

EBBESBOURNE WAKE VILLAGE HALL

Charitable Incorporated Organisation

Registration number 1177177

ANNUAL REPORT FOR YEAR ENDING 31 - 12 - 2023

1. Correspondence address:

Little Elcombe
Alvediston
Salisbury
Wilts SP5 5LG

2. Trustees:

Richard Trahair, Andrew Reis and Tom Parnell.

3. Structure of charity:

A CIO of Association model comprising three trustees elected from amongst the membership of the CIO; that membership also forming the Village Hall Management Committee which elects its own chair from its members (not necessarily one of the trustees).

4. Activities and objectives:

The objective of the charity is simple - to provide premises in the form of a village hall, pavilion, play area equipment and playing field for the recreation and other benefit of the residents of the civil parishes of Alvediston and Ebbesbourne Wake with Fifield Bavant, and of those living further afield who have occasion to use those premises.

Specific activities organised and run on these premises in 2023 included:

Scottish dancing evening
Monthly film club
Coronation Garden Trail and Royal Garden party
Talk by local author on his reminiscence of working for the Church of England as
estate manager (raising £150 for the Hall)
Annual Flower Show
Fireworks night
Carol singing evening
Harvest supper, well attended and the supper prepared and cooked as ever by
a stalwart group led matchlessly by Helen Lodge (£663 surplus for the Hall)

The pavilion is always open for unrestricted use by young people for table tennis, mini-snooker and table football.

The bi-annual Alvewake fete had been planned for 15 July, but was cancelled on account of inclement weather and unavoidable absence of crucial volunteers.

A standing licence remained place for the Bright Sparks nursery school until the school closed on 21 July, after 25 years. Their financial contributions had continued to be adjusted on account of the severe fall in child attendance.

5. Achievements and performance:

a) Administration:

Management Committee meetings were convened on 15 January, 21 March (AGM), 25 May, 15 July, 7 September, 11 October, and 7 December.

The three trustees, Tom Parnell, Andrew Reis and Richard Trahair were re-elected at the AGM.

b) Finance and administration:

The trustees wish to record their gratitude for the dedication and efficiency of the Management Committee Chair, Angelika Hamilton; Honorary Treasurer, Frances Rose; and Secretary Kate Lavan who were re-elected at the AGM.

See the Annual Accounts for income and expenditure, and the reserves held at the year end.

In August, the cover for buildings and public indemnity insurance policy was reviewed and increased.

In view of the loss of regular income from Bright Sparks, the Committee devoted much of the year in analysing budgetary opportunities and wider use of the premises.

An open public meeting in September generated several helpful suggestions for activities and events, and a SWOT analysis was created and discussed.

At the May meeting, a schedule of priorities for refurbishment was prepared, and potential grant sources identified. Works quotations were obtained; and grant applications were made for the refurbishment programme, including the Jubilee Fund, Wiltshire Council Community Area Fund and Area Board Fund.

In November, Wiltshire council paid a grant of £3900 following an application for £4791.88.

In December, the Ebbesbourne Wake Parish Council agreed to make a grant of £1000.

In September, the Committee heard that there had been a local proposal that the redundant Congregational chapel in the village, for which there were no extant records of ownership, might be passed to the Trustees of the Village Hall, as the only charitable property-owning body in the village. This would require a Scheme by the Charity Commission. The Commission duly sought a consultation survey of village residents. This was arranged, but only after the Trustees had made it clear that they would only accept the transfer if they could then sell or lease the chapel premises to provide capital or revenue funds for the use of the Village Hall in accordance with their existing charitable objects. The Trustees saw no benefit in acquiring the chapel for retention and use.

The village survey showed 'nem con' approval to this concept, and the particulars were sent to the Commission on 23 November.

c) Repairs and maintenance:

In October, two job-share caretakers were appointed, initially for two hours a week, to be monitored from time to time by Peter Trickett, who also himself carried out a number of routine internal and external works. Helen Lodge arranged, with help from her

family connections, to complete the installation and painting of the container storage shed, including electric light.

6. Conclusion:

The trustees were satisfied that during the course of the year the charity had fulfilled its obligations to provide public benefit.

Signed on behalf of the trustees

Richard Trahair
Trustee
October 2024

Ebbesbourne Wake Village Hall

Payments made into and out of bank account from January 2023 to End December 2023

Expenditure		
Regular Payments		
Community First Insurance	846.07	
Water to business	158.83	
Southern Electric	707.85	
Rob Beale Ltd	200.00	
Wiltshire Council (premises Lic)	70.00	
CAF Bank Ltd (Hall membership)	45.00	
Sub Total	2027.75	

Sundry Expenses		
Bank charges	60.40	
Harvest Bar	189.90	
Hall/harvest various (Kate)	95.33	
Web domain	15.34	
Fireworks Bar	290.45	
Food Fireworks	19.55	
Additional Wine	214.00	
Sub Total	884.97	

Building and Maintenance		
Wessex Fire & Security	106.70	
M Hockey (window cleaning)	120.00	
CJM Electrical	190.25	Pavilion electrics
T Dyer (grass cutting)	570.00	
TV Licence	159.00	
Caretaker	90.00	
Kavanagh	585.19	
Clock	12.49	
Sub Total	1833.63	

Special Payments		
Microphone	37.99	
T Signs Ltd	72.00	
Frances Rose (Floats for Fete)	626.00	
Picture frames	296.50	
Fireworks	718.00	

MPLC Ltd (Film Licence)	292.39	
Sub Total	2042.88	
Total Expenditure (via bacs/bank account)	6789.23	

Credit		
Letting	444.48	
Special Events		
Film club	533.50	
Fete (inc. float/fete)	2170.00	
Harvest and fireworks (inc. float)	1180.00	
Southern electric refund	278.89	
Chair donation	20.00	
Total Paid into bank	4626.87	

Starting total in bank account	18775.40
Expenditure from account	6789.23
Credit into account	4626.87
New amount in the account at end Dec 2023	16613.04

Cash payments and expenditure

Expenditure		
Peter	25.87	
Fran	11.97	Cash books
Helen	75.47	Bonfire food (2023)
Fran	33.14	Dog stuff fete
Kate	41.75	Fete various
Fran	3350.00	Cash paid into HSBC
Helen	154.53	Harvest food
Helen	42.50	Firework food
Sub total	3735.23	

Credit		
Coronation donations	60.00	
Garden maps	76.50	
Reeling evening	60.10	
Money transferred from HSBC for float	626.00	
Fete	1414.77	
Harvest entrance	663.00	
Raffle harvest	220.00	
Bar harvest	129.00	
Fireworks donations	257.02	
Fireworks bar	213.50	
Fireworks food	189.00	
Richard talk	220.00	
Sub total	4128.89	

Cash starting balance	972.02
Expenditure	3735.23
Credit	4128.89
Total float balance end Dec 2023	1365.68

Total credit end December 2023

Bank account	16613.04
NS&I account	2025.99 (as of statement end 2021)
Cash balance	1365.68
Total	20004.71