

GREAT HINTON MEMORIAL HALL TRUST
Registered charity no. 1069606

Annual Report for the year ended 31 March 2023

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 13 June 2023 and deals with the year ended 31 March 2023.

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:

Andrew Saunders (Chairman) (Hon Secretary)

Dianne Kwasnicki (Treasurer)

Charles Minty

Sue Andrew – appointed by Great Hinton Parish Council

Sandra Crumpler – appointed by the Ladies' Club

Carol Clarke – appointed by the Community Committee

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.

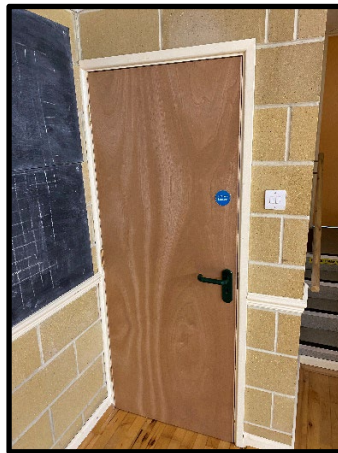
During the year to which this report relates, the trustees have held four meetings. It is pleasing that regular users have resumed activities in the Hall, along with new activities for the village including Pilates.

The trustees continue to ensure regular assessment of risks. Throughout the year they have been assiduous in complying with Government legislation along with 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 2023. But to note we are on a firm financial footing, and continue to be grateful for the ongoing support of the village 100 club and fund raising through the many events in the year. These are vital to the survival of the hall, and I take this opportunity to say thank you to all the organisers and villagers who support each event. We have had to make the difficult decision to increase the cost of hiring the hall by £1 per hour from July 2023.

We have conducted two projects this year with the installation of a new 30 minute rated fire door to the electric board cupboard, and the installation of a new hearing loop. The

later was 50% funded through a grant from the Melksham Area Board. The new Loop will enable a much better user experience to any hall users with hearing aids.



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 and interactions. We receive support from a number of volunteers for which we are very grateful. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Jackie & Barry Crease for their continued support cleaning the hall, Paul Winterburn for the independent examination of our annual accounts, and Graham Holmes for his support in our annual risk assessment and jobs around the hall.

We continue to carry vacant roles- 1 x Trustee Role and the role of Honorary Secretary. Anyone who could offer their time please reach out to us. The hall would benefit from a volunteer to tidy / clean the vegetation around it.

Finally on behalf of the trustees we look forward to continuing to provide a safe and welcoming hall for all users in the coming year.

Andrew Saunders
Chairman
Great Hinton Memorial Hall Trust
April 2023