

NORTH ELMHAM YOUTH & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT TRUST LTD

THE EASTGATE CENTRE

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT FOR 2021

General. For the second year the restrictions imposed by the Covid 19 pandemic have dominated life in North Elmham and particularly the Eastgate Centre. It has been another year when little use has been made of its facilities. Yet the finances have never been stronger due to the grants made by the Treasury due to the enforced closure.

Governance. There have been no changes to the Board since last year's report:

Chairman. Tom Fitzalan Howard remained as Chairman and a Parish Council Trustee.

Parish Council Trustees. Martin Phillips and Paul Grainger remained as a Trustees.

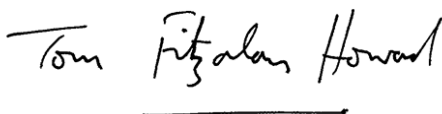
Scouting/Guiding Trustees. Peter Braybrook, Heather Caley (Treasurer) and Marion Morgan (Secretary) have continued in their roles and remain as Trustees.

Use of the Centre. Almost the only groups to make use of The Eastgate Centre this year are The Guides under Marion's continued care, The May Singers and Jenny Cunningham and her friends. A few individuals also hired it for the odd birthday party. In the past few years we have had great support from Debbie Coull and her very successful Before and After School Club. We very much hope that they will continue to use us in the future.

Hire of the Centre. Bookings can be made through 01362 668245 and the current hire rate is £15 per evening / £5 per hour.

Finances. For another year the finances of the Centre remain stronger than ever before with a closing balance of £31,397.00 an increase of £15,900.24 over the previous year. Again this is wholly due to Government-funded grants from Breckland Council when the Centre had to be closed to the public. The historic annual grants each of £250 from the Parish Council and Townland Charities were last paid in 2019.

Capital Expenditure. There was no capital expenditure during 2021. The Centre remains in good condition. For yet another year I am grateful not only to the individuals who agreed to be Trustees and my thanks always goes to Marion as Secretary and Heather as Treasurer who, for yet another year, have kept keep things going and continue to do all the hard work!



Tom Fitzalan Howard
Chairman
15 February 2022