

GORING AND DISTRICT COMMUNITY CENTRE TRUST

England & Wales · Charity number 1000005

Details

Other names GORING COMMUNITY CENTRE

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 1990-08-02

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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Activities

Objects: (A) TO PROMOTE THE BENEFIT OF THE INHABITANTS OF GORING AND DISTRICT WITHOUT DISTINCTION OF SEX OR OF POLITICAL RELIGIOUS OR OTHER OPINIONS BY ASSOCIATING THE LOCAL AUTHORITIES, VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS AND INHABITANTS WITH THE OBJECT OF IMPROVING THE CONDITIONS OF LIFE OF THE INHABITANTS. (B) TO ESTABLISH OR TO SECURE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A COMMUNITY CENTRE. (FOR DETAILS, SEE CLAUSE 2 OF CONSTITUTION)

Activities: A. To promote the benefit of the inhabitants of Goring and district without distinction of sex or of political, religious or other opinions, with the object of improving the conditions of life for the inhabitants. B. To establish or to secure the establishment of a community centre.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Human Resources, Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes
- **Who:** Elderly/old People, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** GORING AND DISTRICT
- Oxfordshire
- West Berkshire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£31,022	£51,101	-	-
2024-03-31	£30,062	£25,443	-	-
2023-03-31	£23,245	£17,751	-	-
2022-03-31	£63,108	£24,759	-	-
2021-03-31	£33,307	£24,647	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Alan Matthews		2021-10-29
Angela Patricia Tomlinson		2026-04-28
Derek David Robinson		2021-10-29
John Kenneth BOLER		2022-10-11
SUSAN SMITH		

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Minutes of the Annual General Meeting

held at the Community Centre

on Tuesday 15th April 2025

Present

Alan Matthews – Chairman

Derek Robinson – Treasurer

Brenda Barker

Sue Smith

Jenny Hall – Minutes Secretary

1. **Apologies** – John Boler
2. **Minutes** of the meeting held on 7th May 2024 were agreed and signed
3. **Matters arising** – there were no matters arising
4. **Chairman's Report**

GPC has moved into the East Wing after its successful refurbishment. The Council seems settled in its new accommodation and is functioning as expected. The Actual cost of the refurbishment was close to the Budgeted cost with a total expenditure of £33,106.

Lunch Club would like to attract more members; however, numbers are, in practice, constrained by the availability of drivers who can commit to providing a regular Tuesday/Wednesday service.

The upstairs Office is again available to rent. It will be advertised (at very competitive rates) in GGN

Our ongoing challenge is to increase revenues to cover the expected 25/26 shortfall. Imaginative ideas for the use of our rooms are required!!

Many thanks, Committee for your hard work. And special thanks to Mary Carr for “juggling with” and managing a number of complicated and time-consuming administrative tasks.

Alan Matthews
(Interim Chairman)

5. Treasurer's Report

I formally took over as Treasurer during this financial year.

Key points from the 2024/2025 Accounts are as follows:

The income from Room/Facilities Rental and Room Hire rose from £13,135.33 in 22/23 to £17,854.16 in 23/24 due to new Room Licenses and Facilities/Room Hire and now to £18,122.78 in 24/25. This is due to the Parish Council moving in and an income of £555.07 from the electricity consumed by them. Noel Carter had moved into the small Consulting Room on the first floor during 23/24, but vacated his room in October 2024 and it remains empty. The Lunch Club continues to flourish and has a cost to the Trust £1123 in 24/25 against £1730 in 23/24.

Utility charges for Gas have reduced from £1717 in 23/24 to £1199 in 24/25 due, it is considered, to the installation of a new Boiler in July 2024. However, Electricity charges have increased from £909 in 23/24 to £2352 in 24/25. The supplier EDF had not been reading the supply meter for most of the year and the monthly direct debit has been fixed for more than a year at an insufficient amount to cover the usage. It took until January 2025 to sort this out, after which an arrears invoice for £1664 was received. The Electricity total also included additional Electricity usage by Goring Parish Council and measured by a sub-meter in the sum of £555 since October 2024 to heat the rooms with new electrical radiators in their office and Meeting Room.

The Receipt and Payments Account shows a separate item for the East Wing Development. Total expenditure is recorded at £33110 spread over two years.

We have benefited again in 2024/25 fiscal year from Oxfordshire County Council's rent holiday for the full year rent of £12,000. Oxfordshire County Council have confirmed this rent holiday will continue to the end of March 2025, after which the annual rent is expected to restart with an annual sum of £15,690.

Cambridge & Counties Bank savings bonds stood at £63,062.28 at the start of the year, made up of three fixed-rate bonds, and the sum at the end of the year stands at £53,568.37 made up of two fixed-rate Bonds listed below. When one of the previous bonds matured at £15,315.86 it was transferred to the TSB Treasurer's account for the East Wing improvements. Interest earned by the Cambridge & County Accounts in the year was £2821.95, and from the TSB Savings account £295.19, totaling £3117.14.

Current Savings bonds are as follows.

1 year bond maturing in October 2025	- £27,326.96
2 year bond maturing in November 20 26	- £23,241.41

The surplus for the year 23/24 of £4618 has moved to a deficit of £19279, due to financing the capital works for the East Wing Development.

The Accounts have been independently examined by Derek James, as in previous years, and have been signed off as approved and suitable for submission to the Charity Commission.

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RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT: YEAR ENDING 31 MARCH 2025

2024		2025
	Receipts	
17,854.16	Room/Facilities Rental and Room Hire	18,122.78
1,704.50	Donations	1,210.00
8,406.41	Lunch Club	9,198.96
132.00	Transport Office	173.00
1,964.51	Interest	3,117.14
30,061.58	Total Receipts	31,821.88
	Payments	
348.01	Water	560.43
1,717.34	Gas	1,199.33
909.25	Electricity (Including arrears)	2352.38
549.20	Telephone	569.12
10,139.64	Lunch Club	10,322.03
228.96	Business Rates	164.67
643.30	Insurance	513.79
384.00	Boiler Maintenance	428.00
2,118.31	Maintenance and Improvements	3,173.63
0.00	New Boiler	4,200.00
7,203.50	East Wing Development	25,906.50
801.55	Cleaning	1191.03
399.86	Sundries	520.04
25,442.92	Total Payments	51,100.95
4,618.66	Deficit for the Year	-19,279.07

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BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 MARCH 2025

2024	Current Assets	2025
	Cash at Banks	
28,956.03	TSB Savings	15,251.22
4,072.93	TSB Treasurer's	10,992.58
62,062.28	Cambridge & Counties Bank	50,568.37
96,091.24		76812.17
	<i>Represented by.</i>	
	General Reserve	
91,472.58	Balance at 1 April 2024	96,091.24
4,618.66	Deficit for the year	(19279.07)
96,091.24	Balance at 31 March 2025	76812.17

D D Robinson

Treasurer

DD Robinson

I certify the above Balance Sheet and attached Receipts and Payments Account are in accordance with the books and records of the Goring and District Community Centre Trust as presented to me.

D W James

D W James

Independent Examiner

14 April 2025

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AGM of the Executive Committee Goring & District Community Centre Charity No 1000005

Chairman's Annual Report May 2024

We are meeting rather later than usual this year as various members of the Committee were unavailable during April.

I am pleased to report that **Lunch Club** has continued to thrive. The number of members averages 12 on both Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Although we have welcomed some new members others have sadly died. Denise and her helpers worked very hard to manage during the weeks when the boiler was broken. They were determined to keep the Lunch Club running in spite of the problems.

The Christmas party for the Lunch Club was again held at the Goring & Streatley Golf Club. This was a great success and much enjoyed by the members.

We held a successful **party for our volunteers** in March. This was the first time we had been able to do this since the pandemic and we were pleased to be able to show them our appreciation for all that they do for the Community Centre.

By far the biggest change this year has been in the **agreement with the Goring Parish Council** that they will take over the East Wing when the refurbishment is completed. This will provide a significant increase in our income. We hope the refurbishment will start in a couple of months' time and be finished by the early autumn. The room will be divided in two and have a suspended insulated ceiling, insulated walls and completely new wiring plus electric radiators. It has entailed a lot of work, with quotations from various contractors and negotiations on the details with the Parish Council. Although this is costing money from our capital reserves, we hope to recoup this from the rent in about 5 years.

Lettings. After 18 years the tenant of our self-contained suite has retired and the tenant of one of the upstairs rooms decided to move down into the suite and renovate it. We have re-let the upstairs suite.

Maintenance. We have continued to maintain the inside of the building as required by our lease with OCC. This has included some window painting and most of the windows are now looking good. We have also had to do some outside painting as the windows were in such a bad state they were leaking.

New Boiler. Having suffered for a couple of weeks with attempted fixes, we finally realised that the boiler was beyond repair and had to purchase a new one. This was of course an unexpected expense but it does come with a 5 year guarantee and should provide savings on our gas bill.

Finances. Our Treasurer fell ill in November last year and our Lettings Manager has very kindly taken over the role temporarily. He has done a wonderful job in maintaining the books and producing the end of year accounts. On behalf of the whole Committee I would like to record our huge gratitude to him.

The charitable activities which we run are:

- **Lunch Club on Tuesdays and Wednesdays each week**
- **Arranging Transport for the frail and elderly to local GP and hospital appointments**
- **Mobility Equipment provision for local people**

Our outgoings include rent to OCC, internal decoration and maintenance, payment for utilities and subsidy for the lunch club. In order to fund these we let the upstairs rooms, one downstairs suite and some car parking on a permanent basis and hire out the downstairs rooms on an ad hoc basis.

You will have seen from the Treasurer' Report that we made an operating profit of £4,618 in the 23/24 financial year. However, we have been given a further rent holiday by OCC during 23/24 and this has made a huge difference. We will start paying rent again from April 2025. Last October we had our 5-yearly review and the rent has gone up by about 23%. This is a huge increase, coupled with energy costs increasing by about 25%, particularly as we are unable to recoup much of this from our licensees in the short term. We have paid a 25% deposit on the refurbishment of the East Wing which has affected our capital position.

Finally, I should again like to thank the Trustees and our Minutes Secretary for all the hard work they have put in over the past year. They are all very supportive and give of their time and expertise with unfailing cheerfulness.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mary V Carr', with a horizontal line underneath.

**Mary V Carr, Chair
Goring & District Community Centre Trust**

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RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT: YEAR ENDING 31 MARCH 2024

2023

Receipts

2024

13,135.33	Room/Facilities Rental and Room Hire	17,854.16
550.00	Donations	1,704.50
8,393.12	Lunch Club	8,406.41
151.00	Transport Office	132.00
1,016.13	Interest	1,964.51
23,245.58	Total Receipts	30,061.58

Payments

320.55	Water	348.01
1,296.49	Gas	1,717.34
746.00	Electricity	909.25
440.42	Telephone	549.20
9,096.10	Lunch Club	10,139.64
392.92	Business Rates	228.96
692.66	Insurance	643.30
188.80	Boiler Maintenance	384.00
5,284.49	Maintenance and Improvements	9,321.81
837.50	Cleaning	801.55
455.33	Sundries	399.86
17,751.26	Total Payments	25,442.92
5,494.32	Surplus for the Year	4,618.66

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BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 MARCH 2024

2023	Current Assets	2024
	Cash at Banks	
11,111.25	TSB Savings	28,956.03
6,683.78	TSB Treasurer's	4,072.93
2,318.66	TSB Lunch Club	0.00
71,358.89	Cambridge & Counties Bank	63,062.28
91,472.58		96,091.24
	<i>Represented by.</i>	
	General Reserve	
83,978.26	Balance at 1 April 2023	91,472.58
5,494.32	Surplus for the year	4,618.66
91,472.58	Balance at 31 March 2024	96,091.24

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D D Robinson
Acting Treasurer

I certify the above Balance Sheet and attached Receipts and Payments Account are in accordance with the books and records of the Goring and District Community Centre Trust as presented to me.

 01/05/2024
D W James FCA
Independent Examiner

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Chairman's Report 3 August 2022

David Rattue resigned as Trustee (and Chairman) at the AGM on April 2022.

Martin Smith resigned as Treasurer but remained as a Trustee.

Mary Carr was voted in as new Chairman and Alan Matthews as new Treasurer – both existing Trustees.

Martin Smith died on 28 July 2022. He will be hugely missed by the Committee and has kept the Community Centre running for many years, in addition to being Treasurer.

The Trustees are actively seeking two new Trustees and two people have expressed an interest in joining.

They have employed someone to be responsible for maintenance, caretaking and cleaning.

The Lunch Club continues to thrive under Denise Sayers. There are currently 24 members and it is hoped to increase this number in the coming months, as there are several people who have expressed an interest in joining. (The numbers have been deliberately held down to reduce the risk of spreading Covid-19.) As always, it is a problem to find drivers but so far we have managed to do so.

The Transport Office operates on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings and continues to provide a useful service, although it is not nearly as busy as it was pre-Covid. Again, finding drivers can be difficult.

Our letting income has not returned to what it was before Covid-19 and this, together with the reduced number of lunch club members, resulted in a deficit for the year. A Government Covid grant of £2,667 helped to reduce the deficit.

However, the Reiss Trust was wound up during the year and made us a final grant of £40,000, which resulted in a healthy surplus for the year. This has consolidated our finances for the future.

We are hoping the letting income will increase as activities return to pre-Covid activity, but it seems to be taking a longer time than anticipated.

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Receipts and Payments Account – Year ended 31st March 2022

<u>2021</u>				<u>2022</u>
£	<u>Receipts</u>			£
6,856.92	General	Hire of rooms and facilities	11,719.69	
4,700.00		Donations	43,400.00	
00		Medical Transport	47.00	
856.46		Bank Interest	481.35	
20,708.00		Government Covid Grants	2,667.00	
<u>33,121.38</u>		Sub total		<u>58,315.04</u>
0		Lunch Club Clients	4,792.75	
<u>186.00</u>		Donations	0.00	
<u>186.00</u>		Sub total		<u>4,792.75</u>
<u>33,307.38</u>	Total Receipts			<u>63,107.79</u>
	<u>Payments</u>			
14,927.50	General	Rent including arrears	12,687.50	
0		Business rates	172.50	
121.32		Water	129.85	
455.96		Electricity	416.02	
410.25		Gas	643.37	
415.16		Telephone	382.96	
590.88		Insurance	616.18	
1,309.20		Cleaning	1,117.65	
281.58		Repairs and maintenance	456.40	
0		Administration	23.00	
340.00		Safety checks	62.40	
20.00		DBA checks	0	
49.00		Garden	51.50	
57.00		Letting Refunds	52.00	
0		Volunteer's reception	0	
176.80		Boiler& Maintenance	376.80	
<u>284.80</u>		Covid -19 precautions	<u>0</u>	
19,439.45				17,188.13
0		Lunch Club Meals	2,272.70	
5,208.00		Organiser	<u>5,298.00</u>	
5,208.00				<u>7,570.70</u>
<u>24,647.45</u>	Total Payments			<u>24,758.83</u>
8,659.93	<u>SURPLUS FOR THE YEAR</u>			38,348.96

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Balance Sheet as at 31st March 2022

Current Assets

2021

2022

£36,298.72		TSB Instant Access	£14,557.20	
£993.52		TSB Treasurer	£1,007.39	
£287.06		TSB Lunch Club	£9.11	
£10,000.00		Cambridge & Counties Bank	£70,404.56	
£50.00		Cash in hand	£0	
£47,629.30			£85,978.26	

Represented by:

Accumulated fund

£38,969.37		Brought Forward	£47,629.30	
£8,659.93		Surplus for the year	£38,348.96	
£47,629.30		Fund carried forward	£85,978.26	


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J M Smith
Treasurer

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D W James FCA

8th April 2022

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Trustee Annual Report November 2021

New Lease for the Community Centre – This was finally completed with Oxfordshire County Council on 1st February 2021. It operates from 1st October 2018 with the annual rent back-dated to that date. The rent will be reviewed every 5 years, the first review being on 1st October 2023, but our contract has been extended for a period of 20 years (previously it was 5 years) up to 30th September 2038.

The formal lease is between the Chairman and Treasurer as Trustees and Oxfordshire County Council. It is virtually the same as the old lease and we are still responsible only for the inside of the building.

Although the annual rent has increased by £1250 pa , this has been offset by the increase in rent agreed with Goring Gap News.

Lettings during the Covid Pandemic – We were forced to close in March 2020 and reopened in July 2021. Bookings have not yet returned to pre-Covid levels. We have, however, received a government grant to assist us through this period.

Lunch Clubs – The Lunch Club recommenced on 30th July 2021 and is going well under the leadership of Denise Sayers. All the members are delighted to be back. However, although there are enough volunteer helpers they are seeking a couple of volunteer drivers to bring people in and take them home afterwards.

Due to lack of office volunteers, the Transport Office is open no more than 3 days a week. As a result of the Covid pandemic, many of the volunteers in the Information Office have resigned. The Information Office will no longer be manned and volunteers will open the office twice a month in order to update the information available. A suggestion has been made that it might be more appropriate for the information to be displayed in the Library. This is being discussed with the Library Manager.

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Receipts and Payments Account – Year ended 31st March 2021

<u>2020</u>			<u>2021</u>
£	<u>Receipts</u>		£
13,407.58	General	Hire of rooms and facilities	6,856.92
4,700.00		Donations	4,700.00
307.00		Medical Transport	0
326.93		Bank Interest	856.46
0		Government Covid Grants	<u>20,708.00</u>
<u>18,741.51</u>	Sub total		33,121.38
7,725.61	Lunch Club	Clients	0
455.00		Donations	186.00
<u>8,180.61</u>	Sub total		<u>186.00</u>
<u>26,922.12</u>	Total Receipts		<u>33,307.38</u>
	<u>Payments</u>		
11,500.00	General	Rent including arrears	14,927.50
665.28		Business rates	0
415.35		Water	121.32
1,113.05		Electricity	455.96
841.91		Gas	410.25
375.67		Telephone new contract	415.16
510.32		Insurance	590.88
1,404.06		Cleaning	1,309.20
402.08		Repairs and maintenance	281.58
124.96		Administration	0
178.32		Safety checks	340.00
20.00		DBA checks	20.00
74.78		Garden	49.00
91.96		Letting Refunds	57.00
92.80		Volunteer's reception	0
1,810.41		Boiler& Maintenance	176.80
0		Covid -19 precautions	284.80
	19,630.95		19,439.45
3,757.38	Lunch Club	Meals	0
5,156.69		Organiser	5,208.00
8,914.07			5,208.00
<u>28,545.02</u>	Total Payments		<u>24,647.45</u>
-1622.90	<u>SURPLUS/DEFICIT FOR THE YEAR</u>		8,659.93

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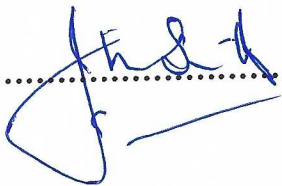
Balance Sheet as at 31st March 2021

Current Assets

2020			2021	
£10,177.34		TSB Instant Access	36,298.72	
£432.97		TSB Treasurer	993.52	
£309.06		TSB Lunch Club	287.06	
£28,000.00		Cambridge & Counties Bank	£10,000.00	
£50.00		Cash in hand	£50.00	
	£38,969.37			47,629.30

**Represented by:
Accumulated fund**

	£40,592.27	Brought Forward		38,969.37
	£1,622.90	Surplus/Deficit		8,659.93
	£38,969.37	Fund carried forward		47,629.30



 J M Smith
 Treasurer

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 D W James FCA

22nd April 2021