

## Chairperson Annual Report 2023/2024

### Welcome

As in previous years, this year has been another challenging one, but we have had an increase in private hire and Craft Fairs bookings. These help towards the cost of running the village hall, of which we are extremely grateful.

As a committee, we have helped with the footfall for the Craft Fair by serving drinks and lovely home-made cakes plus a tombola all of which brought in an additional income for us.

We have started to run a social afternoon once a month, which is playing games such as Scrabble, Darts, Canasta or just chat with friends. Another event we have is a Book Sale and Coffee morning and this time we are going to introduce a plant sale.

To try and promote the hall we are in the process of securing Wi-Fi therefore are in discussion with a company who are keen to help the community.....Watch this space. There has been a thought in offering our hall for use when the seasonal vaccination programme begins, but time has pushed on and that boat has sailed for the first part of the programme but we can put forward the idea for future. The only problem will be parking.

The committee are still considering how we need to sort the storeroom. Fortunately, we haven't had the storms that we endured last year therefore we have been spared the rain seeping through the wall causing flooding. Thoughts are still ongoing.

I did think this year we would struggle to break even, due to the increase of utility bills, maintenance and insurance, but as you can see we have managed to make a small profit of £527.76. Saying that the committee are going to have to increase the hire charge. Much as we don't like the idea we still have to try and maintain a steady income so as not to dip into our ring fenced fund too often. It will be a case of setting a figure that will not cause us to lose exiting hirers.

At this point I would like to thank the committee and users for all their support over the last year and going forward hopefully people would like to volunteer and help us with events for the village community.

**Morton on Swale Village Hall Accounts 2023/2024**  
**Charity Number 116388**

**Income**

**Rents**

Art group	£	688
R Eastaugh		344
Lunch club		176
Morton Green		9
W.I.		288
Yoga		400
Quilters		160
Age UK		640
Juditsu		182
NUTEC		18

**Total Rentals        £2,905**

**Other income**

Donations	506.70
Craft fairs	156
Coffee mornings	295
Social afternoons	111
Private hire	816
Credit SSE	1,537.19

**TOTAL INCOME £6,326.89**

**TOTAL EXPENDITURE £5,799.13**

**TOTAL INCOME LESS EXPENDITURE £527.76**

**Bank Reconciliation**

Balance Bt. Forward	31.3.23
Balance	£35,607.45
Income	£ 6,326.89
Cash in hand	46.00

Balance Cd/Forward	31.3.24
Balance	£36,181.31
Expenditure	£5,799.03

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**Net Income less expenditure 2023/2024 £527.76**