

# Chair's Report.2023/24

What a Year it has been. But first the good bits.

We have received a grant of £20K from the National Lottery to fund Solar Panels. In addition, we have had £5K to support the Hall from the Government via CBC and a further £568 for a Projector & screen from CBC Ward Members as well as £500 from Ampthill Fireworks Thank you.

Now the not so good. The Hall's income over expenditure was barely £4K, despite an increase in hiring charges of 10%, but CBC grants and the Comedy Club came to our rescue.

The Hall has continued to try to build up reserves to pay for medium and long- term repairs, replacement and maintenance, but the only way this can be continued is by fund raising.

The reason the Hall's costs have gone up is due to three inter-related factors. The Hall is open 7 days a week and provides facilities for over 30 users and run by volunteers. Cleaning costs have increased dramatically. Opening up and closing the Hall after each booking during the week is done by a small group of dedicated volunteers. At the weekends we have needed to supplement their work by employing people. The third reason for increased costs is the price of energy, particularly electricity. We hope that we will be able to instal Solar Panels that will reduce costs and make Parkside greener.

The pressure on volunteers has been felt throughout the organisation. We are grateful for the work the payments clerk, treasurer and administration and rota organiser volunteers, whose work does go unnoticed. We have employed a new caretaker and weekend openers, and bookings clerk We need to find volunteers to market, publicise and help with fundraising, and of course a new chair. I took the chair's role on for six months and it is now a year and I'm not getting younger and feel I have to step down. It needs a younger person and a new look.

Purchasing new stage curtains, door fireguards, parking bollards, and all the little thing that keep the Hall running for over 30 different user groups goes on. People from the NHS, weddings & children's parties as well as Karata, Pilates, and singing groups and pre-school children & baby & toddlers, and the Zonita Cinema and many more use the Hall. The well-equipped kitchen and bar also have to be cleaned and managed. Running the Comedy Night and other charity & fundraising events is also done by volunteers. Thank you.

The management of the car parking is another problem. The carpark spaces, sometimes at the weekends have been taken up by non- users of the Hall, leaving users nowhere to park.

The Hall is run by a management group that meet regularly to keep the Hall ticking over, and Trustees that make long term decisions. The Hall's website needs maintaining and the booking site needs to be run smoothly, as do the accounts and interactions with users and the public.

The most pressing issue facing the Hall is to find a new Chair of Trustees to replace me.

Roy Tebbutt. Chair of Trustees, April 29<sup>th</sup>. 2024

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Parkside Hall Accounts for the period January to December 2024

Receipts Account	No 1 Account Receipts 2024 £'s	Payables Account 2024 £'s	Total Parkside Operations 2024 £'s	Event Receipts	Parkside Events 2024 £'s	Events Capital Movement	Events Bank 2024 £'s	Reserve Account 2024	Parkside Reserve 2024 £'s	Total Parkside 2024 £'s
2023 Hall Receipts (lettings) unpaid in 2023			0.00	Comedy Night Takings	26,898.72	Grant		Interest	2,286.48	
2024 Hall Receipts (lettings) Prepaid 2023	0.00		0.00			Solar Panel Grant	20,000.00	Donation	25.00	
2024 Hall Receipts (lettings)	69,109.27	-1,710.25	67,399.02			Solar Panel from Reserve	20,000.00	Grant	1,500.00	
2024 Rent Receivable	330.00		330.00							
Alameda	1,000.00		1,000.00							
Miscellaneous Other/Donations			0.00							
Total Receipts	£70,439.27	-£1,710.25	£68,729.02	Total Receipts	£26,898.72	Total Grant/Reserve	£40,000.00	Total Receipts	£3,811.48	£99,439.22
Less running expenses	£'s	£'s	£'s	Less Costs	£'s	Payments	£'s	Less Expenditure		
Wages/Cleaning (Includes Furlough Payments)		17,013.15	17,013.15	Comedy Night	11,230.30	Solar Panel Payments		Solar Panels	20,000.00	
Utilities		12,585.15	12,585.15			Greenway Solar	9,408.30	Door Stops	3,592.04	
General Maintenance		5,110.21	5,110.21			Greenway Solar	13,171.62	Door Stops	3,264.00	
Equipment Maintenance		2,889.58	2,889.58			Greenway Solar	15,053.27			
Waste, Windows & Ground Maintenance (Insurance)		2,326.64	2,326.64							
Telephone/TV Licence	579.90	0.00	579.90							
Insurance/Licences		3,020.10	3,020.10							
PRS/Licences		883.87	883.87							
Misc inc Grant for Projector Paid from Payables	-558.00	6,762.00	6,204.00							
Total Running Cost	21.90	£50,590.70	£50,612.60	Total Costs	£11,230.30	Total Payments	£37,633.19	Total Expenditures	£26,856.04	£88,698.94
Net Margin on Operating	£70,417.37	-£52,300.95	£18,116.42	Net Margin on Events	£15,668.42	Balance Unused	£2,366.81	Net Cash (Reduction)	-£23,044.56	£10,740.28
Transfers To Payables	-£63,000.00			Transfer To Reserve Account	-£15,633.19	Transfer To Reserve Account	-£2,366.81	Transfer From Events		
Transfers From No.1		£63,000.00						From No1 Receipts	£18,000.00	
Transfers To Reserve Account	-£48,000.00								£48,000.00	
Transfers from Reserve										
Grants held for transfer to Reserves next year	£735.00									
Capital Account Movement	£'s	£'s	£'s							
2025/26 Prepaid Hall Receipts (lettings)	2,757.40		2,757.40							2,757.40
Refundable Deposits Received	11,240.00		11,240.00							11,240.00
Less Deposits Returned		10,026.00	-10,026.00							-10,026.00
Net Change in Capital	-£25,850.23	£673.05	£22,087.82							£14,711.68
Less 2024 Memo Rent Receivable	330.00									0.00
Less 2024 Prepaid in 2023 (Receipts Account)	0.00									0.00
Total Cash Movement	-£26,180.23	£673.05	-£25,507.18							£25,451.96
Bank Balances	£'s	£'s	£'s	Parkside Events Bank Balance	£'s	Events Capital Bank Balance	£'s	Bank Balance	£'s	£'s
Opening Balance	29,429.50	£2,404.43		Opening Balance	2,912.77	Opening Balance	0.00	Opening Balance	161,380.85	196,127.55
Plus/Minus Cash Movement	-26,180.23	673.05		Plus/Minus Cash Movement	35.23	Plus/Minus Cash Movement	0.00	Plus/Minus Cash Movement	42,955.44	17,483.49
Closing Bank Balances	£3,249.27	£3,077.48		Closing Bank Balance	£2,948.00	Closing Bank Balance	£0.00	Closing Bank Balance	£204,336.29	£213,611.04
Bank Statement	£3,249.27	£3,077.48	£6,326.75	Bank Statement	£2,948.00	Bank Statement		Bank Statement	£204,336.29	£213,611.04
	£0.00	£0.00			£0.00				£0.00	£0.00

Balance Sheet			
Assets	£'s	Liabilities	£'s
Cash	£213,611.04	Deposits	£8,914.00
Receivables	£330.00	Prepaid	£2,757.40
		Reserves	£202,269.64
Totals	£213,941.04		£213,941.04

Balance Sheet Reconciliation		12/31/2024							
Opening Cash	£196,127.55	Receivables	£0.00	Deposits	£7,700.00	Prepaid in 2023	£4,911.00	Net Reserve 2023	£183,516.55
Parkside Operations Profit	£18,116.42	Outstanding	£330.00	Deposits Rec'd	£11,240.00	Now Included in 2024	-£4,911.00		
Profit on Events	£18,035.23			Deposits Repaid	£10,026.00	Prepaid 2024	£2,757.40		
Reserve Interest Donation & Grant	£3,811.48								
Other Grant	£735.00								
Reserve Capital Expenditures	-£26,856.04								
Net Increase in Deposits	£1,214.00								
Prepaid	£2,757.40								
Receivables	-£330.00								
Balances 31/12/2024	£213,611.04	12/31/2024	£330.00	12/31/2024	£8,914.00	12/31/2024	£2,757.40		£202,269.64



**CHARITY COMMISSION**  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

**Independent examiner's report  
on the accounts**

**Section A**

**Independent Examiner's Report**

**Report to the trustees/  
members of**

Charity Name

PARKSIDE COMMUNITY HALL

**On accounts for the year  
ended** DECEMBER 24

**Charity no  
(if any)** 1165460

**Set out on pages**

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

**Responsibilities and basis  
of report**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended DD / MM / YYYY.

As the charity trustees of the Trust, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

**Independent examiner's  
statement**

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention (other than that disclosed below \*) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

\* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

**Signed:**

**Date:**

6-10-25

**Name:**

B.A. PEAT

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qualification(s) or body (if  
any):**

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**Section B**

**Disclosure**

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

**Give here brief details of  
any items that the  
examiner wishes to  
disclose.**