

# St Margaret's Hall, Horsington

Registered Charity 304561    Awarded Hallmark 1

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## Trustees report for the year April 2014 to March 2015

**The Charities governing document is the trust deed, the original copy of which is held by the chairman of the Committee.**

**A committee of 13 people is formed each year. Representatives of user groups will make up part of the committee.**

**There are no paid staff. Trustees received no remuneration. Out of pocket expenses on behalf of St Margaret's Hall are repaid.**

**The charities bankers are: HSBC Bank, Wincanton Branch**

**Our insurers are: Aviva Plc**

**The object of the trustees is to provide a village Hall for the use of the inhabitants of the parish of Horsington, County of Somerset. The Hall should be held upon trust for the purposes of physical and mental recreation and training and social moral and intellectual development for the benefit of the inhabitants.**

The trustees are pleased to report that these objectives continue to be met.

The Pilates classes continue under the instruction of Carol Pirie. Jean Powell's Upholstery classes are held on a Tuesday which is followed by Badminton in the evening. Louise Holliday now instructs her students on Wednesdays at an earlier time. The art classes are very popular and run on Thursdays and Fridays.

The monthly meeting of the WI continues to be held in the hall as do meeting's of the Parish Council.

The trustees members have been bolstered by three new recruits, Charles James, Jean Handy (WI Representative) and Hannah Wilkinson following the retirement of Paddy Hughes and the Secretary, Sarah Warren. We are grateful to Paddy for his long years of service and his positive input and we will miss his fund raising capabilities. Also we are appreciative of Sarah for her years as Secretary to the Committee.

St Margaret's Hall continues to maintain a healthy financial position. We retain a sensible amount (£12000) in reserve. This was reduced in the previous financial year when the exterior of the Hall was refurbished. The Hall held a successful fund raiser in November with our popular Village Hall dinner which raised considerable funds (£750) for the reserve. My thanks must go to the other members of the committee for all the help in everything from cooking to the organisational skills required for the successful evening we undoubtedly had.

The fall in the price for heating oil has helped. Day day to day classes and the renting of the changing rooms to the popular SCUFC keep our current account in surplus. We continue to

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maintain our charges set at the level in 2008, which remain very competitive with our immediate neighbours in the surrounding villages.

The website [horsington.co.uk](http://horsington.co.uk) is edited by the Deputy Chair and provides a platform for information, feedback and the occasional bookings.

The fire risk assessment is carried out each year at the time the fire extinguishers are inspected by an outside company. Our triennial electrical inspection is due in 2016 and routine maintenance is carried out on the heating boiler and kitchen electrical equipment on an annual basis.

We continue to maintain our Hallmark 1 category which covers all the aspects of management, forward planning and development

In respect of improvements to the Hall we are hoping to upgrade the heating in the hall and to redecorate the main hall this summer.

The Hall Management Committee is mindful of the effort of the Parish Council in its continued monitoring and maintenance of the Hall surrounds and is very grateful.

Signed

John Macdonald, Chair, Management Committee.