

Pulloxhill Church Hall

Management Report for 2019 year

25th August 2020

Finances:

	January 2019	December 2019
In bank:	£6,006.66	£5,277.27
Cash:	£ 98.15	£ 274.91
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Total:	£6,104.81	£5,552.20

The income for 2019 from Hall bookings was £3,544.00 and the expenditure was £4,096.63 resulting in a decrease in reserve funds available of £552.63.

There were no major works on the Hall building but the panel fence at the bottom of the garden area was replaced at a cost of £433.11.

Donations for 2019 year were £80.

The charging rates have not been raised since January 2017. They will remain unchanged for 2020 as the end of year reserves are at a good level, but will be reviewed towards the end of 2020.

Hall usage:

Usage of the hall was similar to 2018. Our regular weekly users include Chimes, Art club, Brownies Singers, Keep fit, Band practice and Players.

Maintenance:

The overall condition of the main Hall and floor is good and the appearance inside and out is acceptable. The paint on inside walls as well as exterior woodwork is largely sound but will probably need to be decorated during 2020. The gas boiler is maintained under a contract with British Gas which covers all service and maintenance costs. Although quite expensive (now £306.85 per year), this guarantees to keep the boiler maintained and running, with unlimited call-outs and spare parts included. The boiler was serviced in January 2019 under the contract. A new safety certificate is provided each year as part of this service.

The Hall was assessed and re-valued for insurance purposes by Ecclesiastical Insurance during 2019. The rebuilding and insurance liability and indemnity values are increased, as expected, and inevitably the yearly charge will be increased as well. The change is from £605.80 to £742.84 per year, starting on 1st September 2020.

The garden picket fencing and gates need to be replaced. Suitable pre-made gates and fencing, along with hinges and snecks have been purchased and will be installed

when volunteers who are good at digging holes, are available. The pear tree in the garden area was cut well back to remove low branches.

The panel fence along the bottom of the garden had become dilapidated over recent years. Ownership, hence responsibility for this fence is not clear, so we agreed with the owner of the adjoining garden that the Hall would purchase materials (6 panels, posts concrete etc.), if he took responsibility for obtaining these items and for erecting the new fence. This task was completed in November 2019 at a cost to the Hall of £433.11. Our thanks to Stuart for his help with this.

The judicious use of fumigation smoke bombs continues, and appears to be controlling the cluster fly problem. A few flies are still appearing, but the problem can be resolved for a few weeks at least, with a single fumigation. This was required twice during 2019

The future?

Looking forward, the “wish list” remains similar to last year. The list includes:

1. Installation of an insulated, fly-proof ceiling
2. Decoration of all inside areas and exterior woodwork
3. New floor covering for the back room
4. Rear extension including re-building of back room and toilet area to give better meeting room facilities, storage and disability access. To include proper tiled roofing to all areas
5. Refurbish the kitchen and hatch
6. New internal fire doors

Management:

The management team are happy to continue running the Hall. Again, particular thanks go to Carol Lumb for management of casual bookings and collection of payment for these.

Paddy Schofield
Hall Manager