

Bradfield Village Hall cio

Annual Report 2023/24

This is the Annual Report of the Bradfield Village Hall CIO – Charity number 1180330 (formerly Bradfield Village Hall Trust – charity number 300129) of Southend Road, Bradfield Southend, Reading RG7 6EY. The trustees during 2023 have been Christine Evans (Chair), Eva Roggenstein (Treasurer), Jane Gaut, Sam Grey, Antony Powell, Nigel Neenan and Steve O'Reilly (Parish Council representative) with Sarah Westcar as secretary. Gordon Fletcher joined in 2024. Christine and Sam resigned at the end of 2023 and Antony took over as interim chair. It is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation governed by its constitution. The Trustees are also known as the Management Committee. As well as the Village Hall, the Trustees are the managing trustees of the adjacent Bradfield Playing Fields (Charity Number 314297) on behalf of Fields in Trust.

Emma Rolfe has continued in her role as the Bookings Administrator. She also cleans the hall and posts on our social media pages. Chris Tidbury took over locking the carpark gates.

The most important thing in this report is to thank Christine. The amount of work that she has put into the hall over the years cannot be overstated. We all owe her a deep debt of gratitude for all that she did, especially those things that kept the hall running but were done behind the scenes and that many of us just took for granted. She was instrumental in getting the new hall project going and if West Berks planners and the village had got behind the project as put forward in the 2017 Vision for the Future document we would probably have a new hall now. Unfortunately, that did not happen and Covid and Putin's invasion of Ukraine changed things to such an extent that the cost to build a new hall is nearly three times what it was initially. We are very grateful to those people and organisations who have supported the project, and we hope that we can still move forward to provide a community asset that will enhance the village. Sam has also put in a great deal of work over the years and we thank her for that. Both have said that they are still prepared to help with events such as the Watermill visits and Saturday Markets and we are extremely grateful for that.

The Thursday coffee mornings and Saturday Markets show what can be done if there are dedicated people to run them. We also hosted two productions by the Watermill outreach team, Mansfield Park and Macbeth. These were successful events enjoyed by many from the village and further afield. Dog training, WI and Gardening Club are still regular users and we have bookings for parties and other social events. Unfortunately during the very cold weather Bridge Club decided to find a warmer home. We did host a Coronation lunch at the hall but many had their own celebrations so it was not overcrowded.

It was good to have the Mayfayre back as it is one event where the whole village seem to appreciate the facilities and we are very grateful for their grant. We needed to put in place a new contract for the grounds maintenance as Peter Bendall retired after having served us well over the years and that went to Scofell.

We know that we are going to have to work hard to keep this existing hall going for the time being, the roof needed repairing again after more wind damage and the heating struggles in really cold weather, it is not ideal for many who want to hire a hall. Another area that needs addressing are the drains which we had hoped could be replaced by those to the new hall but it is something being looked at.

The Development Committee that was set up to look at how to move the New Hall Project forward have put a lot of time and effort into doing this. Their first brief was to look at funding options and unfortunately, even with a very positive outlook on this, it was clear that due to the substantial rise in costs and lack of a major individual donor it was unlikely that we would be able to raise the funds needed. With this in mind they are now looking at other possible options to provide a hall for the village going forward. We thank them all for the time and effort they have put into this.

The Management Committee appreciate the contribution the Parish Council have given us towards the upkeep of the grounds and the playground inspection. The new benches they provided have now been installed and are very welcome. The playground does need some work on it, but it would still be a good idea to move it to a safer location and there should be some specific grants for this.

Many thanks go to all the committee members for the work that they put in to keep things running and we hope that we can get some positive ideas to keep things going.

BRADFIELD VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

ACCOUNTS YEAR ENDING 31 December 2023

INCOME

EXPENDITURE

BRADFIELD VILLAGE HALL CHARITY No. 1180330

2022		2023		2022	2023
14,167.62	Hall Lettings	12,036.88	135.17	Rates	72.74
495.00	Field/Court/Car Park	506.00	0.00	Water	918.36
0.00	Mayfayre grant	1,000.00	308.26	Licences	308.26
3,000.00	Parish Council grant for Field maintenance	3,500.00	969.24	Insurance	1,015.22
0.00	Parish Council grant towards coffee mornings	250.00	6,832.84	Electricity	7,480.20
400.00	Shop Ground Rent	400.00	0.00	Mobile phone	37.50
783.80	Saturday Market Income	785.87	0.00	Coffee morning	148.07
2,018.74	Thursday Coffee mornings	2,288.30	2,427.77	Maintenance	499.89
0.00	Events for general funds	167.50	105.00	Playground/Court	111.00
72.31	Interest	119.65	375.32	Software	237.59
0.00	Youth Shelter Ground Rent	100.00	3,018.80	Mowing Field	4,212.34
2,667.00	West Berks Covid Grant	0.00	2,000.00	Cleaner	1,842.00
2,400.00	Retained Deposits	2,100.00	286.00	Window Cleaning	160.00
69.43	Credits from pd invoices	0.00	180.00	Memberships/Purchases	0.00
450.00	Insurance Claims	0.00	3,750.00	Bookings Secretary	2,916.00
4,955.66	Donations to Dev Project (direct to us)	1,126.77	250.00	Social Media	230.25
5,982.85	Donations to Dev Project (via TGE)	14,380.00	358.09	Cleaning Materials	198.68
59,700.00	Grants for Development Project	18,643.00	2,342.00	Returned Deposits	1,900.00
1,482.60	HMRC Gift Aid	5,351.19	0.00	Miscellaneous	164.35
268.50	West Berkshire+ Nat'l Lottery	282.50			
132.07	EasyFundraising + AmazonSmile	106.66	41,764.02	Green Clock Bradfield Ltd	0.00
1,457.32	Watermill + other events Profit	1,648.02	392.95	Development Project	99.28
0.00	Interest from Project a/c	1,529.70	167.48	The Good Exchange Fees	0.00
4,475.73	VAT from GCB and credited to BVH	0.00	1.74	Early access penalty	0.00
1,230.00	Credits from pd invoices	0.00			
23,721.36	REGULAR INCOME	23,254.20	23,338.49	REGULAR EXPENSE	22,452.45
82,487.27	PROJECT INCOME	43,067.84	42,326.19	PROJECT EXPENSE	99.28

BRADFIELD PLAYING FIELDS CHARITY No. 314297

202.75	Rates 2022/23	109.10	202.75	Rates 2022/23	109.10
323.99	Insurance 2022/23	351.78	323.99	Insurance 2022/23	351.78
106,735.37		66,782.92	66,191.42		23,012.61

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2023

	<u>Accumulated Fund</u>			<u>Assets</u>	
26,570.14	Reserve 1.1.23	67,114.09	6,134.48	Co-op Current	5,847.98
			10,113.97	Co-op Deposit	10,401.12
40,543.95	Excess of Income over	43,770.31	-2,873.00	Returnable Deposits	-2,100.00
	Expenditure		145.75	Petty Cash	96.21
			53,442.89	Co-op Dev Fund	409.01
			0.00	The Charity Bank (2-Jan-24)	96,230.08
			150.00	The Good Exchange	0.00
67,114.09		110,884.40	67,114.09		110,884.40

Signed.....ChairmanTreasurer

**Bradfield Village Hall
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Report to the Trustees of accounts for the year ended 31st December 2023

RESPECTIVE RESPONSIBILITIES OF TRUSTEES AND EXAMINER

The Trustees, are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The Trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the financial statements under section 145 of the Act;
- follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act; and
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

BASIS OF INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the Charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the financial statements, and seeking explanations from you as Trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S STATEMENT

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- (1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act; or
- (2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.


Date: 8 February 2024

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