

LITTLE EASTON MEMORIAL HALL

ANNUAL REPORT FOR FINANCIAL YEAR ENDING 31ST OCTOBER 2023

We have had a good level of interest this year from individual hirers with over 25 bookings. We also had a new regular booking from a Yoga class.

There was unexpected expenditure on the store room roof which was leaking and had to be completely removed and replaced. We also had to have a section of the sewer pipework to the septic tank replaced as it had collapsed and was blocking up.

The letting income over the year was £10,050, which is an excellent result, showing a £2,200 increase over last year. The Countess of Warwick Show took place again this year and we participated with a tombola stall which made £890 profit. We also made a profit of £241 on a raffle at the Coronation celebrations. The cost of running the hall was £12,633 compared with £4,779 in 2022 mainly due to the store room roof repair and the drain replacement. This year we have also been impacted by massive increases in gas and electricity prices as we had to renew our contracts. Electricity has risen by 50% and the price of gas has doubled. Thankfully, we have a large bank balance.

The main improvement carried out this year has been the installation of a new door to the toilets. This is needed as we are planning to install mechanical hand dryers which would be noisy. Next year we plan to redecorate the hall interior and we intend to fill in some potholes in Manor Road as we have received complaints from hirers. We are concerned that the state of Manor Road could cause the loss of some of our long-term hirers. This, however, will not be a permanent solution and we may need to repeat it regularly.

The overall result for the year shows a deficit of £4,936 on a gross income of £11,451 due to the unforeseen repairs. The operating balance for the year shows a deficit of £2,312. Our bank balance now stands at £30,727.

Day-to-day management of the hall continues to be in the hands of the management trustees, elected at the Annual General Meeting. For the year under review, this was held on 14th February 2023, when the following were elected:

Chairman:	Jeanette Green
Secretary:	Sue Bright
Bookings Officer:	Jeanette Green
Treasurer:	Adrian Hoodless
Committee:	Ruth Blackwell, Suzanne Fox, Jessica Rush, Vera Greenaway, Maria Pallett, Stuart Gilbert, Sarah Sidgwick and Katy Rodwell.

Parish Council representative trustees: Sarah Sidgwick and Katy Rodwell who both stepped down when they left the Parish Council. They have not been replaced.

Art Group representative trustee: Vera Greenaway.

No representative trustee was nominated by the Little Easton Bowls Club.

Under the current licensing arrangements, the hall is licensed to serve alcohol on any day of the week from noon till 11.30 pm. The committee is very grateful to Ian Sussams of The Stag for being the Designated Premises Supervisor under the terms of the licence.

On behalf of the Trustees
Jenny Green – Chairman
13th February 2024