



THE FRIENDS OF LYTHAM HALL

20th ANNUAL REPORT

June 2016 – May 2017

Registered Charity Number 1069442

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR TO MAY 2017

The Friends of Lytham Hall of Church Farmhouse, 23 Commonsides, Ansdell, Lytham St Annes, Lancashire FY8 4EX is registered with the Charity Commission (number 1069442). It is an incorporated association constituted by Deed of Trust.

The charity is administered by a Management Committee comprising:

Chairman	- Lambert Dopping-Hepenstal
Vice Chairman	- Bob Smith
Secretary	- Kath Smith
Treasurer	- Terry Jones
Membership	- Pam Beeden
Committee members	- Meg Hargreaves
	- Elizabeth Guffogg
	- Pamela Greenhill
	- Marilyn Smith
	- Marion Coupe
	- Pauline Hamilton
	- Sue Havenhand
President	- David Coupe

Under the rules of the constitution Kath Smith, Meg Hargreaves and Marion Coupe are retiring from the committee this year. They have all offered themselves for re-election. There have been no changes to the committee and its officers. Kath Smith has continued as our Newsletter editor.

The objectives of the charity are:

1. To preserve for the benefit of the local community and the nation at large, Lytham Hall together with its works of art, furniture and contents.
2. To ensure that the Hall is used primarily as an art gallery, museum and visitor centre and to provide other amenities of a similar character for the benefit of the public.

The first part of this report covers the accounting period **June 2016 to May 2017**.

This year sees the 20th anniversary of the formation of the charity.

We begin our fundraising year supporting the four outdoor theatre events at the Hall organised by Julian Wilde by running a hot and cold drink stall and serving drinks to the patrons of the events. This brought in £710, a significant increase over the previous year and reflecting the growing popularity of these excellent productions in a very pleasant setting. In the autumn we again ran a Halloween "Spooktacular" aimed at introducing younger people to the Hall with a 'spooky trail' around the Hall grounds. This is a well-attended event with many dressing up for the occasion and raising over £900, a good increase on the previous year. This, like most of our events is held entirely outdoors and can be dependent on the weather. Leading up to Christmas the Friends decorated the Hall, holding a joint coffee morning with the Civic Society. The Evening of Christmas Cheer at the Hall continues to be popular, although some modifications to

the room in the Upper West Wing has slightly reduced the number of people that can be accommodated. For the first time, catering was provided by the in-house team of Peter and Paul. This raised an excellent £1,800. During the snowdrop season we have continued to run a bric-a-brac shop in the Old Kitchen, also selling bought in snowdrops. Although this raised almost £800, this was a significant reduction on the previous year. We were back at the Hall for the Easter Bunny Hunt which, like Halloween, is designed to bring children in to appreciate the Hall. This year it raised nearly £850; a very good result.

Our second hand bookshop in the West Wing, close to the Tea Room, continues to astound us with its success, thanks to the sterling efforts of Jo and Eddie James and Jim and Joan Edwell, earning us nearly £4,300 over the year. We received a further £775 in donations during the year.

Overall this has been another successful year raising just over £12,000. This is, however, considerably lower than the previous two years as these were inflated by the proceeds of fundraising Balls organised with Lytham Town Trust.

We have limited our donations during the period to plants for the Parterre, as we have been consolidating funds in anticipation of supporting a renewed Heritage Lottery Fund grant application (the £150 cost will appear in the 2017/18 accounts).

Our membership at the end of this period was 130 including 4 patrons. Our quarterly newsletter continues to provide news and information about the Hall. We continue to be represented on the Board of Lytham Town Trust by Pam Greenhill, who makes a written report from the Friends into their quarterly Board meeting.

June 2017 – September 2017

In the period since the end of May, and to be reported formally in next year's accounts, we have again run a refreshment stall at four open air theatre events in the Hall grounds and provided support to some other events, including the very successful Steam Fair.

The volunteers at the Hall have continued to make great strides in the grounds with the fantastic new Kitchen Garden, planting of the Parterre and new paths and clearance work. There has also been some encouraging signs of maintenance work being undertaken on the Hall as well as trial painting of the Ground Floor North face of the Georgian Hall. Most recently organisation changes in the management of the Hall have been announced and we await with interest what changes may be made.

The Friends Committee has worked hard during the year and I would like to thank them all for their support. I would also like to thank all our other volunteers and the membership for your support and I hope that you will continue with this in the coming year. We particularly need help from the membership at our fund raising events.



Chairman
For and on behalf of the Management Committee.

Dated: 13th October 2017

THE FRIENDS OF LYTHAM HALL

Receipts and Payments Account

General Purposes Fund

For the year ended 31st May 2017

INCOME	2017	2016
Cancelled cheque	145	0
Donations (Note 1)	775	110
Membership fees	1770	2175
Legacy	0	2000
Gift aid	704	0
Proceeds from fund raising events (Note 2)	13337	54011
Bank Interest - Lloyds TSB Current Account	0	0
Bank Interest - COIF Charity Deposit Fund	152	132
Total receipts	<u>16883</u>	<u>58428</u>

DIRECT CHARITABLE EXPENDITURE

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OTHER EXPENSES

Costs of fund raising events (Note 2)	3978	34529
Postage and stationery	134	223
Hire of Premises	0	0
	0	0
Donations to Heritage Trust NW	0	17000
Miscellaneous (Note 3)	479	2326
Licences and Lottery registration	0	0
Audit of Accounts	150	0
	<u>4741</u>	<u>54078</u>

NET RECEIPTS FOR THE YEAR

12142 4350

Cash and bank balances at 1 June 2016

47291 42941

Cash and bank balances at 31 May 2017

59433 47291

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

CURRENT ASSETS

Bank and cash balances:

Bank current account	8841	11851
Deposit Fund account	50592	35440
Cash in hand	0	0
	<u>59433</u>	<u>47291</u>

For and on behalf of the management Committee

Lambert Dopping-Hepenstal

Chairman

Notes to the Accounts

For the year ended 31st May 2017

NOTE 1. Donations

There were a total of 9 donations during the course of the year of various amounts of which a full list is available

TOTAL	<u><u>775</u></u>
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Note 2 - Fund Raising Events

	Proceeds	Costs	Profit
Theatre Productions	1030	320	710
Evening of Xmas Cheer	4207	2,406	1,801
Halloween	1020	97	923
Snowdrop Walks	1103	308	795
Easter Bunny Hunt	926	83	843
Books, bags, pens and cards	4981	764	4,217
2016 Ball	70	0	70
	<u>13337</u>	<u>3,978</u>	<u>9,359</u>

Note 3 Miscellaneous

Volunteer Badges	121
Public Liability Insurance	310
Website Costs	48
	<u><u>479</u></u>