



THE FRIENDS OF LYTHAM HALL

22nd ANNUAL REPORT

June 2018 – May 2019

Registered Charity Number 1069442

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CHAIRMAN'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR TO MAY 2019

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, John Hornyak
President	- David Coupe

Under the rules of the constitution Pam Greenhill, Elizabeth Guffogg and Marilyn Smith 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 2018 to May 2019**.

Our fundraising year begins with the outdoor theatre events at the Hall organised by Julian Wilde. Attendance at the theatres grows each year and Julian added a fifth event this year. We provided a hot and cold drink stall and served drinks to the patrons at each of the five events. This brought in £567. 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 £521, a reduction on the previous year. This, like most of our events is held entirely outdoors and is dependent on the weather. Leading up to Christmas the Friends held a joint coffee morning with the Civic Society. The Evening of Christmas Cheer at the Hall continues to be popular. This raised £1,142, a little less than the previous year. During the snowdrop season we again ran a bric-a-brac shop in the Old Kitchen, also selling bought in snowdrops. This raised £1,333, significantly more than 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 a slightly disappointing £763; a significant drop from the previous year. As

more events are being held at the Hall and competition elsewhere increases, the Friends' traditional events are seeing a reduction in turnover.

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 Jim and Joan Edwell, Gill Duxbury and Anne Pollitt, earning us £5,069 over the year. We continue to sell Bags, Pens and Cards through the Honesty box system in the Bookshop. These sales contributed a further £1,707, up £300 on the previous year. We received £1,027 in donations during the year. A significant new venture, initiated by John Hornyak, is the Host of Golden Daffodils, which seeks pledges of funds for daffodil bulbs, acknowledged in a Book of Dedications. This has already raised £1,000 but also in time will create a further spectacle in the grounds after the snowdrop and bluebell seasons.

Our events and sale of goods raised £11,500.

This year has seen us donate over £30,600 towards the restoration and upkeep of the Hall and its parkland. The main donation of £27,327 substantially covered the cost of repainting the North, East and South faces of the Georgian Hall. We also spent £4,613 on extending the footpath besides the main driveway, partly offset by a Fylde Community Projects Grant of £2,000 from Fylde Council. Other expenditure went towards Parterre planting, new passing places along the drive and pothole repairs.

Our membership at the end of this period was 154 including 6 patrons. Our quarterly newsletter continues to provide news and information about the Hall.

We have conducted members-only tours of the Hall and the grounds. Julian Wilde also offers discounted Outdoor Theatre tickets to our members.

June 2018 – August 2018

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 five open air theatre events in the Hall grounds.

We are currently investigating further benefits for members and looking to increase our membership numbers significantly.

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. We are also indebted to the staff at the Hall for their support in running our events.



Chairman
For and on behalf of the Management Committee.

Dated: 3rd September 2019

Attachment 1 – Account Summary

Receipts and Payments Account

General Purposes Fund

For the year ended 31st May 2019

INCOME	2019	2018
Donations (Note 1)	1027	756
Membership fees	2367	1798
miscellaneous (note 3)	2110	1910
gift aid	0	297
Proceeds from sales of goods	4442	0
Proceeds from fund raising events (Note 2)	13030	16733
Bank Interest - Lloyds TSB Current Account	0	0
Bank Interest - COIF Charity Deposit Fund	269	128
Total receipts	<u>23245</u>	<u>21622</u>

DIRECT CHARITABLE EXPENDITURE

Goods for re-sale	2281	1060
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OTHER EXPENSES

Costs of fund raising events (Note 2)	3635	3718
Postage and stationery	117	151
Parterre Planting	147	0
Material for passing bays	350	0
Painting contribution to Heritage NW	27327	0
Book trolley	57	0
Concrete for drive repair	201	0
Website domain name cost	55	0
Drive path	4613	0
Public liability insurance	422	0
Miscellaneous	0	4561
	<u>39205</u>	<u>9490</u>

NET RECEIPTS FOR THE YEAR

	-15960	12152
Cash and bank balances at 1 June 2018	<u>71585</u>	<u>59433</u>
Cash and bank balances at 31 May 2019	<u>55625</u>	<u>71585</u>

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

CURRENT ASSETS

Bank and cash balances:

Bank current account	4636	10865
Deposit Fund account	50989	60720
Cash in hand	0	0
	<u>55625</u>	<u>71585</u>

For and on behalf of the management
Committee

Lambert Dopping-Hepenstal
Chairman

Notes to the Accounts

For the year ended 31st May 2019

NOTE 1. Donations

There were a total of 10 donations during the course of the year of various amounts of which a full list is available.

Note 2 - Fund Raising Events

	Proceeds	costs	Profit
Theatre Productions	857	290	567
Evening of Xmas Cheer	3163	2021	1,142
Halloween	701	180	521
Snowdrop Walks	2331	998	1,333
Easter Bunny Hunt	909	146	763
Book Shop Takings	5069	0	5,069
	13030	<u>3635</u>	<u>9,395</u>
card Sales	290		
JTC Booklet	30		
Pens	807		
Shopping bag sales	610		
Daffodils	2705		
	<u>17472</u>		

Note 3 Miscellaneous Receipts

Item paid into account no record	60
Grant from Fylde Borough Council	2000
Donation re stumps	50
	<u>2110</u>