

TURTON MEMORIAL HALL

Charity No. 502304

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

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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.

Management and Trustees

A hall Management Committee, which retires each year, is elected annually at the Parish meeting and these ten volunteers, with several others, organise all the local secular events. These include film shows, theatre, music and dance evenings, talks and quiz nights, village, street and private parties and an annual garden fete. All the events are at a minimum self-financing, which for many years has resulted in a small overall annual surplus.

The members of the Management Committee were Derek Sayer, Chair; Bob Gardner, Treasurer; Allen Bladon, Vice- Chair (resigned 2nd December 2015); Jenny Bladon, Secretary; Julie Grundy, Jane Kinnear, Brendan Carson, Sue Carson and Amy Thompson.

The members of the Management Committee are the Trustees.

New Village Hall

A two-year construction project, to replace the 100+ year old village hall, which was well beyond its economic life, was successfully completed in May 2015, as expected in the 2014 Annual Report.

It was formally opened in September 2015 by the local residents, when in excess of 100 attended

The new sustainable building has exceeded the expectations of the community and is now being well used. 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 ensure that the running and maintenance costs will be low for the foreseeable future.

Fund raising continued throughout 2015 to ensure that the building could be fully fitted out and equipped so that it can be used to the full by all the community.

Activities

The usual wide variety of events had to be curtailed during 2013 and 2014 due to the hall re-construction project. These were restarted and expanded from May 2015. To the end of December 2015 the new Hall had be used 87 times and the user visits, at 1340, were already approaching the first full 12 month's target (1500).

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

Financial transactions have been focused on the new hall building project. Cash flow has been managed satisfactorily throughout the year. The transparent audited approval process has been continued for all expenditure and payment. The building project has been completed with no outstanding loans. A small surplus was generated from all the activities, having accounted for all the running costs.

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 reserves of £500 would be prudent.

Signed D V Sayer 26th February 2015

Chair, Management Committee