

## **Trustee's Annual Report 2024**

### **Trustees**

Mrs Jane Blyth  
Mr Peter Bryant  
Ms Elizabeth Clarke

Miss Orlaith Carney -  
Secretary  
Mrs Sue Dover

Mr Ron James - Treasurer  
Mr Mansoor Manijlai  
Mr David Ward – Chair

### **Charity Structure and Governance:**

Please see the CIO Constitution on the website

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### **Objectives and Activities:**

The Committee of the Higher Denham Community Charitable Incorporated Organisation (HDC CIO) is a volunteer group of residents, elected at the Annual General Meeting, and our main aim is to run and maintain the community hall, field and gardens and to safeguard the local environment for the benefit of its residents.

### **Chairman's report**

1. Dog waste bin: will be placed on HD property, residents can reach over fence and put in bin. Only issue is it won't be emptied by council. Still awaiting response from county. Once we gain permission it will be moved to safer permission.
2. Trees: few trees have come down in the field, willow tree cut back too as dead wood.
3. Sara Hall: new secretary, drafting letters/emails, producing newsletter, maintaining website. Orlaith was previous secretary.
4. Committee members: some have stepped down - Ron's time has lapsed with the committee, Mansoor no longer standing. HDC CIO short of members.
5. Defibrillators: we have 4 in HD. 2 installed this year with help of MB. Pete Bryant works on this tirelessly, keeps them updated and maintained. Some have recently been upgraded with pediatric pads.
6. Bonfire night: great success, MB gave a donation towards this, stalls were profitable.
7. Litter picking: if a road is more than 30mph it should be closed to do any work so not advisable to litter pick by volunteers and should be left to local council
8. Party on the Glebe: made a profit
9. New bench: installed this year, donated
10. Newsletter: Terri Ughart did this for a number of years, Sara will take over
11. Les: groundsman for HD, currently in hospital and we have sent our best wishes and a speedy recovery

### **Treasurer's Report:**

1. CIO Accounts: The front page displays the annual income and expenditure. Money from hall hire was substantial and went up on the previous year and prices have not gone up which means it has been used more. Field hire was £0 - no football team used the pitch in 2024, may have gone to council's full football pitch off the A412. We have had enquiries about two 7 aside pitches so income is due to come in this coming year.
2. Social club - increased income

3. £1350 raised from Bonfire night and party on the Glebe events
4. Donation of £1200 from MB paid for fireworks, therefore profit from the night to HD CIO was bigger than previously
5. £1250 donations from residents towards raffle
6. Interest £289 from money in banks
7. Total income just short of £28000
8. Hall maintenance work kept low as hopefully new hall will be built soon.
9. Rates have been significantly reduced, this year we are being charged full amount
10. Insurance went up slightly in line with inflation - split with social club
11. HDC CIO pay to cut verges (except lower road), as council pays us for this, verges less expensive this year due to higher rainfall so less of a need to cut
12. Sundries: CCTV, events (net loss of all events apart from firework night and august party on glebe)
13. £8700 profit for last year - we have made a profit each year, may be needed for new hall
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14. Account for new hall: Starting balance £227,624, we received £645,251 in donations during the year and spent £33,328 mainly on architect fees but also nearly £5000, on ground checks.

### **New building update**

Application was submitted to Bucks planning department with lots of evidence. Bucks take approximately 24 weeks to come back with a verdict, has been in for 6 weeks at time of this meeting. Highways has suggested increase in number of parking spaces. If planning permission granted we hope to make a start this year. Will keep progress posted on website for residents. Originally the application was going to be completed through a community right to build but Bucks unfamiliar with this process then changed to regular planning application.

**HIGHER DENHAM COMMUNITY CIO****PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT**

	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
<b><u>Income</u></b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Hall Hire	12870	11060
Field Hire	0	2146
Social Club	2434	2340
Social Club Services	423	456
Social Club Donations	500	720
Parish Council Grant	500	1000
Fireworks Night/August event	1355	804
Other Income	762	1124
Garden Club	0	93
Other Donations	1200	3450
Monthly Draw	1246	1326
Interest	6692	289
<b>Total</b>	<b>27982</b>	<b>24808</b>
<b><u>Expenditure</u></b>		
Hall Maintenance	212	289
Rates	64	61
Insurance	1242	1201
Light/Heat	2809	3423
Water/Sewerage	498	507
Cleaning	1893	1780
Field Maintenance	7055	5221
Verges	420	880
Sundries	1712	589
CCTV	969	641
Events	20	992
Independent Examination	220	177
Defrillator	-	1,378
Depreciation	2167	2710
<b>Total</b>	<b>19281</b>	<b>19849</b>
<b><u>Profit for the Year.</u></b>	<b>8701</b>	<b>4959</b>

<u>NEW HALL ACCOUNT for 2024</u>		£
Balance brought forward		227624
Donations		645251
Less Expenses		33328
Fund balance		839547

### HIGHER DENHAM COMMUNITY CIO BALANCE SHEET 31-12-2024

FIXED ASSETS	COST	ACCUM DEPT	ADDITIONS	DEPT 2024	VALUE
	£	£	£	£	£
Hall	8696	8695			1
Furniture & Fittings	25887	24945		188	754
Equipment	19019	16633		477	1909
Shelter	2175	1985		38	152
Mower Shed	6376	5356		204	816
Field	15070				15070
Field Equipment	16910	13372		708	2830
Road Equipment	3450	690		552	2208
<b><u>TOTAL</u></b>	<b><u>97583</u></b>	<b><u>71676</u></b>		<b><u>2167</u></b>	<b><u>23740</u></b>

#### CURRENT ASSETS

Fixed Assets Value	23740
NS&I	38757
Current Account	175007
Deposit Account	706307
Cash	1122
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>944933</b>

#### CURRENT LIABILITIES

	0
<b><u>NET ASSETS</u></b>	<b><u>944933</u></b>

#### FINANCED BY

Opening Balance Sheet	96685
Profit for the Year	8701
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## INDEPENDENT EXAMINER REPORT

I have examined the books and records of the Higher Denham Community Association CIO for the year to 31 December 2024.

My examination included consideration of unusual items and disclosures in the records and profit and loss account and balance sheet, and seeking explanations from the Treasurer in respect of matters that required further detail.

The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and, consequently, no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a "true and fair view", and this report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

In connection with my examination, no material matter has come to my attention, or been left unresolved, which would lead me to believe that the requirements under the Charities Act to keep proper accounting records and prepare accounts from those records, have not been met, nor in my opinion are there matters to which attention should be drawn in order to provide a proper understanding of the accounts, to be reached.



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