

## **ANNUAL REPORT TO CHARITY COMMISSION 2024**

1. 2024 was another very good year for the Hall. Most importantly, we successfully raised the funds to enable the installation of 21 solar panels, two storage batteries and an all-electric cooker. Consequently the last piece of equipment reliant on fossil fuels (LPG) has been removed and the hall is now much greener. Even better, a feed-in tariff enables us to sell any excess power to the national grid. This should provide an income as well as reducing our energy costs. As well as this we have installed heaters into the three toilets which should make them more pleasant to use in the winter.

2. Turning to social activities, we held:

- 7 Film Nights, with films chosen through a survey of 100 Club members. Last year we also started a new – and popular – venture with pre-show meals being available from the Rose and Crown with a film ticket as part of the package. Our Film Nights attract people from right across the Queen Thorne benefice and have become a firm fixture on our events calendar.

3. During 2024 we also held:

- 4 coffee mornings;
- 2 Early Doors drinks; and
- a Christmas Drinks evening.

4. All of these activities provide a great way to catch up with friends as well as to meet new people. They also generate very welcome income for the hall.

5. In addition, 2024 saw another Pancake Mardi Gras, much enjoyed by children from the school, a series of Spring Lunches in Lent and a Harvest Lunch. A Syrian meal in February, cooked by refugees based in Sherborne, was one of the highlights of last year. There are too many people to thank individually but many thanks to everyone who has worked so hard on our social activities over the year. These events simply would not happen without their efforts. Thanks as well to everyone who came to these events and helped make them such successes. The great

work has continued into this year, notably with another brilliant Quiz Night in January, run by Roly and Sally Dangerfield and enjoyed by nearly 50 people.

6. The biggest event of the year, in terms of the organisation required, is undoubtedly the annual village fete. 2024 saw our traditional village fete raising some £3,300 for the hall and the church, a really important sum for both organisations. The fete is always a great way of bringing people together to support the village and the church.

7. To keep the hall viable, we are dependent on both social events and hall hirings. Bookings in 2024 continued to be very good, with some 20 birthday parties – for both children and adults – as well as a wedding. As you can see from the accounts, income from hall hire is a vital income stream for us and remains buoyant, reflecting our excellent facilities.

8. On that note, our income has enabled us to instal a suspended ceiling in the meeting room which has greatly improved its acoustics. We also installed a shed as we inevitably need lots of storage space. And we are shortly getting this hall and the meeting room redecorated – after 5 years, both are in need of a refresh.

9. The accounts also show that the 100 Club lottery had another pretty good year, although there are still some vacant numbers.

### **The Hall Accounts for 2024**

10. The Accounts – and report of the Independent Examiner – are attached below. The Chairman thanked Nicola Matthews for all her work as Treasurer, as well as Nick Dyer, our bookkeeper, and Max Snow, Treasurer of the Queen Thorne Benefice, who has kindly reviewed our accounts once again this year.

11. The headlines from the accounts are that:

- Income from hall hire was a little reduced in 2024 compared with 2023 but was still up by 17% compared to 2022. At this stage in 2025, income from hall hire was only slightly down on the same period last year, which was encouraging.
- Total assets stood at just over £30,000 at the end of 2024, compared with just under £29,000 at the end of 2023. This was despite several investments in the hall. Nicola continued that she had started to depreciate key assets such as the solar panels and those hall improvements funded by the loan from the Ernest Cook Trust.

### **Election of the committee for 2025/26**

12. During the last year. Christina Durnan-White was co-opted onto the Committee. Alistair Morgan stood down from the Parish Council but has remained on the Committee. Paul Harris said he had decided that now is the right time for him to stand down from the Chairmanship and the Committee. He joined the Committee in 2014 and had really enjoyed the last 11 years, particularly when acting as Project Manager for the major improvement works from 2019 to 2021. However, he preferred overseeing major developments to managing a facility in “steady state”.

13. Chris Wilkinson had offered to take over as Chairman and so was recently co-opted onto the Committee and appointed Vice-Chairman. In June the Committee elected Chris as Chairman.

14. So, as well as Chris, the following committee members have been elected for 2025/26. They are David Walden (Secretary), Nicola Matthews (Treasurer), Peter Phillips, Ray Thomson, Wendy Phillips, Mike Herrmann, Christina Durnan-White and Alistair Morgan. The Parish Council has nominated Gene Stoddart as its Committee representative. Paul thanked everyone on the current Committee for all their help and

support, especially David Walden and Nicola Matthews, as well as Chris Wilkinson for putting himself forward.



# Trent Memorial Hall

## Financial Activities

January - December 2024

	TOTAL	
	JAN - DEC 2024	JAN - DEC 2023 (PY)
<b>Income</b>		
100 Club Subscription	3,288.00	3,177.00
Bank & National Savings Interest	677.00	37.71
Donations	608.78	59.39
Events	3,144.00	8,282.34
Bar Sales	2,534.85	
Fete	3,748.63	4,055.20
<b>Total Events</b>	<b>9,427.48</b>	<b>12,337.54</b>
Grants		
Grants For Solar Panels	1,815.95	
Queen Thorne Parish Council Grants	102.00	80.40
<b>Total Grants</b>	<b>1,917.95</b>	<b>80.40</b>
Hall Hire	7,260.00	7,854.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>£23,179.21</b>	<b>£23,546.04</b>
<b>Cost of Sales</b>		
100 Club Winnings	1,400.00	1,400.00
Lottery Expenses	20.00	20.00
<b>Total 100 Club Winnings</b>	<b>1,420.00</b>	<b>1,420.00</b>
Events Expenses	1,948.11	4,332.74
Bar Stock Purchases	1,477.18	
Bar Stock Shrinkage	(117.24)	
Stock Shrinkage	45.48	
<b>Total Bar Stock Shrinkage</b>	<b>(71.76)</b>	
Closing Bar Stock		(980.78)
Donations from Events	536.85	1,436.55
Fete Expenses	2,101.58	2,207.43
<b>Total Events Expenses</b>	<b>5,991.96</b>	<b>6,995.94</b>
<b>Total Cost of Sales</b>	<b>£7,411.96</b>	<b>£8,415.94</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£15,767.25</b>	<b>£15,130.10</b>
<b>Expenditures</b>		
Accountancy	428.00	647.00
Cleaning	1,559.82	1,380.20
Ground Rent	150.00	150.00
Hall Renovation		590.00
Insurances	995.08	897.90
Internal Furnishings and Equipment	601.98	714.53
Light & Heat	1,261.60	971.09
PayPal Charges	52.69	73.28
Planning & Survey Fees	190.00	
Playground Expenses	26.40	39.00
Printing, Postage and Stationery		22.25



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January - December 2024

	JAN - DEC 2024	TOTAL	
		JAN - DEC 2024	JAN - DEC 2023 (PY)
Rates & Water		325.26	235.34
Repair and maintenance		4,346.93	1,885.98
Subscriptions and Licences		333.26	509.20
Waste disposal		418.51	237.71
Website & Internet		1,665.18	559.87
<b>Total Expenditures</b>		<b>£12,354.71</b>	<b>£8,913.35</b>
NET OPERATING INCOME		<b>£3,412.54</b>	<b>£6,216.75</b>
Other Expenditures			
Depreciation Of Furniture & Fixtures		263.79	
Depreciation Of Solar Panels		1,775.99	
<b>Total Other Expenditures</b>		<b>£2,039.78</b>	<b>£0.00</b>
NET OTHER INCOME		<b>£ (2,039.78)</b>	<b>£0.00</b>
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		<b>£1,372.76</b>	<b>£6,216.75</b>





## Trent Memorial Hall

### Balance Sheet

As of December 31, 2024

		TOTAL	
		AS OF DEC 31, 2024	AS OF DEC 31, 2023 (PY)
Fixed Asset			
Tangible assets			
Furniture & Fixtures		2,374.18	
Hall Improvements		25,000.00	
Solar Panels		15,983.88	
<b>Total Tangible assets</b>		<b>£43,358.06</b>	<b>£0.00</b>
<b>Total Fixed Asset</b>		<b>£43,358.06</b>	<b>£0.00</b>
Cash at bank and in hand			
Bank Account (Lloyds 9064)		7,817.90	16,904.36
High Interest Savings Account (Lloyds)		10,000.00	
Improvement Fund (Lloyds 9560)		0.00	0.64
Instant Access Savings (Lloyds 6368)		8,972.83	10,011.84
Lottery Account (Lloyds 9968)		763.00	647.00
National Savings		33.88	33.62
Petty Cash		322.70	219.47
<b>Total Cash at bank and in hand</b>		<b>£27,910.31</b>	<b>£27,816.93</b>
Debtors			
Debtors		425.00	59.00
<b>Total Debtors</b>		<b>£425.00</b>	<b>£59.00</b>
Current Assets			
Bar Stock		604.85	980.78
Stock Asset		22.02	
<b>Total Current Assets</b>		<b>£626.87</b>	<b>£980.78</b>
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>		<b>£28,962.18</b>	<b>£28,856.71</b>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year			
Trade Creditors			
Creditors		225.60	38.39
<b>Total Trade Creditors</b>		<b>£225.60</b>	<b>£38.39</b>



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## Balance Sheet

As of December 31, 2024

	TOTAL	
	AS OF DEC 31, 2024	AS OF DEC 31, 2023 (PY)
Current Liabilities		
Accruals	428.00	
Customer Prepayments	132.00	
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>	<b>£560.00</b>	<b>£0.00</b>
<b>Total Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>	<b>£785.60</b>	<b>£38.39</b>
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS (LIABILITIES)</b>	<b>£28,176.58</b>	<b>£28,818.32</b>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>	<b>£71,534.64</b>	<b>£28,818.32</b>
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year		
ECT Loan	25,000.00	
<b>Total Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year</b>	<b>£25,000.00</b>	<b>£0.00</b>
Accruals and deferred income	16,343.56	
<b>TOTAL NET ASSETS (LIABILITIES)</b>	<b>£30,191.08</b>	<b>£28,818.32</b>
Charity funds		
Opening Balance Equity	23,626.74	23,626.74
Retained Earnings	5,191.58	(1,025.17)
Surplus/(Deficit)	1,372.76	6,216.75
<b>Total Charity funds</b>	<b>£30,191.08</b>	<b>£28,818.32</b>

### Note

Accounts prepared by: Nick Dyer 17 April 2025

Accounts presented by: Nicola Harris

Signature: 

Date: 23/4/25

Accounts examined by: Max Snow

Signature: 

Date: 23/4/25



## **Trent Memorial Hall - Independent Review of Accounts Year ended 31 Dec 2024**

I have reviewed the subject accounts by undertaking the following actions:

- Cross-checking all closing bank account balances on the Balance sheet against verified electronic copies of bank statements.
- Cross-checking all entries in Financial Activities statement against the sub-total amounts in the "Transaction Report by Account" report.

### **Observations:**

- There were no anomalies in the above checks.
- A professionally qualified and experienced book-keeper has prepared the financial statements.
- The Treasurer has introduced some beneficial changes to the presentation of the 2024 accounts with the creation of an asset register, the recognition of depreciation and the outstanding ECT Loan liability.
- There were significant increases in expenses for *Repair & Maintenance*: **£4,346.93** (2024) vice **£1,885.98** (2023) and *Website & Internet* **£1,665.18** (2024) vice **£559.97** (2023)

### **Recommendations:**

- Unless the NS&I (**£33.88p**) account still has utility, it is suggested that this account is closed, as it is effectively dormant.
- With the introduction of depreciation, the Treasurer may wish to explain, at the AGM, the impact of this "non-cash" cost on operating profit.
- With the recognition of the **£25,000** ECT loan at year-end 2024, the Treasurer may wish to explain, at the AGM, the impact of Finance charges and depreciation on the future Hall accounts.
- The Hall Committee may wish to look at measures to contain the growth in *Repair & Maintenance* and *Website & Internet* expenses.
- The Hall Committee should be reassured that the Trent Memorial Hall Accounts continue to be run in a professional and business-like manner.

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