

# THORNTON LE BEANS VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE

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Registered Charity No. 523436

## TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT

**1 Jan 2018 to 31 Dec 2018**

### TRUSTEES:

Peter Baker (Chairman)  
David Baker (Vice-Chairman)  
Jo Linthwaite (Secretary)  
Margaret Boustead (Treasurer)

Tom Banfield	Bob Baker
Maureen Bullock	Will Coates
Nick Capstick	Gordon Campbell
Brenda Dennison	Maureen Hague
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AUDITOR: Mr G Bateman

## **Governance**

Thornton-le-Beans Village Hall Charity was founded by a Conveyance dated 29 January 1953 whereby North Riding County Council sold the Hall and land to Arthur Davison, Thomas Coates and John Dale for £550. Management of the Hall was formally vested in the Trustees under a Charity Commission deed dated 26 July 1953.

The Hall was originally the village school, dating from about 1907. The Trustees own the building, all outbuildings, and the land.

## **Appointment of Trustees**

The general management and control of Trust Premises is the responsibility of a Committee of Management. All members of the Committee are ipso facto Trustees and retire at each Annual General Meeting which must be held every April. There is however no limit to the number of years in succession a Trustee may serve provided that, he or she be duly re-elected each year.

The Methodist Church and Women's Institute in the village are both entitled to appoint one member to the Committee.

## **Objectives**

The Trust deed requires that the Hall shall be run "for the purposes of physical and mental training and recreation and social moral and intellectual development ... for the benefit of the inhabitants of the Parish and its immediate vicinity without distinction of sex or of political religious or other opinions".

## **Hiring and Licences**

The Committee runs various events throughout the year (see Review). The Hall is also available for hire by any other local individual or organisation at a cost of £14 for a morning, afternoon or evening session for Parish residents, or £7.50 per hour (min 2 hours) for non-Parish residents. These rates were increased in September 2013 following a review by the committee.

The Hall has a premises licence (for which the Secretary is the named licensee). Hirers who wish to sell alcohol or put on public entertainment must obtain a separate Temporary Event Notice from Hambleton District Council.

## **Insurance**

The Hall is insured with Allied Westminster with respect to property damage, contents (including those belonging to other organisations stored at the Hall), public liability, employers' liability and legal assistance. Cover extends to all those activities away from the Hall associated with the Village Show. The Hall is a member of Rural Action Yorkshire, an organisation working to promote community development in rural areas, which has expertise in the management of Village Halls.

## **Building and Maintenance**

2018 was a quiet year, with the main expenditure being on repairs and the replacement of the cracked pane in one of the large windows and removal of the wooden windows in the kitchen and toilets, replaced with PVC double glazed units by Chatsworth Windows. The bottom half of the Hall was re-painted, and the grass edging was again protected successfully during the winter months from careless drivers. The pipes were dug up and re-laid to improve the water pressure and the re tarmacking of the car park is in hand but has been delayed due to the availability of the Contractor. The Solar panels continue to generate a good income and plans to install WiFi during this coming year are underway.

The mains electrical installation is checked by a qualified engineer every 5 years. Periodic checks are made of the emergency exit lighting and an annual discharge check is completed on all electrics. The fire extinguishers are checked annually under contract and the Hall is compliant with current Fire Safety guidelines. Volunteers from the Committee and others carry out other regular maintenance as and when required.

## **Review**

2018 was once again a busy year for the Village Hall, with a high level of usage and one-off events. Monthly bookings are usually more than 30. The main regular bookings continue: the weekly Move Well and Pilates classes on Monday mornings, the quarterly Parish Council on Monday evenings, the weekly Local History group on Tuesday mornings, the weekly Craft and Chat on Tuesday afternoons, the monthly WI meetings on Tuesday evenings, and fortnightly Whist on Wednesday evenings, with weekly Bridge on Thursday and Friday evenings. In addition, there have been monthly bookings for Quilting, a series of events organised by the local church, Thirsk Carers and the NHS, and a musician who uses the Hall regularly for rehearsals.

There has also been a good level of private hires for parties, a Charity Craft Fair, Domino Drives etc. The high standard of facilities on offer is appreciated by hirers as shown both by their comments and by repeat bookings. The excellent facilities have also been recognised by the Local Council who continue to have us listed as an Emergency Rest Centre.

If you wish to check a date in advance or make a booking, please contact our Bookings Secretary Maureen Hague (01609-774325) or check out our website which displays a full list of all forward bookings. The site is easy to navigate and has photos and information regarding all activities and groups, including the Village Show. Please visit us at [www.thorntonlebeansvillagehall.org.uk](http://www.thorntonlebeansvillagehall.org.uk)

The Annual Children's Sports and Show was held on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> August and proved to be a dry and bright sunny day, the addition of the Beer and Pimms tent proved popular and did not adversely affect the takings in the Tea Tent. However,

the number of entries in the show tent and attendees were markedly lower this year and resulted in a significant loss of £240. This was a little concerning and the Committee decided to canvas the Village for opinions on how to make the Show more attractive to the current population, several Open meetings have been held and a questionnaire circulated. The Show will be held this year on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> August, and we look forward to your support.

North Country Theatre unfortunately disbanded this year, so we had no Theatre production. The Committee is looking into alternative provision and hope to have a production for next year.

The Defibrillator remains in position outside the Crosby (Code C147) and has already been used in an Emergency.

The Christmas events were once again very successful, providing an enjoyable run into the festive season. The Senior Citizens' party was particularly well attended despite some virulent Flu bugs around at the time and everyone enjoyed a delicious tea and sing-along, led by Tom Banfield. The Christmas Whist and Draw was also well attended, after the Whist had been completed and everyone had enjoyed their supper the Christmas Draw was made. The Committee are most grateful to all those who helped with refreshments. The proceeds from the Christmas Draw go towards financing the Senior Citizens' Christmas Tea and the Village Show.

The Beantown Bookstore has had another successful year, providing vital funds towards the running costs of the Village Show, and we are especially grateful to Chris and Moira at The Crosby for the excellent sales they achieve on our behalf.

### **Finances and Investment**

The audited accounts will be presented by the Treasurer at our AGM at 7.30 pm in the Hall on **Tuesday April 2nd** to which all are invited.

### **Thanks**

The Committee wishes to thank everyone who supports and helps the Hall activities in any way, including all subscribers to the 100 Club. We also thank our President Michael Binns and our Vice-Presidents Margaret Hill, Penny Pilling, Judith Renton, Norman Allison and Claire Binns.

**The Trustees declare that they have approved the report above.**

*Signed on behalf of the Trustees:*

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Peter Baker', written over a horizontal dashed line.

Date: 5th March 2019

**Peter Baker (Chairman)**