



## **Report of the Rawson Hall Management Committee 2023**

The Rawson Hall, The Street, Bolney, West Sussex, RH17 5PF is a registered charity operating as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) (Number 1173352). It was inaugurated on 9<sup>th</sup> June 2017, but only commenced trading on 1<sup>st</sup> January 2018.

The CIO is regulated under a Scheme made by the Secretary of State for Education and Science on 18<sup>th</sup> October 1964 under section 18 of the Charities Act 1960, as amended by a Scheme made by the Charity Commissioners on 5<sup>th</sup> May 1995. The property belonging to the Charity is held, on its behalf, by the official Custodian for Charities (Holding Trustee).

The object of the Charity is the provision and maintenance of a village hall for use by the inhabitants of Bolney and the neighbourhood. The aim is to provide first class facilities at an affordable cost for social, recreational and educational purposes, in particular those activities arranged by village organisations and to encourage new ventures of value to the community. Responsibility for the control and management of the Hall resides with the Management Committee (Charity Trustees).

A premises licence is held authorising the provision of certain forms of regulated entertainment (plays, music, dance), but this licence does not include permission to sell alcohol, for which any event organiser must obtain consent from Mid Sussex District Council.

The Rawson Hall Management Committee (RHMC) convened for meetings at Rawson Hall on 24th January, 16th April, 18th July, with a date of 25th October 2023 for the final committee meeting and the AGM. The agenda for these meetings undertook the normal oversight of the running of the hall, the RHMC received reports from its sub-committees, managed the financial position and sought to develop the use of facilities. The management structure, using sub-committees continues to be successful; roles and responsibilities are clearly defined and workstreams properly managed.

RHMC operated throughout 2023 with a full complement on the Board of Committee. Trustees continue to engage the services of Hall Manager, Petru Balan, who attends all the Management meetings and oversees the smooth daily running of the hall including bookings, administration, premises management, security and health and welfare.

During this year the hall managed its cashflow extremely well, and across the calendar year showed a modest surplus.

Minor upgrades and routine maintenance are continually managed at Rawson Hall in line with our aim of providing first class facilities for the community.

Dee Williams (Vice Chair) October 2024



**THE RAWSON HALL CIO Charity No.1173352**

**Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31st December 2023**

	2023			2022		
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Note						
Rentals	£62,284.00	£0.00	£62,284.00	£48,217.00	£0.00	£48,217.00
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Donations	£882.00	£0.00	£882.00	£540.00	£0.00	£540.00
Fundraising	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Bank Interest	£416.00	£0.00	£416.00	£220.00	£0.00	£220.00
VOIP refund	£352.00	£0.00	£352.00	£368.00	£0.00	£368.00
Other	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Gift Aid Refund	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
<b>Total Income Resources</b>	<b>£64,454.00</b>	<b>£0.00</b>	<b>£64,454.00</b>	<b>£52,012.00</b>	<b>£0.00</b>	<b>£52,012.00</b>
<b>Resources Expended</b>						
Operating Costs	£46,854.00	£0.00	£46,854.00	£44,919.00	£0.00	£44,919.00
Other Expenses	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
<b>Total Resources Expended</b>	<b>£46,854.00</b>	<b>£0.00</b>	<b>£46,854.00</b>	<b>£44,919.00</b>	<b>£0.00</b>	<b>£44,919.00</b>
<b>Net Incoming Resources</b>	<b>£17,600.00</b>	<b>£0.00</b>	<b>£17,600.00</b>	<b>£7,093.00</b>	<b>£0.00</b>	<b>£7,093.00</b>
<b>Total Funds brought forward</b>	<b>£99,716.00</b>	<b>£0.00</b>	<b>£99,716.00</b>	<b>£92,623.00</b>	<b>£0.00</b>	<b>£92,623.00</b>
<b>Total Funds carried forward</b>	<b>£117,316.00</b>	<b>£0.00</b>	<b>£117,316.00</b>	<b>£99,716.00</b>	<b>£0.00</b>	<b>£99,716.00</b>

**Balance Sheet 31st December 2023**

**Fixed Assets**

2	£0.00	£0.00	£1,084,000.00	£0.00	£0.00	£1,084,000.00
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**Current Assets**

	Current A/C	Fixed Deposit		Current A/C	Fixed Deposit	
Cash at Bank and in hand	£69,455.00	£47,860.00	£117,315.00	£52,184.00	£47,532.00	£99,716.00

**Net Assets**

	Unrestricted	Restricted		Unrestricted	Restricted	
Unrestricted Funds	£47,314.00	£0.00	£47,314.00	£39,716.00	£0.00	£39,716.00
Reserves		£30,000.00	£30,000.00	£25,000.00	£0.00	£25,000.00
Sinking Fund		£40,000.00	£40,000.00	£35,000.00	£0.00	£35,000.00

The notes on page 2 are an integral part of the above accounting statement.

*Helen Mullany*

H Mullany (Chairperson)

Date

25/9/24

*I Walker*

I Walker (Treasurer)

Date

27/8/24



## Notes to Accounts

### 1. Resources Expended

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Hall Management Contract	£16,160.00	£15,370.00
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Licences & Subscriptions	£1,077.00	£715.00
Ground Rent MSDC	£100.00	£100.00
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3. Funds set aside for future large scale repairs.





Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/  
members of

Charity Name  
THE RAWSON HALL CIO

On accounts for the year  
ended

31/12/2023

Charity no  
(if any)

1173352

Set out on pages

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(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/12/2023

Responsibilities and  
basis of report

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.

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Signed:

C Sutters

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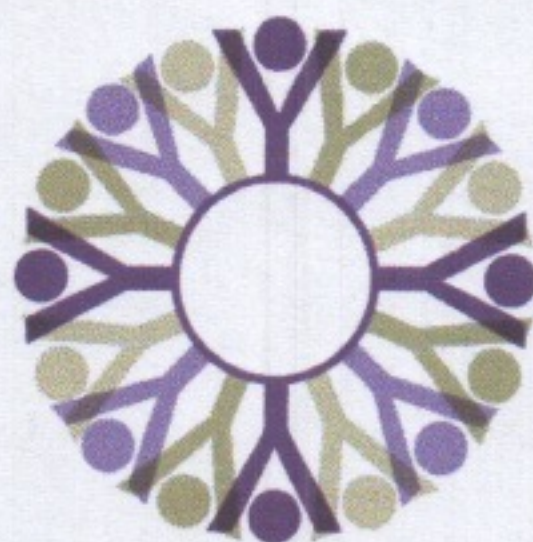


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### Treasurers Report Year Ending December 2023.

Please find attached the annual accounts for 2023 for your information. I have put together a quick summary below.

In all a surplus of £17,600 has been recorded against an income of £64,454. This is an increase on the previous year due to a combination of higher usage and increases to our charges.

As always we try to keep our outgoings under control. This year was no different and we have managed to keep our overall operating expenses in check only showing a slight increase on last years figure. This was despite a large increase in energy charges due to the current economic climate. There were also increases to water/sewerage charges, the Hall manager contract, cleaning supplies, ongoing servicing/ maintenance expenditure and refuse collection, all caused by inflationary price increases. Higher insurance premiums were due to a revaluation of the cover required. All these increases were offset by lower expenditure on premises purchases/repairs and internet costs.

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So to sum up as previously mentioned we received increased net income on 2022 due to a combination of increased usage and an increase in hire charges. Despite having to incorporate some substantial inflationary increases from our suppliers and a large increase in electricity charges which were offset by lower premises expenses, we still managed to produce a good surplus. We are therefore still showing a healthy bank balance of £117,315 at year end and some of this remains on term deposit in order to improve our interest income.

Operating Reserves were previously run at £25,000 and I recommend that these are increased to £30,000 for 2024 to stay in line with inflationary pressures. As previously agreed this will still give us at least 8 months operating ability should we suffer any future major loss of income. In the previous year £35,000 was added to a sinking fund which will set aside funds for any future large scale repairs and replacements in the longer term. A further £5000 was added to the fund this year and it is our plan to add £5,000 annually to this fund for the foreseeable future as long as our surplus is sufficient to cover this.



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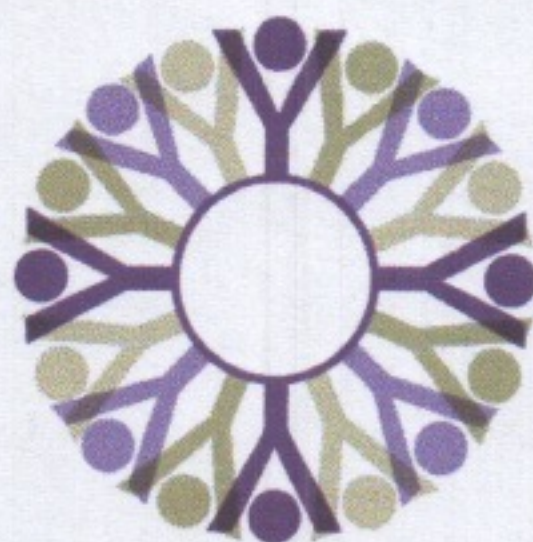


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