

LONG WHATTON COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION (LWCA) (Registered Charity No.1067789)

The Community Association is a registered charity run by villagers for the village. The committee usually meet every month except for 4 meetings each year when all of council attend (made up of the management committee and affiliated group representatives or individually affiliated persons) to discuss any issues raised about the running and maintenance of the hall and to plan events for the community. Although every resident in the village is automatically a member of LWCA, only those who are 'affiliated' to the council have the right to vote when decisions need to be made at council meetings.

Additionally a bequest was made to LWCA by Miss Jones. She left a sum of money to be used for the benefit of individuals or groups in the village, at the discretion of the trustees of the charity. The council meeting in January includes discussions and decisions about applications for money from the Miss Jones' fund. Previous grants have included funding for the school, the 'Village News', the village show, the cricket club, scouts, the Methodist church and All Saints church.

LWCA also manage a fund bequeathed by Mr Barnet which must only be used for the maintenance of the interior of the hall.

The management committee is empowered to make decisions on matters where the cost to LWCA will not exceed £250. Any matters involving costs above this amount must be taken to a council meeting for approval.

The constitution set out below was adopted 14 January 1992 as amended 9 March 1993, 8 March 1994, 9 September and 9 December 1997. Further amendments made 8 June 1999 and 11 January 2000.

To promote the benefit of the inhabitants within the area of benefit without distinction of sex, sexual orientation, race or of political, religious or other opinions by associating together the said inhabitants and the local authorities voluntary and other organisations in a common effort to advance education and to provide facilities in the interests of social welfare for recreation and other leisure time occupation with the object of improving the conditions of life for the said inhabitants.

Although originally the building of the hall was a jointly funded venture between the villagers and Leicestershire County Council (LCC), it is operated and managed by the Council. Maintenance of the building including lighting and heating costs and the security of the hall is the responsibility of LCC. As such LCC charge for the use of the hall to cover the unlocking and locking of the building, cleaning and the utility costs. Groups and individual villagers 'affiliated' to LWCA are charged at a reduced rate should they wish to hire the hall.

For information about hire of the hall, please contact the school office on 01509 842239.
For information about affiliation fees, please email silke.walker@btconnect.com

The management committee has a Chair, Vice-Chair, Treasurer and Secretary and currently has 6 additional members. The committee always welcome new members and fresh ideas. Contact silke.walker@btconnect.com

Events held have included Bingo Fish & Chips, theatre productions, Scarecrow Festival & Open Gardens.



Management meetings are held on the third Tuesday of each month at 8pm and are for committee members only with the exception of January, March, June and October when Council meetings are held. The AGM takes place at the March meeting. Council meetings are open to the public.