

Chair's report: St Boswells Village Hall (SCO48481), year ended June 2021

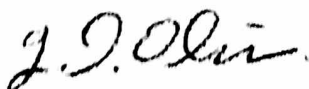
At the end of our financial year (30th June 2021) the hall's finances were (and remain) on a sound footing, in large measure thanks to moneys ultimately coming from the Scottish government, together with awards from the Co-op Community Fund and the National Lottery's Community Fund (the latter paid for our new website). We are grateful to the members of our committee who assiduously sought out sources of financial assistance and followed through the (often complicated) application processes. A special word of thanks is also due to Janette Jefford, the hall's caretaker at one of the most difficult times in its history.

This financial year saw the completion of the management committee's efforts to reconfigure our organisation as a modern charity under OSCR. The transfer process from the old to the new involved placing the hall on Scotland's new land registry, the replacement for the General Register of Sasines. The impact of Covid-19 delayed the Land Register of Scotland in approving our application. It was granted on the 3rd December 2020. At an open meeting of the Hall's Management Committee on the 18th March 2021 the completion of our transition to the new SCO (48481) was announced and recorded.

We were all set to have a limited opening last Autumn, and the Management Committee had made extensive preparations. But that did not happen due to stringent new pandemic lockdown requirements being imposed. Only a few events, involving children with additional needs, were permitted, with the event organisers and the hall's officials carefully following the relevant government guidelines. Things began to ease significantly in May, with the SBC taking over the building's ground floor for use as a polling station for the Holyrood election. The hall was booked for the entire week of 3rd-7th May, to allow time for setting up and taking away, and to address health considerations. Since then, various regular users began to come back, but during the remainder of the financial year the types of events we could accommodate were very limited. The Bridge, the advisory organization for village halls in the Scottish Borders, kept providing us with updates, collating and helping us to interpret the numerous government mandates relating to different types of events. Our efforts to advise our users of the frequent changes were helped considerably by the launch of the hall's new website at the beginning of June. Furthermore, with the site's new calendar, and other enhancements to the booking process, reservation requests and inquiries have become much easier. These webpages also aim to celebrate the history of the Village Hall and indeed of St Boswells in general. Our building has been at the centre of village life since 1896, serving the community in many ways. To that end, we are hosting a section for our Community Parish Council.

At the Village Hall's AGM on the 29th November, the following trustees were re-elected: Cliff Ellershaw, Shenagh Ellershaw, Alastair Minnis, John Offord, Douglas Oliver, Sandra Thomas and Kate Warner. Christine Little was elected as a new trustee. The following members of the Management Committee were re-elected: Cliff Ellershaw, Christine Little (Booking Clerk), John Offord (Treasurer), Douglas Oliver (Chair), Sandra Thomas, and Kate Warner. Subsequent to the meeting, Samantha Brennan was co-opted as a member of the Committee.

Respectfully submitted,



Douglas Oliver

Chair, St Boswells Village Hall Management Committee

11th December 2021.



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Finance Report for the year ending 30th June 2021

This is the finance report for the new SCO and covers the period to the end of June 2021. This is now our new financial reporting year rather than the year to the end of March as was previously the case. The financial situation for the period from April 2020 to March 2021 was covered by the old SCO reports.

In the three month period to the end of June (after the old SCO had been wound up and the new SCO was in operation) the Hall only received income from users in the final month of June and this amounted to £197.50. By far the largest receipt of money was in the form of COVID related support grants from the Scottish Government via Scottish Borders Council. This amounted to a total of £13,550.

We were successful in being chosen by the Co-Op as one of their three community organisations that they support each year. This means that Co-Op members can choose to have part of their members cash-back funds donated to one of the three charities. In the first six months of the scheme we received £1,474 from the national lottery fund to enable us to update the Village Hall website.

Expenditure for the final three months of the year was £3,895. This included a final payment for work on the new Village Hall website and the costs of some internal repainting.

We therefore had a surplus of £11,337 and ended the year with a balance of £50,707.

Dr John Offord

Treasurer

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ST BOSWELLS PUBLIC HALL

Statement of Balances as at 30th June 2021

Bank and cash in hand

Opening Balances

£39,369.46

Surplus (deficit) for year

£11,337.28

Closing Balances

£50,706.74

Reserves

General Funds

Closing Balances Bank

£50,674.30

less unrepresented cheques

£50,674.30

Closing Balances Cash

£32.44

£50,706.74

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BANK PLUS PETTY CASH

Receipts and Payments Account for the year ended 30th June 2021

Receipts

	<u>BANK</u>	<u>CASH</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Lets	£197.50		£197.50
Donations Refurbishment	£0.00		£0.00
Transfer Funds from Savings	£0.00		£0.00
Refunds	£10.97		£10.97
Fundraising	£0.00		£0.00
Grants	£15,024.00		£15,024.00
Total Receipts	£15,232.47	£0.00	£15,232.47

Payments

Fundraising Expenses	£0.00		£0.00
Payments for Charitable Activities			
Caretaker Wages	£1,260.00		£1,260.00
Electricity	£3.00		£3.00
Gas	£309.75		£309.75
Insurance	£0.00		£0.00
Cleaning Supplies	£28.88		£28.88
Repairs & Maintenance	£1,433.20		£1,433.20
Broadband	£55.36		£55.36
Post. Stat. & Advert & Mobile Phone	£100.00		£100.00
Equipment/Replacements	£0.00		£0.00
Membership Fees/Licenses	£15.00		£15.00
Other Fees	£100.00		£100.00
Website	£590.00		£590.00
Total Payments for charitable activities	£3,895.19		£3,895.19

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Total Payments	£3,895.19	£0.00	£3,895.19
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Surplus April - June 2021	£11,337.28	£0.00	£11,337.28
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On the basis of the documents provided. the above
statement is a true record

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