072.12
Deficit for the year	-£197.73
<b>Closing funds</b>	<b>£874.39</b>