

Brookwood Memorial Halls

Registered charity number 304981

Report for the year ending 31st December 2018

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 be co-opted by the Management Committee. All Management Committee 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. P. Goold, Ms. L. Norris and Mr C. Greenwood (also voluntary Lettings Agent). Mrs J. Grimshaw also regularly attended representing Brookwood Art Group. 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.

The Halls continue to be actively used by regular hirers and are a popular venue for childrens parties. We completed our car park drainage improvements and installed recycled rubber kerbing along the length of the driveway. We commissioned replacement of the Community Hall doors for secure insulated aluminium doors. We collated the information collected on 17 of the 18 persons named on the Hall commemorative plaque of those who fought and died as a result of the two World Wars for our freedoms. The information was displayed at the Remembrance Day Service as part of the display marking 100 years since the end of WW1.

We continue to manage all expenditure closely, whilst ensuring that the Halls remain in good and attractive order, safe for our hirers and their guests. We adhere diligently to all relevant guidance and requirements for our activities and facilities.

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

Our Secretary has conveyed she will stand down from that office in April, having served for a record fifty years. During that period, the Hall facilities have expanded and improved measurably without any mis-administration, probably also a record and certainly a tribute to Jean's ever watchful eye over our activities. On behalf of my fellow Committee members and the village, our grateful thanks for a splendid innings.

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

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