



Madley Environmental Study Centre (MESC)

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MESC ANNUAL REPORT 2023-2024

Annual Report – Financial

It was reported that the income this year was exceeded by the expenditure, by £24.39 an excellent result for this year to be only a tiny amount off breaking even. Such an improvement on previous years. Due mainly to the “good planning” with fewer grants awarded we had to be very careful when spending our hard-earned funds. A vote of thanks was given to our brilliant bookkeeper Pam Treadwell for all her hard work over this year and for producing once again our end of year financial report.

Shown below is a summary of the income and expenditure for this period. This year’s accounts and report have been qualified by an independent accountant examiner, Mr. Alan King who had signed and dated them as correct.


The Gold account figure includes a set aside amount for this year of approx. £29k ring fenced to cover staff redundancies with the remainder as grant monies held in this account for specific funded projects that MESC are working to complete.

Sabrina Haddock was elected to be the new Treasurer of MESC and agreed to become a counter signatory for the CAF Bank accounts as soon as possible. All trustees agreed to this. We will sort out mandate forms and get Sabrina approved as soon as we can.

Shown below is the end of year financial report for 2023-2024

MESC FINANCIAL REPORT 2023/2024

INCOME		EXPENDITURE	
Donations	9,987.50	Council Rates	1006.56
Bank Interest	680.89	Premises/Maintenance	1845.42
Schools/Nurseries/Toddlers/Preschools	9,427.70	Salaries	32183.82
Non Schools	672.50	Pensions	900.00
Birthday Parties	1,396.00	HMRC	3116.71
Events	9,564.65	Catering	336.83
Sundry	228.00	Event Purchases	769.81
Grant Funding	9,300.00	Insurance	1106.51
Site Cabin Hire	559.00	Office Purchases	73.98
		Refunds	91.00
		Sundry	349.99
		Bank Charges	60.00
TOTAL INCOME	£41,816.24	TOTAL EXPENDITURE	£41,840.63
CAF CASH	8,567.16		
CAF GOLD	29,584.98		
PETTY CASH	591.11		
	38,743.25		


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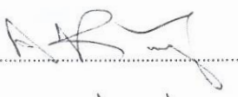
Financial report 2023/2024 - was prepared by Pam Treadwell and qualified by Mr Alan King (independent examiner)

Madley Environmental Study Centre Annual Accounts Year 2023/2024

Examiners Report

Year of accounts reported on	1 st May 2023 – 30 th April 2024
Name of examiner	Mr Alan King
Address of examiner	'Ivylene', Canon Bridge, Madley, Hereford. HR2 9JD

- i) I confirm that this is an independent examination carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and that the examination has been conducted in accordance with the Directions given by the Commission
- ii) After review of the above accounts, I find them to be a true and accurate report of Madley Environmental Study Centre's financial accounts for year ending April 2024.

Alan King 
Date..... 2nd September 2024

See above for independent examiners certification.

Funding, Education and Events

Funding

- June 2023 – Duchy of Cornwall (£1000) – donation towards core costs
- June 2023 – Wiggins Special Metals Community Fund (£1800) – 3 x radiators for log cabin
- August 2023 – Welcome to Our Future (£1000) – free sessions for home educators
- October 2023 – ETL Community Fund (£2479) - donation towards core costs
- November 2023 – Garfield Weston Foundation (£5000) - core costs (1st Year of 2 years)
- December 2024 – Inchyre Trust (£500) – towards insurance costs (3rd Year of 3 years)
- January 2024 – EF Bulmer Foundation (£3140) – free sessions for SEN groups
- January 2024 – Hedley Foundation (£3360) – free sessions for SEN groups.
- April 2024 – Duchy of Cornwall (£1000) – donation towards core costs
- Small donations (teas & coffees etc) throughout the year - £8.50
- **Total grant funding and donations for 2023/24: £19,287.50**

Education

Visitors

- 73 school/pre-school visits took place in 2023/24 (totaling 2132 people)
- 52 community activities took place (totaling 1643 visitors)
- **Total visitors for 2023/24: 3775**

Main Events 2023/24

Activity	No. of people
• Aug 2023: 20 x Family Activity Sessions	429
• Oct 2023: Halloween Event	264
• Nov/Dec 2023: 22 x Christmas Group Sessions	702
• Dec 2023: 6 x Christmas Family sessions	371
• Feb 2024: 4 x Family Activity Sessions	98
• Mar 2024: 3 x Willow Workshops	23
• Apr 2024 6 x Easter Family Sessions	152
Total:	2039

Louise then went on to show and elaborate on the events and activities she has planned for next year

Event Diary 2024/25

- 28th & 29th May 2024: 4 x Family Activity Sessions
- Aug 2024: 10 x Family Activity Sessions
- 29th – 31st Oct 2024: 4 x Family Halloween Sessions
- 17th Nov 2024: Christmas Crafts Workshop
- 25th Nov - 6th Dec 2024: (up to) 20 x Group Christmas Sessions
- 29th Nov - 7th Dec 2024: 4 Family Christmas Sessions
- 18th & 20th Feb 2025: 4 x Family Activity Sessions
- 1st Mar 2025: Needle Felting Workshop
- 15th & 20th Mar 2025: 3 x Willow Wigwam Workshops
- 5th Apr 2025: Willow crafts workshop

Building & Site Developments

Steve Anstey (MESC maintenance engineer) retired from MESC in September 2024 it was sad to see him go but everyone wishes him a very happy retirement and hope to welcome him back on site for a coffee anytime he wants to pop in. We will miss the work Steve has done for us over the 14 years that he had worked with MESC, we know he will be hard to replace. We said farewell to Steve on 19th September with a small get together and one of the last projects Steve undertook was to cut the ribbon on the new stairs to the willow area he and the volunteers had completed building just 5 days before he retired. Other site related projects this period have been, completion of gravel paths making easier access around site, completion of electric installation in the main woods and cabin maintenance which is ongoing throughout the year.

We have interviewed candidates to employ on a 2 day a week the project is funded by the National lottery community fund and is to link the islands with bridges and build a bird hide along with replacing the planking on the main pond dipping platform. This is a two-year project fund and will be achieved within this time frame.

We were sad to lose 3 trustees from the MESC board at our 2024 AGM see chart below

Maureen Venn was elected to become Chair of MESC at the AGM and one of her first duties was to thank everyone associated with MESC for their help and assistance over the last 18 months. Maureen said it was sad that we had lost 3 members of the executive board and suggested that we must now make a big effort to replace them as soon as possible. It was suggested to contact HVOS to ask for their assistance in helping us do this. She also asked those present at the AGM to put forward any names of friends, colleagues and acquaintances that they knew of who might be interested in becoming an MESC trustee.

In conclusion a vote of thanks was expressed to everyone who has helped, volunteered and worked with MESC over the last year, MESC looks forward to continuing to provide education and enjoyment for all its visitors for as long as possible in the future.

Shown below are the election results for the Executive Committee 2024-2025

AGM October 2024 (EC = Executive Committee)

Name	Position	Action	Prop.	Sec.	Agreed
Nick Wood	EC	Continue	MV	SH	yes
Maureen Venn	EC /Chair & Sec.	Continue (chair)	SH	LM	yes
Pam Treadwell	EC	Standing down April 2025	MV	LM	yes
Steve Williams		Standing down			
Joanne Bryan		Standing down			
Sabrina Haddock	EC /Treasurer	Continue (treasurer)	MV	LM	yes

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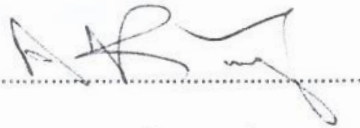
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