

**OVERTON COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION (OCA) Charity No.1171431
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The objects of the Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) are:

- (A) To promote the benefit of the inhabitants of Overton and the neighbourhood without distinction of sex or of political, religious or other opinions by associating the local authorities voluntary organisations and inhabitants in a common effort to advance education and to provide facilities in the interests of social welfare for recreation and leisure time occupation with the object of improving the conditions of life for the said inhabitants.
- (B) To establish or to secure the establishment of a Community Centre and to maintain and manage, or to co-operate with any local statutory authority or any other body nominated by them in the maintenance and management of such a Centre for activities promoted by the Association and its constituent bodies in furtherance of the above Objects.

At the CIO's AGM on 15 May 2018 Trustees were elected as follows:

Paula Baker (Chair) Nick Whiteley (Vice-Chair), Robert Challen (Treasurer), Sue Carter (Secretary), Charles Cardiff, Sue Headley, Jeff Teagle, Davina Hodgkiss and David Backers. Also at the last AGM the new membership scheme was launched and we are pleased to report that we have 85 members.

The Freehold of the property was finally granted to us on 21st June 2018. The Library is leased by us back to Hampshire County Council. The whole process was protracted and complicated. Particular thanks go to Vice-Chair Nick Whiteley who dealt with all the negotiations and documentation for us. All the assets of the original OCA Charity (No. 276492) have been transferred to the CIO and, with the permission of the Charity Commission, the old charity has been closed.

The Trustees have met four times during the financial year. Issues we have spent time on have included updating our policies and procedures, re-sanding and polishing wooden floors, keeping the building safe and consulting the Council about the Silver Maple tree in the forecourt. During the year the office became vacant and the Parish Council have now hired it. Several maintenance tasks have been carried out by Martin Baker on a voluntary basis and our thanks go to him for all his help. Thanks too go to Nick Whiteley and son Lorcan for getting the Christmas lights up, they made the centre of the village look very festive.

We are very grateful to Angela Cardiff and the U3A Bridge Club for holding another successful bridge afternoon. These have raised funds for the re-roofing of that part of the building which was once used as the schoolmaster's house. Frustratingly finding contractors to give us estimates to do this work has not proved easy. It will be a major expense, as will work on the tree and the damaged forecourt beneath it. The Accounts show a healthy bank balance that has been built up in anticipation of these large projects. Particular thanks go to Robert Challen, our Treasurer for keeping us on a financial "straight and narrow" path and to Kevin Rafferty who has once more inspected our accounts for no fee, we are all extremely grateful to him.

Sincere thanks go to all my fellow Trustees, for all the time and care they give to the Community Association, to members of the Community Association and to all those who use the Centre. A very large vote of thanks from us all goes to our wonderful caretaker Brenda Shelbourn.

Paula Baker, Chair of Trustees
Agreed by the Trustees

August 2019