

Deaf Hill Ward Regeneration Partnership  
Trustees' Annual Report and Financial  
Statements 1<sup>st</sup> April 2023 to 31st March 2024  
**Charity number:**  
**1156860**

## **Chairman's Annual Report**

I am pleased to present this year's Annual Report for Deaf Hill Ward Regeneration Partnership.

It is still challenging to operate in the current economic climate with utility bills and other service charges rocketing in price. The cost as well of maintaining an old building is always an ongoing issue, but with the help of our volunteers we try to keep this cost down. We are always looking for more volunteers and people to use the Centre.

The Centre continues to provide a base for many groups, including Dance, Craft, Mental health, Children and young people, Brass Band, podiatrist service, photographer, computers and printing as well as private functions. We continue to deliver services outside the village. However we recognise there is scope for more within the building. We also recognise the need for funding to help with costs of the overall running of a building in a deprived area. Trustees continue to be concerned at the lack of services available in the community, we fear services may be lost forever, in a village which already has poor service provision. Many local people rely on the building and the services it offers, such as Food Bank, mental health support and services to the young and old which is now needed more than ever before. Our concern is that people having to leave the village to access these services which will add to many unable to travel due to the financial impact it will have.

I would like to thank all Trustees, volunteers and staff for all their hard work, over the last year and I would like to thank members of the public for their continued support, help and donations. Thanks go to all our staff who we have managed to retain over the last year, without them we wouldn't be able to deliver a lot of our Fun & food sessions.

Our appreciation goes to our Partners and outside agencies and all funders and to our County Councillor's for their support. We also appreciate the support of our MP Paul Howell, who is fully supportive of the work we do.

We have recorded a deficit as predicted in this year income; mainly due to how grants come in. As we prepare for an unpredictable future the need to maintain a reserve fund to ensure we can continue to operate into the future.

Derek Bradley – Chair

Deaf Hill Ward Regeneration Partnership 2023/24		
<b>Income</b>		
	£	
HMCTS	24.09	
Cree	9000.00	
Dance	4725.00	
Grant	915.00	
Parish Council	15.00	
CCTV	2000.00	
Stage light	3000.00	
EDT Grant	1014.00	
Room Hire	3873.86	
Bar	7627.47	
Tickets	106.00	
Donation	20.00	
Youth	39449.50	
Interest	209.57	
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>£71,979.49</b>	
<b>Expenditure</b>	£	
Wages	28836.92	
Administration	7429.84	
Equipment	486.16	
Utilities	7812.81	
Insurance	1125.08	
Catering	101.00	
Bar	4024.80	
Defib	1398.00	
Maintenance	844.51	
Licence	257.40	
CCTV	4152.00	
Cree	245.00	
No more nowt	1344.00	
Youth Project	28414.05	
	<b>£86,471.57</b>	
<b>Deficit for the year</b>	<b>14492.08</b>	
<b>Reconciliation</b>	£	
Fund Balance as at 1/4/23	128925.32	
Deficit for year	-14492.08	
Fund Balance as at 31/3/24	<b>£114,433.24</b>	
<b>Bank Balances:</b>	£	
Current account as at 31/3/24	55206.43	
Deposit Account as at 31/3/24	59226.81	
Add income to bank	0.00	
Unpresented cheques	0.00	
<b>Reconciled</b>	<b>£114,433.24</b>	

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**DEAF HILL WARD REGENERATION PARTNERSHIP  
2023/2024**

**1 Introduction**

- 1.1. In examination of the accounts for the Deaf Hill Ward Regeneration Partnership was carried out for the period 1<sup>st</sup> April 2023 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024
- 1.2. The contents of this report have been discussed and agreed with the Centre Manager and any recommendations are included in the report.

**2 Scope of the Review**

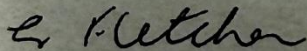
- 2.1. The examination tested and evaluated the efficiency and effectiveness of the income and expenditure records.
- 2.2. The areas of financial and administrative activity examined included:
  - Income and expenditure spreadsheet
  - bank statements,
  - receipts/invoices,
  - cheque books, paying in books

**3 Findings**

- 3.1. The Centre Manager records all income and expenditure on a spreadsheet under various headings. A manual book keeping ledger is also kept showing all transactions monthly and this is reconciled to the bank statement at the end of the month.
- 3.2. All payments are made by cheque or direct debit (utilities) and cheques are signed by the Centre Manager and a Trustee. Records are taken to Committee for Members to check. Most invoices records the cheque number on them which gives a good audit trail when checking payments.
- 3.3. Income is received mainly through grants, room hires and the bar. Bar income is paid using a card and is recorded on sum up payment sheets. The monthly reports were examined and all income could be confirmed in the bank account.
- 3.4. Using the spreadsheet records a statement of accounts and fund reconciliation was produced detailing all the receipts and payments for the period. This gave a deficit for the year of £14,492.08 and the fund record of £114,433.24 reconciled to the current and deposit account bank accounts as at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024

**4. Conclusions/Recommendations**

- 4.1. The fund records reconcile to the bank statements and all income and expenditure was accounted for.
- 4.2. The introduction of a manual monthly record of all income and expenditure is used to reconcile to the bank statements each month.



**Gordon Fletcher, (C.M.I.I.A.)**

**Fund Auditor,**

**Dated: 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2025**

