

OCCOLD RECREATION & AMENITIES COUNCIL
Registered Charity No. 295058
TRUSTEES REPORT

The Trustees present their annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 March 2011. Legal and administrative information is set out at the conclusion of this report.

Objects of the charity

Occold Recreation & Amenities Council (O.R.A.C.) exists to promote the benefit of the community of Occold and its neighbourhood by associating with local authorities, voluntary organisations and the community 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 community. In aiming to meet these objectives, O.R.A.C. remains responsible for the maintenance and management of Occold Village Hall.

Organisation

During the year, O.R.A.C consisted of some 13 committee members being volunteers, many of who are affiliated to other community groups in Occold enabling each group to have a representative involved in the activities arranged for the community and the management of the village hall, which they utilise.

Investment Policy

Cash reserves are being built up following fundraising efforts within the local community in order to pay the final account for the new building due once full defects have been corrected. The trustees currently favour these being retained as cash within a building society account, due to the relatively short time frame between receipt and spend of the funds. Any grant monies that are awarded for this or any other project will be treated similarly as they too should be utilised shortly after receipt

Review of the activities and future developments

Throughout another year O.R.A.C. organised several community events to support the obligations towards the final payments due on our new village hall, and maintained circulation of a quarterly village magazine (Oracle) to help encourage a good sense of community.

- **Support and provision of a village hall** Occold new village hall is now home to an increased number of community groups who use the facility as their regular meeting place. The local Pre School, Primary School, Evangelical Church, Youth Club, Parish Council, WomensqInstitute, Line Dancing Club, Belly Dancing Group, Lunch Club and neighbouring village primary school all use the hall regularly and together with various private bookings ensure that the hall is used virtually every day of the week.
- **Fundraising events supporting the new village hall** During the year we raised some £2,793 from fundraising activities (Quiz Night £316, Fete £435, Italian Evening £619 and the Christmas Dinner £554, plus recycling £239 and ORACLE £696).
- **Village Newsletter** The quarterly magazine known as the ORACLE, is now distributed freely to some 300+ homes around the village and outlying hamlets and local business. The Oracle invites articles from all sections of the community, providing the opportunity for all to promote activities taking place in the village. This continues to be supported by a local business that oversees and funds the printing of the magazine for the community.
- **Community services** O.R.A.C. also maintains a small recycling facility in the centre of the village providing a local collection point for glass and paper products.

In conclusion

The year to 31 March 2011 has been another successful one for the community of Occold. Having delivered our new building in the previous financial year, on time and under budget (without the need for any long-term loan finance) completion of the project's first full year of operations has ensured that all our financial obligations have been met.

O.R.A.C. would like to thank all those who have helped us in any way during the year and look forward to helping maintain community facilities and activities in Occold over the year to come.

Results and financial position

At the close of the year, ORAC held total reserves of £12,719. With the better than expected usage of the new hall already apparent, we confidently forecast that our facilities will be entirely financially sustainable for many years to come.

Mr Robert Richardson
Chairman

3 May 2011

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