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Registered Charity number 1157023

Annual Report

The Management Committee continue to meet on a regular basis to ensure the safe and successful running of the Centre.

It is fantastic to have the support of those who attend and volunteer. As always, the Committee would like to appeal to more people in the local area and host a wider range of activities and events. We continue to promote existing activities and seek new ideas from members, through Facebook and in the Parish Council Newsletter. Again, it will be no surprise to mention that we are always seeking support from new volunteers and new Management Committee members. If you are interested please speak to any of the current Committee members or email louisemurray@virgin.net.

In 2023 we worked hard to maintain and improve the building and hosted a variety of events. The Centre finances remain in a healthy position although we did see income fall below expenditure for the first time in a number of years.

Our regular coffee mornings have gone from strength to strength and generate a steady stream of donations, largely as a result of the hard work of Lesa and Leanne. Thank you to the volunteers who make it happen, everyone who regularly donates raffle prizes and all those who pop in for a cuppa and chat.

We've used these events to raise funds and as an opportunity for residents to showcase their arts & crafts:

- Car wash fundraiser
- Armed Forces Day
- Crafts & Coffee
- Family fun a craft mornings

We also hosted some great events:

In July our Red, White & Blue summer event, was a brilliant success. Attendance was great and the entertainment was popular. Special thanks to Magic Mick who did a brilliant job entertaining the children and Rebecca who braved the windy conditions to entertain the grown ups.

In August our friends from Trail Outlaws returned for the Hawthorn Trail Run

In October we hosted a fun Horse Racing night that raised funds for the Centre.

In December we hosted a theatre show from the Bad Apple Theatre Company. It was so good we've asked them back in May to share their new show.

Our regular activities include art & craft classes, our art group, garden project, yoga, community library and table tennis.

The following maintenance projects were completed in the year:

- Complete redecoration of the Centre
- New blinds throughout
- Seeking solutions for the damp which returns each winter

Finances remain healthy, however we must be mindful that expenditure exceeded income by £2,315 in 2023. This was mostly a result of spending Covid-19 restart grants received in 2022 to encourage people back into the Centre. The Committee will continue to monitor this in 2024 to ensure that our finances remain healthy to protect the future of the Centre.

On behalf of the Management Committee I would like to thank Hawthorn Parish Council for their ongoing support.

In conclusion, the Centre has had a successful year as a result of the commitment and work of our Management Committee and volunteers.

As always, a bigger group of volunteers would allow for a wider range of activities. Our building continues to require maintenance and repairs which make it essential to maintain a healthy financial position to ensure we can maintain and improve what is a very old (but loved) community building.

HAWTHORN COMMUNITY CENTRE

INCOME & EXPENDITURE DETAILS 2023

Income		Expenditure	
	£		£
Coffee Morning & Events	3136.95	Community Centre Repairs & Maint	5587.02
Table Tennis	25.00	Community Centre - Gen. & Admin.	560.72
Art Class	400.00	Community Centre Refreshments	343.66
Community Centre Hire	1985.00	Community Centre Equipment	598.08
Hawthorn Parish Council Hall Hire	220.00	DCC Garden Waste	76.00
Theatre Grant from HPC	250.00	Veteran's Charity Donation	70.00
Donations (inc Community Library)	82.27	Performing Rights Society	139.20
Trail Outlaws Run	82.50	Badapple Theatre Payment	450.00
Coronation Grant from HPC	250.00	British Telecom (Wifi/Broadband)	722.89
Hire of Outbuildings	2208.00	EDF - Electricity	1048.00
Membership	380.00	Corona - Gas	1271.77
Energy Support Grants (2 @ £500)	1000.00	Wave - Water	433.76
Christmas Theatre Show Income	279.00	Barrie Insurance (2 x Fees in 2023)	822.24
NS & I Interest	49.16	TV Licence	159.00
		Coronation Event	380.80
Total Income 2023:	10347.88	Total Expenditure 2023:	12663.14
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Surplus/Minus Balance:	(-2315.26)		
B/F Balance 2022:	34972.09	Current Account 2022:	32607.67
(NS & I 2022 B/F:)	6353.78	N S & I Investment Account:	6402.94
BALANCE TOTAL:	39010.61		39010.61

SIGNED:

JK Elliott - Auditor

DATE: 4 APRIL 2024

SIGNED:

R C Wilson - Treasurer

DATE: 4 APRIL 2024

BALANCE SHEET

HAWTHORN COMMUNITY CENTRE
FINANCIAL RETURN 2023
LLOYDS BANK CURRENT ACCOUNT - 34093160
RECONCILIATION including NS&I ACCOUNT

Lloyds Bank Statement Dated 31st December 2023	£ 32,607.67
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Balance	32607.67
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Balance @ 31/12/22	34972.09
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Income Jan - Dec 2023 (inc NS&I Interest of £49.16).	10347.88
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Total	45319.97
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Expenditure Jan - Dec 2023	12663.14
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Bal Inc / Exp	32656.83
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Balances @ Lloyds Bank & NS&I 31/12/23	
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N. S. Investment Account	6402.94
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Lloyds Current Account	32607.27
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Total	39010.21
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