

With the worst impact of Covid now hopefully behind us, the past year has seen a further small 5% uptick in the number of bookings over the previous year to 1st November, topping out at 507 separate events. The weekly classes & gatherings account for the majority of these booking and some have been very long standing so it's great to see that the hall is still being used by a wide cross section of the local community.

Unfortunately the youth's football booking was rather short lived, more down to the club's arrangement with their league rather than anything that we had done wrong but it is still a shame the pitches remain dormant bar the occasional casual users. The field has been fully utilised during the summer months however, with the Autojumble and the revised format Country Market, the combination of which has proved very lucrative for the hall. The Autojumble seems to have benefited from the extra publicity through our re energised social media exposure and website as well as new roadside signs and of course word of mouth. We seem to be garnering quite a reputation for putting on a good show. Whilst we'd decided to simplify/reduce market stall holder charges, the broader offering of items for sale seems to have been popular with visitors as is the café and its infamous bacon baps, proof I think that the change in format was the right decision.

Stripping out the approx. £10,500 of grant money which has been secured, the income for the hall over this past year is pretty much on a par with 2021/2. There has been some project expenditure and other ancillary costs which have risen year on year but again, excluding the grant, the hall has still turned a profit of over £10,000. Our financial position therefore, is stronger still and we're better prepared to weather any similar Covid type storm, all of which is only possible with the unfaltering input, month in, month out, of the committee members and supporters for which I'm truly thankful. This is a community asset and the funds generated are designed to be re-invested into improving the facilities for everyone in the village to benefit from.

The major project currently progressing to actual installation in the coming two or three months is the PV panel/battery array, fully funded through a variety of grants. These have been secured from both Botesdale & Rickingham Parish Councils, the locality budgets of both District Councillors Gilly Morgan & Jessica Fleming, Mid Suffolk District Council, Suffolk County Council & the National Lottery. Coupled with the replacement of all of our now rather tired Velux windows, we hope this will enable us to ride out the huge spikes in electricity costs without having to impact hire charges for the foreseeable future, not forgetting of course the 'green' credentials that come with it. Installation of EV charging points is also a possibility in the coming year but I'd be keen to hear ideas from the wider community as to what other facilities people would like to see at the hall to make it even more of a useful hub for the village.

I'm confident of a successful 2024 and look forward to seeing the planned improvements to the hall facilities bear fruit for everyone.

Dominic Ebert



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name
RICKINGHALL VILLAGE HALL

Charity Number
1031033

CC16a

Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	Period start date	To	Period end date
	01/11/2022		31/10/2023

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Village Hall Hire	13,033		-	13,033	11,147
Sports Area	2,119		-	2,119	1,238
Playing Field	430		-	430	327
Electricity Snot Meter	729		-	729	481
Fund Raising Events	1,295		-	1,295	4,061
Recycling Centre	848		-	848	1,026
Lottery	4,920		-	4,920	5,008
Grants & Donations	10,529		-	10,529	673
Refunds	-		-	-	-
Misc. Income	52		-	52	77
Farmers Market	7,689		-	7,689	6,110
Bank interest	204		-	204	7
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	41,848		-	41,848	30,125
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	
Sub total					
Total receipts	41,848		-	41,848	30,125
A3 Payments					
Maintenance	563		-	563	1,040
Wages	2,927		-	2,927	2,262
Anglian Water	635		-	635	170
Fire	101		-	101	197
Fund Raising Events	173		-	173	3,529
Electricity	1,757		-	1,757	1,319
Misc Expenses	2,857		-	2,857	803
Insurance	1,942		-	1,942	1,580
Licences (Bar P Rights)	473		-	473	313
Sports Area	873		-	873	551
Misc Printing	-		-	-	-
Playing Field	413		-	413	314
Farmers Market	2,306		-	2,306	1,281
Projects	3,927		-	3,927	44
Lottery Expenses (Prizes)	2,480		-	2,480	2,430
Sundry	-		-	-	-
Sub total	21,427		-	21,427	15,833
A4 Asset and investment purchases. (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	
Sub total					
Total payments	21,427		-	21,427	15,833
Net of receipts/(payments)	20,421		-	20,421	14,292
A5 Transfers between funds					
A6 Cash funds last year end	56,374		-		42,082
Cash funds this year end	76,795		-	20,421	56,374

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Bank Community Account	26,664	-	-
	Bank Premium Account	46,721	-	-
	Lottery Account	332	-	-
	Cash -Bookkeeper	2,478	-	-
	Cash- Lottery	1,600	-	-
	Total cash funds (agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	76,795	-	-
B2 Other monetary assets	Details	-	-	-
		-	-	-
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B5 Liabilities	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
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Section A Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Charity Name
Rickinghall Village Hall

On accounts for the year
ended

31 October 2023

Charity no
(if any) 1031063

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above
charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31 October 2022.

Responsibilities and
basis of report

As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the
accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011
("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out
under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I
have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission
under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent
examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have
come to my attention in connection with the examination (other than that
disclosed below *) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material
respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130
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with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in
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Signed:

Jo Meekings

Date:

22/2/2024

Name:

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Relevant professional
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IFA
FFTA

Address:

BROOKLAND GARDEN HOUSE LANE RICKINGHALL

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