

# THORNTON LE BEANS VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE

[www.thorntonlebeansvillagehall.org.uk](http://www.thorntonlebeansvillagehall.org.uk)

Registered Charity No. 523436

## TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT

**1 Jan 2021 to 31 Dec 2021**

### TRUSTEES:

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

Maureen Bullock	Bob Baker
Nick Capstick	Gordon Campbell
Will Coates	Maureen Hague
Dee O'Hanlon	Mark Linthwaite
Stephen Woodall	

Secretary's address:

Thornton House, Thornton-le-Beans, Northallerton, DL6 3SP  
Tel: 01609-761337

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**

2021 was another quiet year, with COVID lockdowns and restrictions limiting the use of the Hall. We took this opportunity to tackle some outstanding cleaning and repair jobs and to have the old store re pointed and repaired. We also repaired the security lights and purchased a new lawn mower. The water pressure in the kitchen and toilets was found to be low and investigations are ongoing to find the cause and improve the situation.

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**

2021 began with us once again in lockdown, and once again all activities and events in the Hall ceased.

Slowly as Spring made way for Summer some activities returned and although the Show was cancelled once again, we managed to hold a very successful 'Scarecrow Competition and Treasure Hunt' and several Book sales during the Autumn.

The Christmas events did go ahead this year, with a very enjoyable Cheese and Wine party held in place of the Senior Citizens Tea. This was open for the whole Village to attend and it was lovely to see so many people supporting something that will hopefully become an annual event. The Christmas Whist and Draw again proved popular and a good evening and great prizes were enjoyed.

Hopefully 2022 will herald a return to a more normal programme of events, there are plans for another Big Breakfast, a Theatre event in May and a modified Village Show, in and around the Hall in August. Please check your Newsletters for details.

If you wish to check a date in advance or make a booking, please contact our Bookings Secretary Maureen Hague 01609-774325, to discuss availability and current operating instructions, under the new and everchanging COVID compliant guidelines 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. Please visit us at [www.thorntonlebeansvillagehall.org.uk](http://www.thorntonlebeansvillagehall.org.uk)

The Defibrillator remains in position outside the Crosby (Code C147)

The Beantown Bookstore has continued in some form or another from the Hall when possible and continues to raise vital funds, especially in a year when income has been greatly affected.

## Finances and Investment

Before the pandemic our lettings income had been running at about £4700/yr, but in 2020 it fell to less than £1700. In 2021 it recovered to over £2800 which is encouraging, and we hope for a full programme in 2022 including regular Whist evenings. The feed-in tariff income from our solar panels was over £800 in 2021.

The Annual Show generally ran close to break-even at best, or even at a moderate loss, so its cancellation in both years made little difference financially. We did miss the income from touring theatres etc, but again that was never that high.

Total audited income was £5,858 and total expenditure was £3,640 so the net gain for the year was £2,218. The closing balance of funds was £42,156.40 invested mainly in Skipton Building Society Bonds. This is extraordinarily high for a Village Hall, but we still benefit from a splendid bequest from a local donor about 14 years ago. If you would like to see a 1-page accounts summary please ring Tom Banfield for a paper copy (N/A 773666) or email him for a PDF print ([tom.banfield1@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:tom.banfield1@tiscali.co.uk)).

The audited accounts will be presented by the Treasurer at our **AGM in the Hall at 7.30 pm on Tuesday April 5<sup>th</sup> 2022** to which all are invited.

## Thanks

Thanks must go to all members of our Committee, without people willing to invest their time and efforts into the local community the Village Hall would not, (in normal times!) be such a success.

We now have some vacancies, so if anyone is interested in joining us, please give your names to any member of the Committee before the AGM in April. The Committee also 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: 2nd March 2022

David Baker – Chairman