

EAST KESWICK VILLAGE HALL : registered charity number 523590

TRUSTEES REPORT for the Period Ended 2nd October 2019

Address: East Keswick Village Hall
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Trustees

P Guildford – Chairman
P J Anning – Secretary
D C Wort– Treasurer
J M Brook
B Dower
J Dediccoat
K Kerr
J Roberts
E J Tinsley

Structure and governance

The Charity is constituted as a trust. Its governing documents are a conveyance dated 30 July 1948 and a constitution (last amended May 2006).

The appointment of new trustees is by nomination to and approval of the Village Hall Trustees.

Objectives and activities

The Charity's objectives are the provision of sociable and charitable facilities for the residents of East Keswick, without distinction of sex, colour or religious beliefs. This is achieved through the provision of the facilities of East Keswick Village Hall for the benefit of the Village's residents.

Achievements and performance

The Hall continues to be a key amenity for East Keswick, used by many residents and others from outside the Village. It plays an important role in being one of the few places in the Village where people of all ages can meet, enjoy themselves and indulge their interests and pastimes.

It is pleasing to report that use of the Hall and the associated letting income has held up well, despite the difficult economic circumstances.

The Trustees are intent on ensuring that the Hall's facilities are well maintained and, wherever possible, improved, subject always to the financial constraints within which they have to operate.

A number of successful fund raising events were held during the period,. This has been important when repairs and refurbishments cost £16,904 this year. The Trustees would like to thank the many people in the Village who organized and supported these events.

East Keswick has a village hall amongst the best in Yorkshire. Our challenge is to encourage residents of all ages and village groups to continue to use it as much as possible, and to ensure the Charity is based upon a sound financial platform through which the Hall can be well maintained and improved over time.

As always, the smooth running of the Hall depends on the efforts of a small number of people who have given their time very generously, and to whom the Trustees offer their thanks.

Finance and reserves

This period of 8 months, rather than the usual 12 months period has occurred due to our adopting a new constitution (in line with Government recommendations, to protect trustees).

The Charity's accounts for the period ended 2nd October 2019 are attached. They show a surplus for the period of £15780. This was a summer period where our wedding income was very strong, and refurbishment expenditure modest, following the major investment last year.

Accumulated surplus funds available at the period end stands at £42,818

Reserves:

The Trustees' objective is to ensure that adequate reserves, in the form of cash and bank deposits, are set aside. An amount equivalent to around 6 months' recurring expenditure is considered an appropriate benchmark. At 2nd October 2019, the reserves were sufficient to satisfy this objective.

The future

The operating position of the Charity is such that normal recurring expenditure is now covered by income from hiring out the Hall and the proceeds of the Draw. However, any necessary substantial capital costs such as new equipment may still have to be funded through specific fund raising activities.

The Trustees would like to thank sincerely those whose hard work has enabled successful fund raising events to be run, and would urge other residents to step forward and help the Hall in this important way.

The current Trustees are actively seeking new, younger Trustees to pass on their experience and knowledge to ensure the successful continuation of the Hall's activities and prosperity.

Declaration

The Trustees declare that they have approved this report.

Signed on 22nd April 2020

P Guildford
Chairman

D C Wort
Treasurer