

**WHIMPLE VICTORY HALL,
Whimple,
EX5 2TS**

Charity number 291496

TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT 2016 - 2017 FINANCIAL YEAR

TRUSTEES

Whimple Parish Council is the Custodian Trustee of the Charity.

The Committee of Trustees for the 2016 - 2017 financial year is:-

Officers and elected members:-

Maria Wallis (Chair)
Margaret Bucknell (Vice Chair)
Dennis Calver (Secretary)
David Myers (Treasurer)
Ali Tierney (Booking Secretary)
Bob Scanlan
Tamara Snell

User Representatives:-

Jo Sibley (Pre-school)
Dennis Calver (History Society)
John Griffiths (Parish Council)
Arthur Iball (over 60's)
Rachel Owen (Carpet Bowls)
Lis Roberts (W.I.)
Pete Sibley (Whimbletons)
Rosemary Davies (Parish Church Council)
Maria Wallis (Whimple School)
Paul Wilson (Village Produce Association)
Lucy Berisford (Young Farmers Club)
Robert Davis (Front Row Club)
Georgina Bailey (Breakfast Club)

MANAGEMENT STRUCTURE

Whimple Victory Hall is managed in accordance with the constitution.

Trustees are confirmed at the Annual General Meeting (AGM) and Officers and Sub Committee members elected at a meeting immediately after the AGM.

Regular users of the Hall are invited to nominate a trustee to serve on the committee.

Other trustees are recruited from the community, often to serve utilising their specialist skills.

All Trustees undertake the four training modules provided by the NCVO.

Nine full committee meetings were held in this report period, including the AGM.

Three sub committees, (Management , Finance and Buildings & Maintenance), met as required during the year and reported to the full committee of Trustees. The sub committees are empowered to make everyday decisions quickly and efficiently to ensure the smooth running of the Hall.

Complex proposals are prepared and presented to full committee meetings for debate.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

The land and buildings of the Victory Hall are held in trust "for the purposes of a village hall for the use of the inhabitants of Whimble and the neighbourhood thereof without distinction of sex, political, religious or other opinions".

To that end, the trustees work to ensure that the Hall is well maintained and available at all reasonable times, for any person or organisation, to hire for events and functions, whether held just once or on a regular basis.

The trustees raise funds to achieve their objectives by hiring Hall facilities to the public and organisations and through fund raising events, such as the monthly 'Soup 'n Sarnie' lunches that are open to all to attend.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

The Trustees believe that the Hall is seen as a significant asset to the village and wider community and this is demonstrated by the growing number of regular user groups and bookings for 'one off' events such as parties and musical entertainments.

Every section of the community can be regularly seen at the Hall, from the very young (Pre school and primary school) to the over 60's, and the range of organised activities (pantomime, film club, history society talks, dance/fitness classes, table tennis, and snooker, to name but a few) offer something for everyone.

Our own 'Soup 'n Sarnie' lunches continue to be very popular with all age groups and, together with table top sales and raffles, support funding for the Hall whilst giving benefit to the community. The Trustees recognise, and are extremely grateful for, the significant contribution of many volunteers who support the Hall throughout the year.

This year has witnessed a total review of governance, policies and procedures, together with a re-structured Sub Committee system, to enhance the management of the Hall.

A 'Hallmark' inspection and assessment took place on 23rd August. The assessors complemented the Trustees on the condition of the building, the way it is managed and the way it supports the community. We are very pleased to have been awarded Hallmark levels one and two.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

In accordance with a decision made at the AGM in 2016, the Financial Year ended on 31st May and will continue to be so in future years. This allows accounts to be submitted for audit and then presented at the AGM in September.

A copy of the accounts will be provided to the Charity Commission, together with this report. The Hall has no debts.

Trustees continue to monitor regularly our pricing policy, in order that we balance present and future financial needs with the economic realities of our community.

It remains the principal strategy of the Trustees to preserve surplus funds for major renovations, or a full re-build, in future years.

Signed with the approval of the Trustees.

M. Wallis
Chair

