

The Parish Room/Ash Jubilee Recreation Ground Trust

Treasurer's Report post AGM

28th July 2021

2019 Accounts

General Fund

While income increased by £2100 over the previous year, this was an expensive time for overheads, repairs, and maintenance. Following the takeover of our previous insurer, insurance premiums increased by £300. We also paid more for oil during this period (although that is usually a timing difference depending on when deliveries are made). The cost of electricity went down when we changed from Scottish Power to Bulb, and we saved £140 on our bills due to this swap. However, we had an electrical safety inspection during the year with resulting costs in upgrading the system of £300. Cleaning was also up by £335 as new equipment was purchased for the cleaner. Other minor items fluctuate as required. The net result was a loss of £943, met by our reserves. (All in round figures)

Jubilee Fund

There was very little activity on this fund during the year. Book sales from the hall added £79.53, making a total of £926.03 towards information boards on the Jubilee Walk.

Legacy Fund

Richard Matson left £11000 to the village hall, £960 of which was used in 2018 to recover the snooker table, leaving a balance carried forward of £10040. During 2019 some of this was used to purchase new kitchen units, install a ring main in the main hall and refurbish the storeroom – partly offset by a grant from Shropshire Rural Communities Council of £1000. The cost of ARH Architectural Design's work on providing plans for the new toilets, car park and playground were also met from this fund, as were advertising costs for the first village survey. At the end of the year the fund stood at £7648.11.

Summary

An expensive year, but several minor projects were completed.

2020 Accounts

General Fund

Covid! But strangely this didn't mean no income at all, although room hire fees and coffee morning takings were down by 50/60%. The plant sale was held over a period of weeks and eventually produced almost exactly the same income as 2019, £422 as opposed to £424. Overall, income was down by about £2000. Our costs of course kept on coming. Insurance went up by £200, partly offset by contributions from the Bowling Club, who had asked us to include extra cover in our policy for their contents etc. Fuel oil was down, but again this is due to timing differences in deliveries. Electricity and water remained fairly constant. Cleaning returned to normal levels, but we continue to have to replace misted double glazing units at regular intervals (another one is on order at the time of writing). The major repair cost during the year was the repainting of the garden railings at £610.52. The year ended with another deficit on current account of £910.17, met out of reserves.

Jubilee Fund

During the year we added £110.48 to this fund from the sale of books etc but spent £141.72 replacing worn way markers on the Jubilee Trail. The balance on the account at the year end was £884.59.

Legacy Fund

The fund met the second set of professional fees from ARH Architectural Design of £585.20, leaving a balance at the year end of ££7062.91

Covid Fund

When the opportunity arose, Lynda McCormack applied for the first round of Covid Recovery grants from Shropshire County Council, and we received a total of £11334 in 2020. ££503.95 of this was used to purchase sanitising stations and other sanitising products for the hall and recreation ground. The balance in hand at the year end was £10830.05. Subsequent substantial grants have been received which will appear in the 2021 accounts.

Summary

An oddly successful year on the financial front, leaving the charities with £23487.91 in hand, but with many projects still to be achieved.