



Kingston Village Hall Trust

Three Trusts in One – Policy Statement

The Background.

- **Kingston Village Hall Trust no: 1066308.** Was registered 27th November 1997 on the basis of a Trust Agreement set up by a Steering Committee headed by John Gilbey with the aim of “producing a Village Hall which maintains the architectural merits of the present facility with greatly improved access and a more sustainable mode of operation” (minutes 2nd July 1997). Previous management arrangements were coordinated by a Parochial Church Council Barn and Playing Field Committee.
- **Kingston Church Hall no: 1068241.** Was registered 19th February 1998. Set up under the Albemarle Scheme to allow the Lease Agreement between the Parochial Church Council, the Canterbury Diocesan Board of Finance, and the newly constituted Kingston Village Hall Trust (minutes 29th January 1998). Amended by a Scheme on 2nd March 1998. A Founder Member view is that while the trust may be regarded as ‘dormant’ closure would be ill advised, so we continue to update our registration on an annual basis as required by the Charity Commission, recording the £1 peppercorn rent in Commission Returns.
- **King Georges Field no: 1084357.** Was registered 5th January 2001. The King George V Trust originally purchased the land to ensure that Playing Fields are preserved as appropriate facilities in perpetuity, and first engaged with the Trust in May 1998. There followed a series of discussions which appear increasingly fractious, with the King George V Trust insisting that the Recreation Field remain a separate charity. This culminated in the involvement of the Charity Commission in late 2000 and inclusion of a Scheme of the Charity Commissioners dated 21st March 2001, and allows Trusts 1066308, 1068241 and 1084357 to be managed as one. KVHT’s accounting system clearly identifies income and expenditure for King Georges Field and is now reported in Commission Returns.

The Legal Context.

The Charities Act 1993 s.13 (1) c allows for Trusts to be managed as one under the Cy-Près doctrine. In this regard a Scheme was ordered by the Charity Commissioners on 21st March 2001 that King Georges Field 1084357 be administered in accordance with its existing trusts.

The position is reinforced by more recent Operational Guidance by the Charities Commission on Management of Village Halls under OG 68 B1 – 18th May 2005.

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