



HERTFORD ST ANDREW COMMUNITY TRUST

ST ANDREW'S CENTRE REPORT TO APCM



BACKGROUND

1. The main object of the Trust is to promote and enable well-being in our local community through the use of the St Andrew's Centre.
2. The trustees are Malcolm Fry, Philippa Probert, Laura Ramsay, Judy Sharman, David Spring, Rod Willis and Richard Taylor.

FINANCIAL POSITION

- **Income:** lockdown restrictions had a significant impact upon the income of the Trust in 2020. Hire income was only £5,745, down about £9,000 on the previous year. Easing of restrictions in 2021 has allowed some but not all users to return, but of significant importance to the finances of the Trust has been the hire of the Centre by local GP practices to fulfil the government's Covid19 vaccination programme in the area. Hire income rebounded as a consequence to £14,256 for the year (of which £2,000 has been paid to the PCC (see below). In addition, the Trust qualified for government grants of £7,500 received from East Herts Council to compensate for losses arising from restrictions on use of the Centre during the pandemic.
- **Running expenses:** total running expenses in 2021 were £12,875 (£11,182 in 2020). These expenses include the annual payment made to the PCC (as to which see below).
- **Payment to the PCC:** the Trust bears a portion of running expenses shared by the church and Centre, such as utilities, buildings insurance, heating and intruder alarm servicing and the cost of the Parish Administrator. This amounted to £3,847 (£3,449 in 2020). In addition, £2,000 from the income received from the NHS for use of the Centre for vaccinations, was paid to the PCC for use of the south transept of the church to monitor patients following vaccination.

THE TRUST'S OBJECTIVES

- It is encouraging to see hirers who have been cautious about returning to in-person meetings as well as parties and other social events beginning to return to the Centre. The use of the John Summers-Gill Room for counselling has increased as well.
- The hall was redecorated in February 2022, and, thanks to Rod Willis, many maintenance jobs have been and continue to be carried out at minimal cost to the Trust.
- Monthly lunches for the elderly have resumed and such is the demand there is a waiting list. The table tennis club for over 50s continues to meet weekly although there are a number of members who remain reluctant to return.

THANKS

In addition to thanking Rod for undertaking maintenance jobs, the trustees wish to thank Carol Muhr who retired last November after 5 years as Centre Administrator, for stepping back into the role pending the recruitment of a replacement.

Richard Taylor, Chairman

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