

**SWANLAND VILLAGE HALL  
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING  
Thursday 20 OCTOBER 2016**

**CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

I have pleasure in presenting my report for the year ended 31 December 2015.

**The past year**

I am pleased to be able to report once again that the hall had a successful year. Bookings of the hall have continued at a high level, from both residents of Swanland, and from elsewhere. The facilities of the hall are of a very high quality and continue to attract hirers to use what is probably the best public hall in the area.

During the past year we have seen another increase in the number of wedding receptions being held in the hall. Our excellent rooms and facilities provide an attractive and very reasonably priced venue for such events. Forward bookings for weddings are very encouraging.

The finances of the hall continue to be satisfactory. There was a net inflow of funds on unrestricted funds of £1,458 for the year. On restricted funds there was a net outflow of funds of £2,805. This net outflow was due depreciation for the year on assets purchased in the past exceeding the net income for the year from the 100 Club which is the main source of restricted income. Expenditure on repairs and maintenance amounted to £5,384 which is significantly less than the £11,953 expended in the previous year.

Our reserves continue to be maintained at a satisfactory level and at 31 December 2015 these amounted to £71,674. Cash balances at 31 December 2016 amounted to a very satisfactory £49,917.

I am sure that you will all agree that the hall is in an excellent state both physically and financially.

**Board of trustees**

During the year there were a number of changes to the board of trustees.

Razia Wilson and Priya Manoharan resigned on 15 October 2015.

Since 31 December 2016 Lee Sanderson, nominated by Swanland Parish Council, was appointed on 21 January 2016. Sheila Ireland was also appointed on 21 January 2016 and Daniel Betts was appointed on 5 February 2016.

I thank Razia and Priya for their contribution to the work of the board of trustees and welcome Lee, Sheila and Daniel to the board.

**PV Panels**

The pv panels on the roof of the hall, which were installed during 2011, continue to generate sufficient electricity to significantly reduce the cost of our electricity consumption. The sum of £1,374 was received in Feed in Tariff during the year.

### **Working parties**

During the year we have continued to hold regular working parties at which trustees and other volunteers carry out care and maintenance jobs on the hall. Volunteers are always welcome on these occasions.

### **The future**

We are fortunate in having an enthusiastic and dedicated team of trustees who work tirelessly for the good of the village hall and thus serve the residents of the village.

The trustees will continue to manage the village hall for the benefit of all inhabitants of Swanland. We are always on the lookout for new trustees and would be very pleased to hear from anyone who feels that they would like to be considered for appointment as a trustee.

Godfrey Burley  
Chairman  
20 October 2016