

New Winton Community Association

Trustees' Annual Report

2022-2023



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Charity Trustees

1. Sally Thomas (Chair)
2. Janet Revez (Secretary)
3. Sophie Coats (Treasurer)

Objectives and activities

New Winton Community Association was established in 1980 in order to maintain the New Winton village hall and to manage its use in a way that will benefit the community, as per the original trust deed (see “Structure, governance and management”).

To this end, the committee meets regularly to organise hall maintenance, plan community events and discuss ongoing activities such as fundraising and hall bookings. Committee meetings, especially the AGM, also provide an opportunity for residents of New Winton and the surrounding area to voice questions and raise concerns about the village hall and its use, and provide a platform for further community collaboration and projects, such as litter picking or changes to communal spaces.

Structure, governance and management

Type of governing document

The trust deed, established in 1980, gives the trustees indefinite tenure of New Winton village hall, under the following conditions (summarised for the purposes of this report):

- 1) it is used as a community centre for the education and recreation of the residents of New Winton and the neighbourhood, with no political or religious affiliations;
- 2) it is managed democratically by an unpaid and elected committee of residents of New Winton and the neighbourhood;
- 3) an annual general meeting is held each year to allow for election or re-election of committee members and the appointment of an auditor for annual accounts;

4) funds in the New Winton Community Association bank account should be spent on the maintenance of the building and resources for the education and recreation of residents.

Trustee recruitment and appointment

In the year 2022-2023, Sally Thomas, Janet Revez and Sophie Coats volunteered and were re-elected as Chair, Secretary and Treasurer of the committee respectively. Other committee members are Hilary Dickson (bookings coordinator), Bridget Garvie, Ian Suddaby, Chris Thomas and in a social committee sub-group, Bryony Smith, Louise Gilmour-Wills and Amanda Pybis. The social committee consists of residents who wish to focus their involvement on community social events.

This session, Amanda Pybis rejoined the social sub-group and spearheaded the “Social Cuppa” project, outlined in “Objectives and activities”.

Achievements and performance

In the 2022-23 session, hall use ranged from a community barbeque, coffee mornings and a quiz night, to a toddler group, children's parties, yoga and Irish dance classes. For the first time in several years, the committee organised two craft fairs in winter and spring, to diversify the activities on offer in the hall and support local small businesses. All clubs, classes and social events are outlined at www.newwinton.co.uk/clubsclasses and www.newwinton.co.uk/villageevents .



New Winton Nippers Baby and Toddler Group



New Winton Spring Craft Fair



New Winton Village Hall



26 Feb · 🌐

Great effort from the New Winton litter picking crew, organised by Bryony and Louise, who were out yesterday keeping our village and surrounding areas free from litter. Thanks to everyone who made it happen, you know who you are 🙌



Over winter, committee member Amanda Pybis secured £2000 from the Fa-side Area Partnership to offer the village hall as a warm space to socialise, get free refreshments and participate in light exercise, tackling problems of inequality and isolation in the local area (see picture and feedback below). We cannot overstate the positive impact this has had on community spirit and cohesion, with the village hall as the focal point of community life.





Amanda P

The Tuesday morning get-together have enabled me to meet and get to know many of my neighbours - they are friendly and sociable occasions which foster a real sense of community.

I really value & appreciate these 'copper & chat' mornings. Connecting with neighbours and making new friends. Good for my spirits!

Good to get back to the New Winton Hall. Have enjoyed many events from for over 40 years and still come back for a visit. Keep it going!

I have been off work side and at home. This get together has been lovely for me to meet friends and chat. Thank you for the donation to help keep it going.

We were new to the village and was a great way to meet everyone.

Glad hall is being used.
Glad to see other people!

Nice chance to catch up with people I don't often see otherwise.

What people said today about our Copper and Chat each Tuesday 11-12.30. Also Andy who gave us the £2000 funding said this is the most successful group. Thanks everyone and see you next week.

9:58 pm



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Financial review

The trustees of the charity are to be commended for another year of sound financial management. The year's unrestricted surplus of £779 is a small increase on the £707 generated last year. The accounts reflect how busy the charity trustees have been over the year. There has been more fundraising activity than last year, and more hall hires, with these being at higher rates. Thanks to the hard work of a committee member, the charity also received the Fa'side grant. This is the largest single receipt of income which the charity has received. All this effort has contributed to this year having higher income than any previous year.

However, the good news about increased income is tempered slightly by a significant increase in utility expense. The trustees are recommended to monitor this over the coming year and consider cost reduction measures where possible.

The Fa'side grant is the first time the charity has received what is known as restricted income. This terminology is used when there are restrictions over how the income can be spent. This income and the associated expense for the financial year is shown separately in the accounts.

The charity is on a firm financial footing. The surpluses it has generated in recent years allow it to build up reserves in line with the reserves policy mentioned elsewhere in this report.

Christian Davis FCCA

Statement of the charity's policy on reserves

New Winton Community Association aims to keep 3 months' operating costs in reserve in case of a sudden and dramatic loss of income; at the time of writing this is equal to £538.

In addition to this, we aim to keep in reserve a fund for repairs. As a historic building in a conservation area, New Winton village hall requires maintenance of the building, for example the stonework, windows and roof, and the interior, for example the electrics and plumbing. From the end of this financial year, the NWCA will transfer £50 per month to our reserves to allow for sudden, potentially high repair costs.

Donated facilities and services

We have been fortunate to receive the services of Christian Davis FCCA, for free. As an impartial non-resident, Mr Davis compiles New Winton Community Association's accounts on an annual basis, for submission to OSCR for analysis.

Future plans

Next year, the committee plans to continue to grow events organised by the committee for the local community, such as the craft fairs, and develop the use of the hall as a winter warm space, free of charge. This may involve community fundraising to combat the rising costs of electricity.

We also aim to build our reserves, in line with our policy.

Declaration

Signed on behalf of the charity trustees:



Print name

Sophie Coats

Designation

Treasurer

Date

22/09/2023