

Brookwood Memorial Halls

Registered charity number 304981

Report for the year ending 31st December 2014

The Halls are managed by a Committee constituted under a Deed of Trust dated 20th February 1950 for the benefit of all Brookwood residents. The entirely volunteer Management Committee is appointed each April at the Annual General Meeting. It comprises 4 members elected by qualifying inhabitants and up to 14 members representing recognised Village organisations. A further 6 members may subsequently be co-opted by the Management Committee to represent other local interests. All Management Committee members serve for a year. Co-opted members serve until the following AGM. The Management Committee throughout the year comprised Mr. J. Thornton (Chairman), Mrs. J. Gable (Secretary), Mr. A. Male (Treasurer), Mrs. M. Cook, Mr. A. Gray, Mr. N. Gair, Ms. L. Norris and Mr C. Greenwood (also voluntary Lettings Agent). The Hall's banker is the Charities Aid Foundation, West Malling, Kent. We maintained financial reserves throughout the year adequate to remain solvent in case the Halls become unlettable whilst major insured damage is repaired. We review this policy annually.

During 2014 we completed a major refit of the large Memorial Hall: replacing the front entrance doors with modern, efficient and secure doors with electronic opening for disabled visitors; installing new, bright efficient lighting; replacing the tired toilet fittings; and replacing the floors in the entrance lobby and toilets. The smaller Community Hall was fully redecorated. Our sewers were repaired, and a handrail added to the sloping pathway. Our thanks go to Woking Borough Council and Surrey County Council for their financial contributions. Both Halls were actively used throughout the year for a diverse range of activities and by groups of all ages, and recent new hires for leisure activities have brought us close to weekday capacity. The annual Remembrance Day service led by St Saviour's Church was again well supported. Our financial reserves are now building again after the major expenditures, and we are still able to offer the Halls for occasional hires at attractive rates, with concessions for local residents and charitable groups. We continue to manage our expenditure closely, whilst ensuring that the Halls remain in good and attractive order, safe for our hirers and their guests.

The objects of our Trust are to maintain, improve and provide the facilities of the Halls to the benefit of the inhabitants of Brookwood and its immediate vicinity without discrimination. Our volunteers have again delivered on this trust diligently. On your behalf, I thank them for their efforts and invite other residents to come forward and help to continue our presentation of a safe, well used, accessible and valued village resource.

John Thornton, Chairman
on behalf of the Management Committee, Brookwood Memorial Halls

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