

## Volunteer Treasurer Required

**The Friends of the Moot Hall Organ** is a Registered Charity with the object *to promote for the benefit of the public the conservation, preservation and maintenance of The Moot Hall Pipe Organ in Colchester, and to advance the education of the public in the said pipe organ through relevant outreach work to ensure that live music can be enjoyed for future generations.* The organ, which is in Colchester's Town Hall, was restored in 2015 with a Heritage Lottery Fund grant and is maintained by the City Council.

Unfortunately, the Moot Hall has been closed for the last 10 months for unplanned repair work to the roof/ceiling, so currently the organ is not able to be played.

Until this happened The Friends had organised, with Colchester's Civic Organist, monthly lunchtime recitals featuring national and international organists, with attendances returning to the pre-covid levels of 150+. Other events have included an annual 'meet and play the organ' occasion and a silent film, with organ accompaniment, a repeat of which had to be postponed last year.

We are seeking a volunteer **Treasurer** to look after our finances. We have a small membership, currently administered by a Membership Secretary, and we have a Gift Aid scheme in operation. The recitals are frequently sponsored and a retiring collection is made at each one. Knowledge of producing Annual Accounts etc to satisfy the requirements of the Charity Commission is important.

We are ambitious to continue to work with the City Council after the Hall reopens to recreate the enthusiasm for the organ and its music, which has been stymied by the covid lockdown and now by the Moot Hall closure.

The chair of The Friends, Nigel Chapman, would be delighted to talk through the role with anyone interested! Please ring on 01206 272908 or email [nigelachapman@hotmail.com](mailto:nigelachapman@hotmail.com)