

THORNTON LE BEANS VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE

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Registered Charity No. 523436

TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT

1 Jan 2019 to 31 Dec 2019

TRUSTEES:

Peter Baker (Chairman)
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Jo Linthwaite (Secretary)
Tom Banfield (Treasurer)

Maureen Bullock	Will Coates
Nick Capstick	Gordon Campbell
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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

2019 was a quiet year, with no big projects undertaken, the WiFi installation was completed and is now up and running and proving very useful to the groups who use the hall. The grass edging again proved a problem, with careless drivers churning up the ground, so an investment was made in some ground reinforcement grids to prevent further damage.

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

2019 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, guitar lessons Monday afternoons and the bi-monthly 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, Theatre Events and Musical performances. 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

The Annual Children's Sports and Show was held on Saturday 10th August and proved to be a very successful event with entries at their highest for nine years. There were plenty of people on Show day despite the weather and takings were slightly increased across the board. The Scarecrows proved a popular addition to the Programme and the evening event held by the Scouts was enjoyed by all who attended. Following the event our much loved and hardworking Show Secretary,

Maureen Hague announced her intention to step down from the role, as yet we have not found a replacement, but the Show will go on as they say, and we look forward to seeing you all in the Show Field Saturday August 8th 2020.

The Village Hall played Host to two Musical performances during the year, from the Black Heart Orchestra and Five Loose Chippings and many enjoyed the 'Frozen Roman' by The Bad Apple Theatre Company, who we welcome back on May 23rd with their new production 'Elephant Rock'. Get your tickets early, they sell fast.

The Defibrillator remains in position outside the Crosby (Code 147)

The Christmas events were once again very successful, providing an enjoyable run into the festive season. The Senior Citizens' party was particularly well attended, 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. This year we have sold in excess of 300 books and raised £300, taking the total to approximately £3400 since we started.

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 7th** 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 other Vice-Presidents Penny Pilling, Judith Renton, Norman Allison, Claire and Michael Binns

The Trustees declare that they have approved the report above.

Signed on behalf of the Trustees:



Date: 3rd March 2020

Peter Baker (Chairman)