

Little Waltham Memorial Hall



Chairman's Annual Report 2026 - 2027

Our Constitution, Governance, Administration and Finance

Little Waltham Memorial Hall remains a Charitable Trust managed by a committee of official Trustees whose objects include maintaining the Hall for the benefit of the Parish of Little Waltham. We continue to manage providing this facility at a very affordable cost. This is in accordance with our Charities Constitution of 13th November 1979.

For a number of years now we have not hired to private parties etc as that had become un-serviceable without a full time paid caretaker. We therefore rely on a variety of regular user groups who fill our daily calendar throughout the year with only a few vacant periods. These user groups the likes of; Daily Pre-school, Carpet Bowls, Drama Group, gardening club, Patchwork, Upholstery class, Art and Sip, and the recent addition of a Sunday afternoon Tai-Chi class who have filled a vacant slot after the ever faithful Sunday Church. The Book swap has been a huge success since it was introduced and remains a great benefit to our community. Our thanks also go out to all those for your continued support for this venue.

This last year of 2025-26 has, in keeping with other years, been busy with a variety of maintenance issues which the committee has competently dealt with. One though that could not be handled in that way has been the re-building of the frontage to the Hall which required the help of our Gardeners. It was helpful and good timing, that the Parish Council requested us to relieve them of the burden of the Vera Perkins bequest monies, so as this was in place for the upkeep of the gardens it was used to partially finance the cost.

Over recent years we have steadily updated the Hall by re-decoration along with replacement of kitchen facilities etc, together with the necessity of re-building the external storage shed. The overall modernisation project is all still a work in progress and the next stage of the operation is targeting the rear doors with replacement, modern aluminium alternatives. This is currently in the hands of a fund raising application and we are hopeful for help in that direction coming forward. Other aspects, still to come, will be modernising the toilet block and redecoration of the lobby area. However, slowly but surely we will get there.

We maintain adequate insurance cover for the building and grounds, and all other aspects of heating, lighting etc are constantly observed.

Financially, the Hall Charity maintains a stable position with a good level of reserve to cushion any major catastrophe's that many arise., this aspect of our management is continually reviewed throughout the year at our general meetings and is independently examined at financial year end. The current accounts are available to view on request. We are though at the moment actively looking for a replacement for our Hon Treasurer, however, so far have not had any success.

We are looking forward to another challenging but hopefully prosperous year for the Hall and all its users.

As always at the Annual General Meeting, personnel on the committee have to resign their office, I am sure though they all stand, as I do, ready for re-election.

Thank you all for attending this meeting and I hope that Little Waltham Memorial Hall will benefit once more, in the coming year, from your kind input and support in order that we may in turn, transmit that to all of you.

sincerely

Gordon Condie

Chairman
Little Waltham Committee Trust