

# **The Village Hall in Maplebeck**

Charity No. 502304

Main Street, Maplebeck, Newark, Nottinghamshire, NG22 0BS

## **ANNUAL REPORT 2016**

### **Objectives:**

The charity was formed in 1972 with the aims of providing "A Village Hall for use of the inhabitants of beneficial area without distinction of political, religious or other opinions, including use for meetings, lectures and classes and for other forms of recreation and leisure-time occupation, with the object of improving the conditions of life for said inhabitants". The beneficial area was recorded as Maplebeck and neighbourhood, defined as the civil parishes of Maplebeck, Kersall and Winkburn. These are small villages in rural Nottinghamshire.

Our main modern day aim is to provide a welcoming and sustainable public space and a range of activities and services that attracts the broadest possible participation from local residents and acts as a catalyst for increased inclusion and community cohesion.

During 2016 the name of the charity and hall was officially changed from The Turton Memorial Hall to The Village Hall in Maplebeck.

### **Management and Trustees**

A hall Management Committee, which retires each year, is elected annually at the Parish meeting and these volunteers, with several others, organise all the local secular events. These include a wide range of activities and events, which attract villagers and people from outside the immediate community. The events are mostly at a minimum self-financing, which for many years has resulted in a small overall annual surplus. The volunteers are also responsible for all the cleaning and maintenance of the building, garden and surrounding area.

The members of the Management Committee were Derek Sayer, Chair; Bob Gardner, Treasurer; Jenny Bladon, Secretary; Julie Grundy, Jane Kinnear (resigned 9<sup>th</sup> March), Brendan Carson, Sue Carson (resigned 5<sup>th</sup> October); Amy Thompson (resigned 9<sup>th</sup> March); Des Cashell (elected 9<sup>th</sup> March; Andy Colclough (co-opted 4<sup>th</sup> May).

The members of the Management Committee are the Charity Trustees.

## **New Village Hall**

2016 represents the first full year of occupation since the new hall was formally opened in September 2015.

The new sustainable building has exceeded the expectations of all users. As planned, the use of quality materials and the key features of high levels of insulation, passive ventilation, LED lighting, on site electrical generation using a photo-voltaic array and a biomass heating system are ensuring that the running and maintenance costs are low and affordable.

## **Activities**

A broader than ever range of activities has been held throughout the year. These have included music, quizzes, talks, films, wine tasting, BBQ's, village and private parties, plays, a race night, and children's shows, films, dances and parties. Regular wellbeing classes, such as Yoga and Pilates, and a variety of meetings also take place in the hall.

The hall was used on 156 occasions, with 1987 user visits, which exceeded the target of 1500. Despite specific initiatives, attendance from Winkburn has been disappointing. A third of attendees have been attracted from outside the three villages. There has been a wide age distribution of users, with the exception of 13-24 year olds.

The annual Village Garden Fete in June was another success and again raised a substantial income, which as usual was shared equally with the village Church PCC.

## **Financial Review**

The building project was completed in 2015 with no outstanding loans.

A reasonable surplus was generated from the activities, having accounted for all the running costs. Cash flow has been managed satisfactorily throughout the year. The annual accounts have been independently reviewed.

The Charity is operated entirely by volunteers and there are no employees. The annual fixed costs are minimal at around £900 (rent, insurance and licences). In these circumstances the Management Committee has decided that maintaining a minimum reserve of £500 would be prudent.



Signed

D V Sayer

2 February 2017

Chair, Management Committee