

Shipbourne Village Hall

Annual Report for the year ended 31 March 2009

Purpose

The Hall is available for hire primarily by Shipbourne residents and organisations. Beyond this local priority need, the Hall can be hired by any others without distinction. The Hall is limited to events that recognise its particular location in a quiet residential area. The Hall meets the Public Benefit test for the Charity Commission under the heading of advancing Community Development. The Hall should aim to earn sufficient income to cover all its operating costs.

Activities during Year

During the year, after recognising grants received for renovation work, the Hall achieved a net Surplus of £35. Following the treatment against damp in some of the walls last year, the external painting was completed during July while in March 2009 double glazing and blinds were installed in the Hall and in April 2009 the meeting room was renovated.

The biggest hirer of the Hall is Pipkins Nursery School that takes five mornings and two half afternoons each week. Other users include the Parish Council, WI, PCC, a monthly whist afternoon plus over twenty others.

Trustees

Alan Bristow, Chairman	Lynette Sargent, Parish Council
Frank Chapman, Tennis Club	Magdalena Macleod, Pipkins Nursery School,
Susan Bowles	John Boyd, PCC
Tony Coombes	Margaret Thompson, WI
Colleen Coombes	Joan Chapman, WI
Curtis Galbraith, Secretary	Elizabeth Cohen, Parish Council

Trustee Selection Methods

Trustees are elected or, where indicated in the list of trustees, appointed by one of the organisations which make regular use of the Hall, at the Annual General Meeting. Additional trustees can be co-opted by the existing Committee of Trustees.

Policy on Reserves

The Trust aims to maintain reserves in its General Fund of not less than four months expenditure to enable the Hall to continue operating if there should be a sharp fall in income while appropriate arrangements are made. The Designated Funds are maintained for specific purposes, as described in the notes to the Accounts.

The Charity

Shipbourne Village Hall is a charitable trust, governed by the terms of a Lease and Trust Deed, dated 19 December 1998. The Trust is the tenant of the Village Hall (the Hall) and the surrounding land, situated on the Green at Shipbourne in Kent, under a 199 year lease at a peppercorn rent.

Trustee

Secretary

A.L.Bristow

C.G.Galbraith

1 June 2009

**Shipbourne Village Hall,
The Green, Shipbourne, Kent. TN11 9PL**

Registered Charity Number: 1074519