



Sunnyside Hall

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Trustees' Annual Report 2021

Hall usage

The Covid-19 pandemic continued to impact hall usage through the year to May 31 2021. But in line with the UK government's 4 stage programme to lift restrictions activity has pretty much returned to normal since the end of the financial year.

While revenues from hire charges were a little lower in the year ended May 31 2021 (see annual accounts) overall revenues were well above 2020 levels thanks to a government Covid grant.

Expenditure was also sharply lower and as a result the Hall has almost doubled its reserves.

Play Place pre-school nursery was the biggest user of the hall during the year, providing a vital service in the community. In contrast Rusthall Community Cinema was in the dark for most of the year.

As the government eased Covid-related restrictions, regular users have gradually returned. These include the Rusthall Community Cinema, the table tennis club, the Yoga group, and Karate and Kickboxing groups.

Some of the big ticket expenditures for the year included overhaul of the hall's lighting, a new entrance ramp for wheelchair users and a third table tennis table to enable the club to expand.

Since the end of the financial year a new ventilation system has been installed following a Covid-related risk assessment. This should help make the hall safer from a Covid-perspective for indoor activities. And fluorescent tube lighting has been replaced with more energy-efficient, environmentally friendly LED lighting to lower running costs and help the planet.

Building Extension

Planning Permission remains valid until April 2022 but progress in gaining funding remains stalled as none of the Trustees have found time to pursue this.