REPORT CHESWICK GREEN VILLAGE HALL TREASURER'S FOR YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2023

The profit and loss account for the year ended 31st March 2023 shows a profit of £5,031.08.

The booking income of £18,981.90 is a small increase from the previous year . No COVID grants were received in 2022/23, although a 50% business rates relief was given which amounted to £291.84 .

The committee decided that there should be no increase in the hire fees from 1st April 2022 and the same decision has been made for 1st April 2023. The last time that the hire rates were increased was April 2018.

The VHMC have been in a very fortunate position in that both electricity and gas are on fixed term contracts which were renewed before the huge increases came about. The electricity contract expires 2/8/2025 and the gas 13/12/2023.

We have only lost one regular hirer (Music Monsters), which was as a result of being unable to offer more hours. However this hirer is still using the hall for their concerts.

The Baby Massage has returned after maternity leave and has extended her hours. Also the Spa Babies uses the small hall all day on a Friday and once or twice a month on a Wednesday.

The amount of booking income from casual booking has reduced compared with the years before COVID. This is as a result of only bookings being taken from residents living within Cheswick Green Parish. There have been many issues over the years with party bookings. The income received from such bookings was £1.626.50.

Our booking Clerk, Sarah moved out of the village in February 2023. She had been with in the role for just over 3 years. We interviewed 3 candidates and have been very fortunate in appointing Linda who has been a resident in Cheswick Green for 30 plus years and is ideally suited to this position.

There has been no large items of expenditure this year, just the normal regular maintenance, together with the purchase of 2 new large tables.

The Income and Expenditure Fund at the year end now stands at £48,674.85. A large proportion of this increase in funds is from the government grants which in total totalled £33,604.