

St John's Hall Annual Report 2018

2018 was another successful year. The Hall has continued to be popular and we have had many different groups and weekend lettings using the facilities. Our income for the year remained steady, totalling £21,610 although our expenses rose rather further than we expected totalling £16,137 before giving the Church £7,000 towards its expenses. This left us with a shortfall of £1539 for the year (£1682 – 2017 before capital expenditure)

This left us showing a loss for the year but much of this was due to the cost of the heating of the hall. The reason for this was mainly due to the timing of the final gas bill for 2017 which was not received till late in January, after the accounts were closed for that year. This inflated the heating cost for last year by almost £1,000 before any increase in the cost of gas is taken into consideration. Most of the other expenses incurred were reasonably similar to those incurred in the previous year with the exception of maintenance where the cost of the cutting back of the hedge by the road and reducing its height was expensive. In addition we had budgeted for a payment to the Church of £6000 but actually paid them £7000.

On the income side we have not increased the charges to our regular users and income from the various sectors remains broadly in line with 2017. The main growth area appears to be the children's parties and weekend activities with Musical Bears, having started this year, being particularly popular.

Looking ahead into 2019 we will have to look at our costs because as the price of heating is rising, gas and electricity being our major expenses, we may have to review our hire charges if we are to meet our commitments to the Church

Finally our sincere thanks must go to the various people who have supported us during the year, particularly Megan Roworth, our member responsible for the bookings, Brian Dilley and David Dean, our maintenance team. Without their help the results may have been very different.