

GREAT HINTON MEMORIAL HALL TRUST
Registered charity no. 1069606

Annual Report for the year ended 31 March 2022

By law every registered charity must produce an annual report to include specific information. In compliance with this requirement, this report is presented to the Annual General Meeting of the Trust on 25 April 2022 and deals with the year ended 31 March 2022.

The charity's registered name and number are as stated in the heading. The postal address for correspondence is that of the Chairman, c/o 22B Great Hinton BA14 6BX.

The following have served as trustees throughout the year:

Andy Saunders (Chairman)

Charles Minty

Sue Andrew – appointed by Great Hinton Parish Council

Sandra Crumpler – appointed by the Ladies' Club

Graham Holmes – appointed by the Community Committee

At the 2021 AGM of the Trust Richard Clarke stood down as a trustee. Dianne Kwasnicki was appointed to the vacant place and subsequently to the position of Treasurer.

The term of office of Charles Minty expires at this AGM. He is eligible to be re-appointed for a further term of three years.

The purpose of the charity is contained in its governing document (i.e. the Schedule to the Trust Deed dated 31 December 1997 as subsequently amended): To manage and administer "a village hall for the use of the inhabitants of the Parish of Great Hinton without distinction of political, religious or other opinions, including use for meetings, lectures and classes, and other forms of recreation and leisure-time occupation, with the object of improving the conditions of life for the said inhabitants".

In exercising their responsibilities, the trustees have complied with the duty to have regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and are of the opinion that the charity's purpose is beneficial to the public.

During the year to which this report relates, the trustees have held three meetings. Because of the pandemic and in line with Government restrictions, the Hall has not been used for much of the year. Consequently, much of the trustees' discussion has focused on the impact on the Trust's finances and the measures needed to encourage use of the Hall. It is pleasing that some regular users have begun to resume activities in the Hall. Nevertheless, it is not expected that pre-pandemic levels of use will return before the latter part of 2022.

The trustees continue to ensure regular assessment of risks. Throughout the year they have been assiduous in complying with Government legislation and guidance regarding

COVID, in following the helpful advice from Community First and ACRE (Action for Communities in Rural England), and in meeting the requirements of the insurers.

The financial affairs of the Trust are dealt with in detail in a separate report by the Treasurer together with the accounts for the year ended 31 March 2022.

This year, as expected has been a difficult one right across the country. Our hall as forecast was not able to be used to its normal capacity, however the community cohesiveness that have been formed over the years have helped in a small way to keep spirits and connections high.

I would like to personally thank all the trustees for their time and work during the last year. Without them this Trust is not able to meet its undertakings and the hall could not function and be the centre for so many activities.

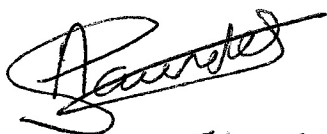
At the end of March 2022, we had to say thank you and goodbye to Keith Strickland our Honorary Secretary for the last six year. Keith has been invaluable to the smooth administrative & legislative running of the Trust. We thank him very much for his service and commitment to the trust and wish him all the best.

We also said goodbye and thank you to Graham Holmes who stood down from the role of Trustee representing the Community Committee. Graham has been a very active during his tenure both in this role as Trustee and on the many manual maintenance jobs needed across the year. As with Keith we thank Graham for his support and wish him all the very best.

This does mean we have a two vacant Trustee Roles and a Secretary role vacant. Anyone who could offer their time please reach out to us.

2022 / 23 promises a cautious return to a new post Covid time. The hall is ready to welcome the whole village, our near neighbours, and all our new residents and their families to once again fill this building with life, fun and laughter. We look forward to the hall springing back into life and fulfilling its purpose.

Andy Saunders
Chairman
Great Hinton Memorial Hall Trust
April 2022



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