

ELLENDUNE HALL TRUST



Annual Statement '21/'22

The year started as the previous one ended, with staff furloughed and users staying at home. Inevitably, this affected our rental income, but we were fortunate enough to receive local authority grant funding as well as government furlough support, which has kept our finances in reasonable health.

Until early summer we were pleased to be able to continue providing space for the Asymptomatic Test Centre in the fight against Covid-19, after which the Cleaners and Office Staff joined the Caretakers in returning to the Community Centre full-time to host regular and new users, and on one exceptional day those evacuated from their homes due to a gas leak! The Centre is becoming a vibrant hub once more, with acting, martial arts, faith, toddler, sport, music, art, gardening, craft and dancing groups, as well as hosting training, meetings, parties, community events and a weekly farmer's market. We continue to be a home for Wroughton Parish Council and the Wroughton Community Library and this year we also agreed to provide storage for the Wroughton Community Pantry, a local enterprise who supply some much needed food items to families who just don't have enough to go round.

We thank Wroughton Parish Council for the ongoing support from their staff and for the approval of our application for a '21/'22 grant application, providing ongoing financial support. Thank you also to my fellow volunteer trustees for their input into overall governance, the bimonthly Trust meetings, and the frequent Finance and Personnel Working Party meeting required to keep the day-to-day matters resolved.

Thanks also to the Centre staff, who returned to work and dealt with the still changing restrictions as well as the usual challenges of running a lean operation.

A medium-term objective of this incarnation of the Trust, which formed in early 2018, was to convert the Trust into a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO), so that trustees are not personally liable for any debts or other liabilities that the charity incurs. On 4th May 2022, registration of The Ellendune Community Centre CIO was approved and the process of winding up The Ellendune Hall Trust commences.

As the new CIO comes into being and with covid-restrictions lifted, we look forward to seeing new and existing users filling our room again as we move into the Community Centre's next chapter.

Gareth Jones

Chair

The Ellendune Hall Trust / The Ellendune Community Centre CIO