

ANKER RADIO

England & Wales · Charity number 1180762

Details

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2018-11-20

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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Activities

Objects: (1) THE RELIEF OF SICKNESS, POOR HEALTH AND OLD AGE AMONGST PEOPLE LIVING IN THE AREA SERVED BY THE GEORGE ELIOT HOSPITAL NHS TRUST OR ITS SUCCESSORS BY PROVIDING A LOCAL BROADCASTING SERVICE FOR HOSPITALS, RESIDENTIAL HOMES AND SIMILAR INSTITUTIONS, AND FOR PATIENTS RECEIVING COMMUNITY CARE; AND(2) THE ADVANCEMENT OF HEALTH AND PREVENTION OR RELIEF OF SICKNESS FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT THROUGH THE PROMOTION OF THE BENEFITS OF LIVING A HEALTHY LIFESTYLE, AND THE IMPORTANCE OF MAINTAINING GOOD PERSONAL MENTAL AND PHYSICAL HEALTH BY (MAINLY, BUT NOT EXCLUSIVELY) THE MEANS OF BROADCASTING HEALTH EDUCATION MESSAGES TO PEOPLE LIVING IN THE AREA SERVED BY THE GEORGE ELIOT HOSPITAL NHS TRUST OR ITS SUCCESSORS.

Activities: Anker Radio is a Volunteer run Hospital Broadcasting Radio Station based within the George Eliot Hospital in Nuneaton, Warwickshire. We provide a talk/music/Hospital information based Service to the Patients & Nursing Staff on Site seven days a week.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** The Advancement Of Health Or Saving Of Lives, Disability
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Warwickshire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£2,313	£6,466	-	-
2023-12-31	£5,456	£6,495	-	-
2022-12-31	£5,017	£5,475	-	-
2021-12-31	£7,020	£5,004	-	-
2020-12-31	£5,104	£713	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
JOHN GOODMAN	Chair	2018-11-24
BARRY WILLIAM HAYWARD		2018-11-24
David Ian Jennings		2022-09-05
Geoffrey Randall Veasey		2022-09-05

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Trustees' Annual Report & Financial Statement 2024

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Chairman's Report

2024 has been a year of moving forward for Anker Radio we have welcomed new members & made good progress in improving links with the George Eliot Hospital NHS trust, there is still work to be done but the fact that George Eliot staff are starting to join the station & working with us hopefully means we are going in the right direction.

We now have a studio that we can broadcast from at the Saunders Club and members that were unable to broadcast from home are able to get back into a radio studio and start producing their own programmes again.

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Finally on a sad note one of our longest serving members Colin Tyers passed away on 2nd January 2025. We will miss him.

John Goodman
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Technical Manager is a position appointed by the Trustees, in 2024 the trustees appointed Chris Ward.

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Review of Activities

Anker Radio provides a radio service to the George Eliot Hospital 24 Hours a Day, 7 Days a week. Our service can currently be heard on 1386am also on 88.9fm and online via our website ankerradio.co.uk.

Our schedule is made up of a wide variety of programmes, from Folk to Rock, Dance, Jazz, Blues, Eighties and Seventies Programmes. Plus, sport and health promotion messages. We have continued broadcasting the live syndicated Andy Lloyd Morning Show which started in 2023 between 9am & 12pm every weekday morning, this programme is broadcast on around 15 other stations.

By the end of 2024 on average, we broadcast 58 Hours of programmes a week produced by Anker Radio volunteers, which is up on the 39 hours produced in 2023 & the number does vary with Live Sport. We fill the other hours in the week with syndicated programmes and with programmes from the HBA shared programmes list.

We have continued to follow the Sky Blues on our Sports programmes. We were unable to provide commentary on Nuneaton Town from The Oval due to lack of Volunteers, but we do provide score flashes on air & via social media. We provided scores from our other local sides Bedworth United, Atherstone Town, Nuneaton Griff, The Nuns & The Old Ed's.

We have been working with Castlemead radio in Hinckley who also lent us part of their storage space in Hinckley to store our surplus equipment.

We also continued to make made use of the HBA Shared Programme list.

We have continued to run the word on health feature along with other health related content such as promos for the over 60's football group and the local walk & talk group. We have also continued broadcast news & events from the George Eliot Hospital Trust during 2024.

We are now 3 Years into our 5 year Ofcom licence for 88.9fm & we have 2 years left to run on our 1386am Licence. Current Licence costs for each service are £350 per year. Plus any associated PRS & PPL costs.

Nuneaton & Hinckley have been included in round 6 of the small-scale DAB licencing timetable, applications to run a multiplex were invited in the spring/summer of 2024 with a closing date of mid July 2024 although anker radio did not apply to run the Nuneaton & Bedworth Multiplex we have engaged with the company that did apply for the multiplex. There were 25 areas applied for in round 6 by various companies so far 9 have been licenced by Ofcom up to the end of 2024. Nuneaton and Bedworth was not one of them so we would expect a decision by Ofcom during 2025

Anker Radio will continue to develop a pragmatic and sensible digital strategy & work with other stations and companies.

The Trustees recognise the need to respond to any opportunities provided in a way that is cost effective and supports the charitable objects, as appropriate.

At the time of writing, we currently have 19 members a mixture of life members, active/non active members and associate members.

WORKING IN PARTNERSHIP AGAIN AT THE GEH

Anker Radio and League of Friends joined GEH volunteers to liaise on promoting a seasonal Food Bank at various collection points around the hospital. Collection totals increased by 299% after we began promoting it. The Food Bank becomes a permanent venture as of 2025. We will continue to promote and support it.



WORKING IN PARTNERSHIP AGAIN AT THE GEH cont.

Conversations with and liaison with other volunteer groups during 2024 have made it very clear to Anker Radio Trustees that all such groups are all determined to help maintain our visible presence and our footfall on the GEH site and are also committed to helping us to restore our on site broadcasting capability. It is clear that they consider Anker Radio very much to be still "part of the team." Their attempts to include us and to support our initiatives with practical and financial help have been utterly heartwarming. For the first time since before the pandemic and before our enforced relocation away from the GEH we once again have "feet on the ground." We are moving towards having our programme content audible on site again and in becoming visible via promotional displays in the Main entrance and hopefully elsewhere.

LEST WE FORGET

Anker Radio representatives walked with other GEH Volunteer groups in the Nuneaton Remembrance Parade on Sunday, 10th November and helped in laying a wreath on behalf of all volunteers.



DISPLAY BOARDS Finally we have off our own back located keys and at last managed to begin emptying and updating the time-expired contents of the Anker Radio Boards in the hospital. The first 2024 update has now been added and more will follow.

ARE LISTENER REQUESTS MAKING A COMEBACK?

GEH is not alone in not restoring NHS ward access and direct patient contact after lockdown(s). However: Trustees are looking into visiting Care Homes, Hospices and Residential Settings in an attempt to reintroduce some kind of request show. Our constitution encourages community participation beyond the GEH boundary anyway. We also feel this would be a positive way of showing goodwill and possibly of great comfort to those who perhaps may be ex-GEH patients but who cannot get out and about more regularly.

NUNEATON CARNIVAL

Thanks to a new partnership with KE6/King Edward VI College (aka KEGS), This year we successfully completed the full Nuneaton Carnival route. KEGS provided the vehicle and driver and we shared the signage. Dave Jennings and Geoff Veasey walked alongside with collecting tins. The vehicle was also made available for the Mayor, Mayoress and Deputy Mayor to use should they need it. (They didn't-they walked most of the route with us!). Anker Radio is now one of Nuneaton Carnival's Partners

THE SAUNDERS STUDIO

The new studio in The Saunders Club was first used in May. Once teething troubles had been ironed out, we had a Formal Launch on Saturday 27th July which was a lovely event. It was in The Saunders Club so those attending had a chance to see the facilities now open to us. All members were invited. Our founder Terry Hancock attended, as did several other members-(all having been invited). They included John Goodman, Dave Jennings, Geoff Veasey, Richard Todd, Pat Godfrey-Young, Louise Smith, Morley Barnes and Mervyn Lawrence. Members unable to attend but who sent apologies included Barry Hayward, James Dewis, Karl Stein and Stephen Culliford.

Nuneaton and Bedworth Mayor Bill Hancox, formally welcomed visitors before the Hospital Broadcasting Association presented a Long Service Award commemorating forty years of broadcasting to Anker Radio. Then Jim Lee of Radio 4 literally "*cut the ribbon.*" Refreshments were provided after guests had taken up an offer to view the new facility. This catering was at no cost to the Charity as all four Trustees shared the expense. Other Guests attending included Dr. Naj Rashid, CMO at the GEH: Natalie Mills (Chair of The GEH Patients Forum): Leader and Deputy Leader of NBBC (Chris Watkins and Cllr Jill Shepherd repectively): Bhim Saru (Deputy Mayor and President of the British Ghurkha Association): Christian Hancox representing GEH Volunteers: Dave Grove (Bedworth CAB): Sam Smette (Chair of the Hospital Broadcasting Association) and Peter Lee (a well-known local writer and historian).







At the opening of the Saunders Studio Sam Smette (Chair of the Hospital Broadcasting Association) presented Chairman John Goodman with a Certificate celebrating Anker Radio 40 Years of broadcasting to Nuneaton Hospitals (This certificate presentation was delayed by Covid as in 2025 as Anker radio celebrates 45 years of broadcasting to Nuneaton Hospitals.)



FUND RAISING

2024 was a difficult year financially Trustees continued to put their own money into various activities and to pay some invoices or expenses in an attempt to keep the station afloat and running. Obviously this cannot continue indefinitely. Due to our parlous financial state (which you can see by scrutinising the financial report we must become self sufficient by increasing income received via donations & running more fund raising events. It is a criteria of a registered charity that we must remain solvent.

If we are not...we fold. Members were invited at our last meeting to fill the vacant post of Fund Raising Officer or to help resurrect the Fund Raising Committee. No volunteers were forthcoming so the post remains vacant and the initiatives you read about below are largely the work of Trustees and a few of our more active members.

A week after the studio launch Anker Radio had a stall at a tabletop sale in the Saunders Club. This, combined with a collection made at the Launch raised a total of £210 for Anker Radio funds. Anker Radio tins continue to bring in loose change which have been added to our funds.

£110 was raised for Anker Radio at Nuneaton Fire Station Open Day in September.

COLLECTING TINS continue to be returned and re-sited thanks to a response to a previous appeal for them. As you will see from the financial account sheets, we were running on a shoestring up to the end of 2024.

Fund raising, no matter how small or large the amount generated therefore, remains essential.

A Grant Application submitted in November 2024 by Trustees, to Warwickshire County Council Councillors Grant Fund 2024/2025 has been successful. We learned at the start of 2025 that we are to receive £1,150 thanks to Bedworth and Nuneaton Councillors supporting it. Termed "Survival into 2025," this application was exactly that. If the following names are your local councillors, you may wish to contact them to say "Thank You." Jeff Clarke, Sue Markham, Mandy Tromans and Bhagwant Singh Pandher: supported us by agreeing to a personal allocation.

We also received our anonymous £1000 donation from the Heart of England foundation, we have received this donation for many years.

Also after a gap of a few years Richmond Villages Bede renewed the sponsorship of our weather which brought in welcome funds.

This year we also got "Friends of Anker Radio off the ground with Reaper Records becoming the 1st friend of Anker Radio they have also generated about £350 by buying some surplus stock from us.

BEDE VILLAGE Our members raised £70 by running a stall at the Bede Village Christmas Fayre in November. Well done to all. It was good to see members dropping in to support us, too. We received many encouraging comments and messages of support whilst operating the stall. Bede are a major sponsor, so it was a good PR exercise for us, too.



Looking Forward

We will be running the first of hopefully many fund-raising events by running a quiz on 11th January 2025 to bring in much needed funds.

Although we looked to run a recruitment drive in 2024 we were beaten time wise by other events.

We will look to undertake a volunteer recruitment drive in 2025.

We will also look to expand our community involvement and will look to broadcast more local interest & health & wellbeing material.

We also investigate expanding the programme schedule to provide more local programmes so we rely less on shared and syndicated programmes.

In Our aim is to improve the sports coverage to include covering more of our local teams.

We will also look at the financial viability of broadcasting on Small Scale DAB

The Trustees will start to look at arranging fund raising events to bring in funds, we will also look at arranging some social events every couple of months.

We hope to be involved once again with the Nuneaton Carnival and engage with the new community carnival committee on ways we can work together.

Acknowledgements

The Trustees would like to acknowledge all the help and support given to us by the president, committee members and staff of the Saunders Club in Bedworth over the last 12 months & we are extremely grateful to them for their continued support.

The Trustees would like to acknowledge all the help & support given to us by Bedworth citizen advice bureau allowing us to use a room for our trustee's meetings also allowing us to use a room on a temporary basis for storage of our equipment.

The Trustees would like to thank our sponsors for their support during 2024.

Signed on behalf of the trustees,



John Goodman
Chairman



Barry Hayward
Treasurer

Date:- 26/04/2025

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Anker Radio Annual Accounts 2024

Receipts & Payments Account

Reporting period from 1st January until 31st December 2024

AR Cash Account

<i>Current A/C opening balance 1st January 2023: £ 1,337.38</i>	2024	2023
	<u>Totals</u>	<u>Totals</u>
INCOME	£	£
Membership (PayPal, BACS, cheques & cash)	355.00	700.00
PayPal (Members/Supporters transactions portal)*	268.21	762.86
Donations	972.00	2,038.17
Crowdfunder (Personal Donations)	304.25	214.17
Fundraising Activities (Tins/Events)	390.00	237.55
Transfer of Funds (from AR Gold Deposit Account)**	3,329.26	1,500.00
Cash Account Interest /Refunds	23.32	3.05
	(5,642.04)	(5,455.80)
(Nett)	2,312.78	3,955.80
	£	£
EXPENDITURE		
Licences & Memberships	1,491.55	1,424.39
Insurance (Liability)	1,372.29	1,190.30
Music Royalties	1,090.80	1,024.50
OB Van Costs (Insurance/MOT/Tax/Maintenance)	1,034.88	1,728.16
Internet Services/Telecoms	729.14	316.80
Equipment Storage (Hinckley)	618.92	0.00
Maintenance	0.00	208.84
Stationery & Consumables	0.00	57.50
Postage	6.30	23.75
Banking Fees	60.00	60.75
Miscellaneous (Studio equipment/Sundries)	61.78	460.00***
	6,465.66	6,494.99

Current A/C closing balance 31st December 2024: £ 513.76

2024 Expenditure **exceeded** income by £ 4,152.88 (Nett)

*BACs transfer of held Funds into AR cash account

** This is a Transfer from the 'Gold Reserve Account', not new funds, but to support the 'Cash Account' outgoings.

*** New Studio Electrical installation cost.

Gold Deposit Account

AR Gold Deposit Account opening balance on 1st January 2024: **£ 4,283.78**

INCOME:

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
Interest transactions <i>added</i> to Gold A/C:		
26 th March	26.70	17.75
26 th June	18.78	20.39
26 th September	10.97	29.27
27 th December	5.88	26.53
	62.33	93.94

EXPENDITURE:

Transfer of Gold Deposit funds to AR Cash Account:

15 th April	810.48	-
23 rd April	1,000.00	-
8 th July	518.78	-
27 th August	1,000.00	-
	3,329.26*	

AR Gold Deposit Account closing balance on 31st December 2024: **£ 1,016.85**

*Funds transferred from 'Reserve' account to AR Cash Account to support Station running costs

Gold Account Interest Rate fell from 2.5% to 2.3% in October 2024

Treasurers Report

Financial Overview

- Anker Radio manages its Finances in compliance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 & the Charity Commissions guidelines 'Internal Financial Controls for Charities (CC8)'
- Accounts for year ending 31st December 2024 have been prepared on a Receipts & Payments basis.
- At the end of the year under review, Anker Radio is financially stable & has adequate cash reserves to meet known commitments.
- Costs have risen in every sector across the UK, reflected in increased costs for Public Liability & Motor Insurance, Broadcasting & Music Licences.
- Internet Costs alone have risen by *in excess* of 130% during 2024.
- Due to the move from our George Eliot base, a new cost to cover equipment *storage* off site became necessary. No doubt this cost will further increase during 2025. We look to negate this additional cost soonest, & welcome any practical input from our Membership regarding a storage solution.

Reserves Policy

- It is the Policy of the Charity that unrestricted funds which have not been designated for a specific use, should be maintained at a level equivalent to between 3 & 6 months expenditure. The Trustees consider that Reserves at this level will ensure that, in the event of a significant drop in funding, they will be able to continue the Charity's current activities, whilst consideration is given to ways in which additional funds may be raised.

Income

- Financial downturn in the UK remains a major factor in creating AR income. Potential Sponsors continue to cite 'unaffordable' pressures to donate to Charities such as ours, as they too have to look towards financial pressures & cost savings.
- Due to having a good monetary reserve fund, we have been able to support our cash account by making funding transfers.
- In 2024 we saw *no* major donations from our supporters, although we should see a £1,000 donation from HOE in early 2025.
- Limited *Fundraising* saw a small increase in revenues from last year, although we expect 2025 to be when the main Events drive, utilising our Saunders Club base facilities, will result in a strong financial upturn for AR. Donations, as predicted, were down on the 2023 figure.
- Supporters using the online *Crowdfunder* platform have continued to make small, but welcome contributions. Members who may wish to further contribute funds might wish to explore this option.

Expenditure

- The Trustees maintained tight control on expenditure during 2024. Nonetheless, as we were involved in a major new Studio project, with associated expenses/costs, all outgoings were carefully monitored. Reserve funds, *there for the purpose*, were released into our Cash account to meet our financial commitments to Service suppliers, as & when needed.
- Expenditure for 2024 *increased* by some £4,152.88 over 2023. This was down to inflation driven increases in Licence(s), Insurances & Internet costs across the UK, over which Anker Radio have little control.
- The OB Bus Insurance/Tax costs were lower than 2023 (down by 67%), following the decision to SORN said vehicle until an acceptable 'sale' offer has been found. This task will be a priority in 2025.
- Internet Services costs increased dramatically during 2024, in line with UK inflationary trends. When current 'package(s)' contracts are due for renewal, reliable but cheaper alternatives will be sought.
- The Trustees *continue* to review our current Service providers costs & will seek to source more cost effective alternatives in the market place, if viable for the Radio Station.
- Discussions with our *Liability Insurers* are currently ongoing & we firmly believe that we can obtain a reduction in costs without a policy compromise for 2025.

Management of Major Risks

- Ensuring that Anker Radio generates income to cover the running costs of providing a Hospital Radio service must be considered as a priority. Historically our main revenue sources have been revenue streams through grant funding, personal/covenant donations & Fundraising events.
- Obviously, all Funding streams have associated risks, but due to having prepared a financial buffer afforded by our Reserve Account, the Trustees remain confident that we will continue to fulfil our financial commitments & with them, our long term future
- The new Studio location affords us the opportunity to hold larger Fundraising events. A number of Events are already being planned & will be communicated to Members following diary confirmation(s). Member support for these Fundraisers, in any capacity, will contribute to our future Broadcasting security.
- Discussions with new revenue streams are ongoing & all local & National grants/schemes are being pursued, for the benefit of the Radio Station.
- Excess equipment is being reviewed & if practicable, will be made available for sale to interested parties, as a further revenue stream. Any Member with an interest in specific items should contact the Trustees, who will afford them a Priority opportunity to secure.

In conclusion, whilst revenue remains my main focus, I would like to express my thanks to all those who have made a contribution, financially or physically, to the Station over 2024. The new Studio & Saunders Club venue affords us a great opportunity to *fly the flag* & I hope that Members will continue to rally to the cause. I look forward to seeing Members at the next Event.

Barry Hayward
Anker Radio Treasurer 26th April 2025

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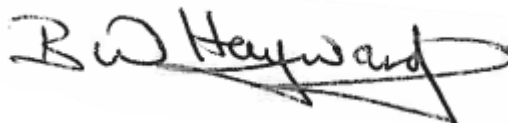
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Review of Activities

Following the Covid Pandemic and the loss of the Arbury Broadcasting Centre 2023 has been a year of consolidation and planning for the future. Whilst a number of volunteers have left us, we have been successful in attracting new members.

In September 2023 We finally moved out of the Arbury Broadcasting Centre after the George Eliot NHS Trust gave us notice to quit in May 2022. The Arbury Broadcasting Centre had been our home since 1994. The Trust have offered no alternative on site accommodation for a broadcast studio. The trust has provided us with a 19inch free standing rack mounted cabinet which houses our transmission equipment.

The Charity was kindly offered a space at the Saunders Club in Bedworth. The Trustees & some willing volunteers have spent at the time of writing nine months converting the space, the progress has not been as quick as we would have hoped. We aim to start recording and broadcasting from the Saunders Club during the second quarter of 2024.

Despite the lack of studios in the last 12 months Anker Radio has provided a radio service to the George Eliot Hospital 24 Hours a Day, 7 Days a week. Our service can currently be heard on 1386am also on 88.9fm and online via our website ankerradio.co.uk.

Our schedule is made up of a wide variety of programmes, from Folk to Rock, Dance, Eighties and Seventies Programmes. Plus, sport and health promotion messages. Also in 2023 we started broadcasting the live syndicated Andy Lloyd Morning Show between 9am & 12pm every weekday morning, this programme is broadcast on around 15 other stations.

On average we broadcast 39 Hours of programmes a week produced by Anker Radio volunteers in 2023 which is down on the 50 hours produced in 2022 & the number does vary with Live Sport.

We have continued to follow the Sky Blues on our Sports programmes. We were unable to provide commentary on Nuneaton Boro from Liberty Way due to lack of Volunteers before they went into administration we did provide score flashes on air & via social media. We would hope to provide coverage of any new Nuneaton football club as and when they start playing games. We provided scores from our other local sides Bedworth United, Atherstone Town, Nuneaton Griff, The Nuns & The Old Ed's.

We also took part in Nuneaton Carnival procession in 2023 playing music and announcements along the route. Unfortunately, our OB bus only made it part way round the route.

We have been working with Castlemead radio in Hinckley (who also have had to leave their studio premises in 2023) Technical Manager Chris Ward helped them with a sustaining service whilst they were moving their studio equipment. We have been sharing ideas with Castlemead and have discussed sharing programmes in the future.

We also made use of the HBA Shared Programme list.

We obtained sponsorship for 2 of our programmes for 6 months during 2023, The programmes were number 1's at 1 & our Saturday Breakfast show.

We have continued to run the word on health feature along with other health related content such as promos for the over 60's football group and the local walk & talk group. We have also continued broadcast news & events from the George Eliot Hospital Trust during 2023.

We are now 2 Years into our 5 year Ofcom licence for 88.9fm & we have 3 years left to run on our 1386am Licence. Current Licence costs for each service are £350 per year. Plus any associated PRS & PPL costs.

Nuneaton & Hinckley have been included in round 6 of the small-scale DAB licencing timetable, although timescales have not been announced yet by Ofcom, the opening dates for applications is estimated to be in the Spring of 2024 with a closing date of Summer 2024 with all the applications revealed shortly afterwards. The Estimate for the first licenses to be awarded to successful applicants would be Winter 2024/Spring 2025. Successful Applications then have 18 months to get their licence on air.

We know from Ofcom expression of interest responses that two other parties are interested in running a small-scale dab multiplex for Nuneaton & Hinckley

Anker Radio will continue to develop a pragmatic and sensible digital strategy & work with other stations and companies.

The Trustees recognise the need to respond to any opportunities provided in a way that is cost effective and supports the charitable objects, as appropriate.

At the time of writing, we currently have 22 members a mixture of life members, active/non active members and associate members.

Looking Forward

We will look to undertake a volunteer recruitment drive in 2024. Also 2024 will be the year that we start broadcasting from our new studios at the Saunders Club in Bedworth.

We will also look to expand our community involvement and will look to broadcast more local interest & health & wellbeing material.

The Trustees will start to look at arranging fund raising events to bring in funds, we will also look at arranging some social events every couple of months.

Acknowledgements

The Trustees would like to acknowledge all the help and support given to us by the president, committee members and staff of the Saunders Club in Bedworth over the last 12 months & we are extremely grateful to them also for offering us a place for a studio.

The Trustees would like to acknowledge all the help & support given to us by Bedworth citizen advice bureau allowing us to use a room for our trustee's meetings when we had no home & also allowing us to use a room on a temporary basis for storage of our equipment.

The Trustees would like to thank our sponsors for their support during 2023.

Anker Radio Annual Accounts 2023

Charity Number: 1180762

Receipts & Payments Account

Reporting period from 1st January until 31st December 2023

AR Cash Account

Current A/C opening balance 1st January 2023: £ 2,166.26

	2023	2022
	<u>Totals</u>	<u>Totals</u>
<u>INCOME</u>	£	£
Membership (PayPal, BACS, cheques & cash)	700.00	700.00
PayPal (Members/Supporters transactions portal)*	762.86	0.00
Donations	2,038.17	1,502.13
Crowdfunder Link-Up (Donation Matching Event)	0.00	2,700.25
Crowdfunder (Personal Donations)	214.17	0.00
Fundraising Activities (Tins/Events)	237.55	112.13
Transfer of Funds (from AR Gold Deposit Account)	1,500.00	0.00
Cash Account Interest	3.05	2.94
	5,455.80	5,017.45

**BACs transfer of held Funds into AR cash account*

<u>EXPENDITURE</u>	2023	2022
	£	£
Licences & Memberships	1,424.39	1,279.53
Insurance (Liability)	1,190.30	1,127.69
Music Royalties/Purchases	1,024.50	889.20
Internet Services/Telecoms	316.80	311.29
OB Van Costs (Insurance/MOT/Tax/Maintenance)	1,728.16	1,529.70
Equipment/Maintenance	208.84	245.94
Stationery & Consumables	57.50	0.00
Postage	23.75	9.97
Banking Fees	60.75	81.50
Miscellaneous (new Studio electrics install)	460.00	0.00
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	6,494.99	5,474.82

Expenditure **exceeded** income by £1,039.19

Current A/C closing balance 31st December 2023: £ 1,337.38

AR Gold Deposit Account opening balance on 1st January 2023: £5,689.84

Gold Deposit Account

INCOME:

Interest transactions <i>added</i> to Gold A/C:	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
27 th March	17.75	0.53
26 th June	20.39	2.79
26 th September	29.27	6.33
27 th December	26.53	12.02
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	93.94	21.67

EXPENDITURE:

Transfer of Gold Deposit funds to AR Cash Account:

23 rd August	1,500.00	0.00
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AR Gold Deposit Account closing balance on 31st December 2023: £ 4,283.78

Treasurers Report

Financial Overview

- Anker Radio manages its Finances in compliance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 & the Charity Commissions guidelines 'Internal Financial Controls for Charities (CC8)'
- Accounts for year ending 31st December 2023 have been prepared on a Receipts & Payments basis.
- At the end of the year under review, Anker radio is financially stable & has adequate cash reserves to meet known commitments

Income

- The financial downturn in the UK remains a major factor in creating income. We have lost sponsors who cite 'unaffordable' pressures to donate to Charities such as ours, as they too have to look towards financial pressures & cost savings.
- Due to having good monetary reserve funds we have been able to support our cash account by making funding transfers.
- In 2023 we saw two major donations from the same source (HOE) due to the nature of financial grants & approval from their fund management team, which take longer than previously to transact.
- Fundraising saw a rise from last year & the Donation figure also surpassed 2022 figure.
- Online Fundraising, such as Amazon Smile & Easy Fundraising made small but welcome contributions. It should be noted that Amazon Smile has since been withdrawn as a 'cashback' source of income, by Amazon UK.

Expenditure

- The Trustees maintained tight control on expenditure during 2023
- Expenditure for 2023 increased by some £1,020.17 over 2022. This is down to inflation driven increases in Licence(s), Insurance & Internet costs across the UK, over which Anker Radio have little control.
- The OB Bus Insurance & Maintenance costs were also higher than 2022. The OB bus element of the Radio Station's activities remains under cost review.
- The Trustees continue to review our current Service providers costs & will seek to source more cost effective alternatives in the market place, if viable for the Radio Station.

Management of Major Risks

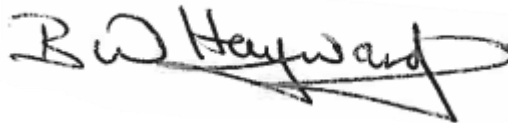
- Ensuring that Anker Radio generate income to cover the running costs of providing a Hospital Radio service must be considered as a priority. Historically our main revenue sources have been revenue streams through grant funding, personal/covenant donations & Fundraising events. The latter being difficult with the Studio change.
- Obviously, all funding streams have associated risks, but due to having prepared a financial buffer afforded by our Reserve account, the Trustees remain confident that we will continue to fulfil our financial commitments & with them, our long term future.
- The new studio location affords us the opportunity to hold larger Fundraising events & such dates will be communicated to Members following diary confirmation(s).

Finally, whilst revenue remains my main focus, I would like to express my thanks to all those who have made a contribution to the Station over 2023/2024. The new Studio & venue availability brings a positive vibe to the Station & I hope that Members will continue to rally to the cause.

Signed on behalf of the trustees,



John Goodman
Chairman



Barry Hayward
Treasurer

Date:- 29/04/2024

Date:- 29/04/2024

Charity Details

Anker Radio

A Charitable Incorporated Organisation, Reg Number 1180762

Trustees

John Goodman – Chairman

Dave Jennings – Vice Chairman

Barry Hayward – Treasurer

Geoff Veasey – Secretary

Principal Address

C/O The Saunders Club
Saunders Avenue
Bedworth
Warwickshire
CV12 8RJ

Bankers

CAF Bank Ltd
25 Kings Hill Avenue
Kings Hill
West Malling
ME19 4JQ

Signed on behalf of the trustees,



John Goodman
Chairman



Barry Hayward
Treasurer

Date:- 29/04/2024

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2022**

Chairman's Report

In May 2022 the George Eliot NHS Trust gave us notice to quit the Arbury Broadcasting Centre which had been our home since 1994. The Trust have offered no alternative on site accommodation for a broadcast studio. The trust has provided us with a 19inch free standing rack mounted cabinet which houses our transmission equipment.

We stopped broadcasting Live programmes from the Arbury Broadcasting Centre at the end of August 2022. Any Live programmes that we currently produce have been presented from members' homes. The number of live programmes has gone down since the closure of the Arbury Broadcasting Centre. All the Studio equipment is being stored on site at the GEH until we can find a suitable location, The Trustees hope to find a cost-effective location as soon as possible because we expect the GEH Trust to Start conversion work in our old studios during 2023.

Despite the lack of studios for the latter part of the year, In the last 12 months Anker Radio has provided a radio service to the George Eliot Hospital 24 Hours a Day, 7 Days a week. Our service can currently be heard on 1386am also on 88.9fm and online via our website ankerradio.co.uk. You can also ask your Smart Speaker to play Anker Radio.

Our schedule is made up of a wide variety of programmes, from Folk to Rock, Eighties and Seventies Programmes. Plus, sport and health promotion messages and we have continued to take part in mental health minute in 2022.

In 2022 we also attended the opening of the new league of friends area in the main entrance area of the George Eliot hospital which was broadcast live on the radio.

On average we broadcast 50 Hours of programmes a week that have been produced by Anker Radio Volunteers.

Our schedule also contains programmes that are shared with other stations.

Between September 2021 and September 2022 Anker Radio took part in an Ofcom Limited Coverage FM experiment. We were given the opportunity to apply for a licence when the experiment came to an end. Anker Radio has been awarded a licence to broadcast on 88.9fm for the next 5 years.

Anker Radio will continue to develop a pragmatic and sensible digital strategy. Nuneaton & Surrounds has not appeared in round 4 or 5 of the small-scale DAB licencing timetable.

The Trustees recognise the need to respond to any opportunities provided in a way that is cost effective and supports the charitable objects, as appropriate.

At the time of writing, we currently have 29 members a mixture of life members, active/non active members and associate members, but we can always do with more volunteers.

I hope that 2023 brings us some new studios and we can move forward providing a service to the George Eliot hospital and the wider community.

John Goodman
Chairman

The Trustees of Anker Radio are pleased to submit their Report and Accounts for the year 1st January 2022 to 31st December 2022.

Organisation Anker Radio is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation registered in England and Wales on 20th November 2018 and governed by a constitution last amended on 9th December 2020.

Anker Radio is managed by the Charity Trustees who are elected by the membership in accordance with the published constitution. In the period covered by this review, We started with 3 Charity Trustees of the CIO, this number went down to 2 after the AGM so the remaining trustees called an EGM in September 2022 and following the EGM there were 4 charity trustees.

At the AGM The Members were also invited to apply for the positions of:-

- **Head of Output (2 Years)** **Rob Newbold was elected unopposed to the post.**
- **Sports Editor (2 Years)** **Richard Todd was elected unopposed to the post.**

No nominations were received for the following posts

- **OB Manager (2 Years)**
- **Membership Secretary (1 Year)**
- **Head of Music & Promos (1 Year) - (reporting to Head of Output)**
- **Fundraising Manager (1 Year) - (reporting to Treasurer)**

Any workload associated with these posts during 2022 was picked up by the trustees.

Chris Ward stood down as vice chairman at the AGM in July 2022. The Trustees would like to thank him for his work as a Trustee since 2018.

No one else stood for election to replace Chris at the AGM, as mentioned above this left us with a shortage of trustees, an EGM was called in September 2022 and Dave Jennings was elected as Vice Chairman & Geoff Veasey as secretary.

Throughout the year Anker Radio continued to operate with no paid staff, being run entirely by a membership of volunteers.

These are the objectives of the CIO

- (1) the relief of sickness, poor health and old age amongst people living in the area served by The George Eliot Hospital NHS Trust or its successors by providing a local broadcasting service for hospitals, residential homes and similar institutions, and for patients receiving community care; and
- (2) the advancement of health and prevention or relief of sickness for the public benefit through the promotion of the benefits of living a healthy lifestyle, and the importance of maintaining good personal mental and physical health by (mainly, but not exclusively) the means of broadcasting health education messages to people living in the area served by The George Eliot Hospital NHS Trust or its successors.

Objective 1 is very similar to the aims of the former charity (Nuneaton Area Hospital Broadcasting Service) which ran the broadcast operation.

Objective 2 is a new objective centred around health promotion.

In furtherance of the first objective, Anker Radio provides a hospital radio service to patients at the George Eliot Hospital via 1386am, 88.9fm.

Anker Radio also streams its service online via the internet and downloadable iOS and Android Apps such as TuneIn Radio.

This allows hospital patients and listeners in residential homes and similar institutions to listen to the service.

The second of these objectives is a localised version of the second model objective agreed between the HBA and the Charity Commission and allows Anker Radio to target its services at the local population outside the hospital with the intent of helping and encouraging them to live a healthy and active life in the local community, and thus requiring to make less use of the health services.

Anker Radio also uses its social media presence to disseminate information and messages in support of this objective.

We amended our constitution in December 2020 (following advice from The Hospital Broadcasting Association (HBA) to facilitate remote attendance at hybrid and fully-virtual General Meetings in future without recourse to emergency legislation.

Related Organisations Anker Radio is a member of the Hospital Broadcasting Association (HBA), the national charity that supports and promotes hospital broadcasting in the UK.

The Trustees asked for information from the members of the management team.

Head of Output Report

2023 has pretty much followed on from 2022 output wise, the music jams during the night hours midnight to 07.00 have been filled by repeating shows. We do still however have music jams between 07.00 - 10.00, I am hoping to either find someone to present a Breakfast show, most likely a bought in product.

Also music jams remain on Wednesday and Thursday evenings 21.00 - 22.00, hopefully when the studio is up and running at its new location Dave Jennings, Pat Godfrey Young & Noel Carroll & Patrick Fitzmaurice will return to present some sort of shows in these slots again. Although Patrick and Noel would need to renew their membership

We no longer air the U.S. top 20 mainly due to it no longer being suitable for our audience.

Chris Benson who presents a show on Wednesdays 19.00 - 20.00 has changed his show's title and format.

We welcome'd our newest presenter earlier this year, Cullie who presents a dance music show on Friday evenings 21.00 - 22.00.

I am currently working on a new show to fill the 2nd & 4th Wednesdays of each month 20.00 - 21.00.

Anker radio have received a sponsorship for Mixcloud this year meaning that we can keep the shows you produced for later listening. I'm looking at having Late with Karl and the Saturday breakfast show put onto Mixcloud.

Future plans include presenters creating new personal choice shows and nearer to Christmas making something like a countdown list of their favourite Christmas songs.

Many regards,

Rob Newbold.

Sports Editor Report

It has certainly been an up and down past 12 months, not only for our local Sports Clubs (Coventry City and Wasps Rugby), but also for Anker Radio's sports team.

Starting with the sports team, we have lost two very valuable members who have left the service for different reasons. Pete Swain was finding it more and more difficult to attend matches and I think Bob Hansford seemed to lose his enthusiasm for it. Working on the Sports Team requires a massive amount of dedication. It's not just about showing up on a Saturday afternoon, there's also great deal of preparation involved which usually takes longer than the actual commentary itself.

So, the sports team is left with John and Chris at the "studio end" (at the moment that means presenting from home), who do a fantastic job and I'm the solitary commentator/reporter.

The demise of Wasps Rugby is very sad and a massive loss to the area. When I was travelling over from North Wales by train it always amazed me how big the catchment area was for Wasps. Fans were boarding the train as far away as Wolverhampton. Let us hope the current new owners can make a success of it when the resurrected club begin life in the Championship next season.

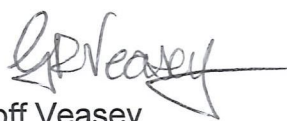
Finally, it's been an incredible season for Coventry City. As I write this report, they are on the verge of possible promotion to the Premier League. There are still a few hurdles to clear, but we wish them success.

Richard Todd
(Sports Editor)

Signed on behalf of the trustees,



John Goodman
Chairman



Geoff Veasey
Secretary

Date:- 4/5/2023

Date:- 03/05/2023

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Anker Radio Treasurers Report 2022

Charity Number: 1180762

Opening Balance 1st January 2022 CAF Bank Cash account £ 2,623.83

Income: January 1st to December 31st 2022 £ 5,017.45

Source Breakdown: (credited to Anker Radio Bank account)

Crowdfunder Match (fundraiser/Membership Fees) £3,512.38

Donations: £1,502.13 Bank Current A/C Interest: £2.94

Expenditure 2022: January 1st to December 31st 2022 £ 5,474.82

Spend Breakdown: (debited from Anker Radio Bank account)

Licences: (Broadcast/Music) £2,118.73 OB Van: £1,529.70

Liability Insurance: £1,127.69 Internet Services: £311.29

Equipment/Stamps: £255.91 Current A/C Fees: £81.50

HBA Membership: £50.00

Anker Radio CAF Cash Account Closing Balance December 31st 2022: £ 2,166.46

Anker Radio Gold A/C:

Account Balance: 1st January 2022 £ 5,668.17

Interest Payments to Gold Account: (New Balance)

28/03/2022 £ 0.53 £ 5,668.70

27/06/2022 £ 2.79 £ 5,671.49

26/09/2022 £ 6.33 £ 5,677.82

28/12/2022 £12.02 £ 5,689.84

Account Closing Balance: 31st December 2022 £ 5,689.84

Headlines relating to Anker Radio Income & Expenditure in 2022:

- Expenditure **exceeded** Income by £457.37
- Combining Members annual Fees with the Crowdfunder Organisation was a great success. From this we raised a figure of £3,377.37 for our Charity. Thankyou all for participating & encouraging others to make a small donation that was equally matched by Crowdfunder Team for our benefit.
- There were no OB engagements undertaken during 2022, so no contribution to our revenues.
- The OB Bus also had to undergo extensive repairs/upgrades to be usable. Thanks to several local Companies, *our* only costs were for the DVSA MOT/Re-Tests & DVLA for Road Tax. A constant cost was for the Bus Insurance which had to be maintained. Please see my further document which contains the known costs of maintaining the OB Bus & how it continues to impact our expenditure, whilst having no OB's to produce revenue. The OB Bus is a scheduled topic of discussion at the Members Meeting & I urge you to read & contemplate the detail.
- Heart of England Donation (£1000) was *not* realised, although expected.
- Following prolonged discussions with Heart of England, I take pleasure in informing Members that we *will* now receive their Donation in early 2023
- Bede Village did renew their support & donated £1,000 but advised that due to fiscal constraints, this will *probably* be their last donation to AR. Lets hope they review the situation before ending our long relationship.
- We received a welcome £330 donation from Home Comforts in Bedworth
- Amazon, Easy Fundraising & Sedgies/Newdegate contributed a combined donation amount of £112.13, the latter mainly through tin collections. We have acknowledged their contributions with Certificates.
- The Trustees continue to look for any further cost savings that can be made, & our attention has now turned to reducing the cost of our Liability Insurance if possible. The cost for 2022 was £1,127.69 & planning ahead, we can expect at least a further 10-15% increase to our Premium.

Finally, I would like to say that 2022 was particularly challenging, even after cutting costs to the bone. We need to focus on alternative Policy providers, utilising our assets & collectively looking at how we can optimise our Fundraising efforts. May I lastly express my thanks to all those that have contributed to the AR cause and, although we live in uncertain times, I feel that we *will* be able to move forwards positively in 2023.

Barry Hayward
Anker Radio Treasurer 5th May 2023



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Chairman's Report

This year has again been affected by Covid19 and we have continued with online trustee and members meetings.

Thank you to all the presenters who have continued to provide new content working from home.

In May 2021 we started using our studios again for broadcasting and recording programmes. members had to report to Voluntary services to get their temperature checked before being allowed into the studios, another new requirement has been for lone working. Every member is now required to let security know they are working alone in the studio complex in the evening or weekend. This information also needs to be provided to the Voluntary services co-Ordinator. Best Practice would suggest you also check in with Voluntary services during the week if you are going to be working alone.

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On average we broadcast 70 Hours of programmes a week that have been produced by Anker Radio Volunteers.

The rest of our schedule is made up of programmes that are shared with other stations.

Since September 2021 Anker Radio has been broadcasting on 88.9fm across the George Eliot site as part of an Ofcom Limited Coverage FM experiment. Anker Radio is one of just 12 stations across the uk to be chosen to take part in these trials. They are due to run until September 2022, but we are hopeful that this will be extended by Ofcom.

Anker Radio will continue to develop a pragmatic and sensible digital strategy. Nuneaton & Surrounds did not appear in Round 3 of small scale DAB multiplex licensing plan.

At the time of writing Ofcom have not announced the areas for round 4 of license applications. (round 4 may or may not include Nuneaton and the surrounding areas) Round 4 areas are expected to be announced in the 1st quarter of 2022, with applications opening in the 2nd/3rd Quarter of 2022. The Trustees recognise the need to respond to any opportunities provided in a way that is cost effective and supports the charitable objects, as appropriate.

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Thanks once again thanks go to Louise Smith for securing Bede Village's sponsorship of the weather for another year.

I congratulate everyone that has kept Anker Radio going in these exceptional times and also thank the George Eliot Hospital NHS Trust for their continued support.

John Goodman
Chairman

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The Members were also invited to apply for the positions of:-

Head of Music

Head of Fundraising

Membership Secretary

Unfortunately, no applications were received for these posts. Any workload associated with these posts during 2021 was picked up by the trustees.

The Trustees will look at re-advertise these posts in 2022

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Vice Chairman's Report

2021 was an interesting year as towards the middle of the year things started to get back to normal but with some workarounds still needing to be in place.

Sport returned to broadcasting from venues as opposed to commenting from home while watching the event live on TV, like many broadcaster had to do in order to restrict people at those events. So our Sports OB kit was tested and set back into

use, and whilst the shows were still broadcast from home studios, this meant a change of working to enable this to happen as we could no longer use our old tieline OB kit that was in the studios.

More software updates were carried out to our fleet of computers and also saw the transition of pretty much all the bespoke software we use migrated over to a more current and supported system, the Microsoft dot net framework. This included a completely new and re-written playout system.

I was also involved in the application and then subsequent installation of our temporary FM radio licence, something that has proved a useful exercise and comes at a time when AM radio receivers are very much now on the decline and the non-existence of the bedside entertainment system, Hospicom.

I've also been assisting our head of output and chairman with programming matters throughout the year.

Considering the restrictions, it's great that the station continues to evolve, and proves that those restrictions which we have had to abide by are not an obstacle or to be used as an excuse for not being able to get on and get things done.

Chris Ward

Vice-Chairman.

Reports from The Management Committee

Sports Editor Report

This past 12 months has returned to some kind of normality, at last. Not only has COVID-19 become more under control, which means we are now able to broadcast live from our local teams, but also Coventry City have returned to their "home" city. It means they are, once again, sharing a home ground with Wasps Rugby. From a technical point of view, this makes it so much easier for Anker Radio to cover both clubs using the same equipment.

As far as the Sports Team is concerned, we are definitely in need of some new members. This season we have been short of two very important reporters.

Bob Hansford, who covers The Nuns and Wasps, has decided to take time out, but hopefully I would love to see him back behind the microphone very soon.

Pete Swain announced that he would have to retire from covering Nuneaton Borough and Coventry City. Again, he's greatly missed. I'm hoping that Chris

and John will continue to link everything together at the “studio” end. What a fantastic and professional job they both do.

As for myself, well after living in North West Wales for nearly 5 years, my wife and I have decided to return to the Midlands..Leicestershire to be precise. That means I'll be able to attend a lot more matches. I must admit, the journey was really starting to get me down a little bit. Nearly 4 hours each way! Also, the increase in travel costs was limiting the number of matches I could afford to attend.

Really looking forward to next season already.

Richard Todd

(Sports Editor)

Head Of Output Report

Since taking over the Head of output role with Anker radio, it has been an intention of mine to fill as much of the Music jam's as I possibly can with live, recorded or voice tracked shows.

As you are aware my tenure in this role has been dogged with the Covid 19 epidemic meaning that special shows such as celebrating Anker radio's 40th birthday during the weekend of 5th - 7th November 2020 didn't go ahead, I did put it on ice with the hopeful intention of "Anker radio @ 40 (+ 1)" but again Covid restrictions stopped play.

A similar problem was experienced with Christmas special shows during Christmas period 2020 & 2021, Christmas 2020 slots were filled with what we had in the archives with my recorded Christmas eve spectacular & if my memory serves, Anker folk at Christmas, Christmas no.1's with Chris & Late with Karl shows.

Christmas 2021 was a lot better with again me dipping into the archives, I also used quite a number of free bought in special shows as well as Karl voice tracking his Christmas day breakfast show & his Late with Karl shows, Christmas no.1's with Chris, Anker folk at Christmas, I recorded a Classic Christmas & Christmas extravaganza & also Mark Thomas was back up & running creating a couple of Christmas special shows.

One of my thoughts as I've already mentioned is to replace as much of the Music jam's as possible, this includes during the night hours midnight to 07.00 (Sun - Fri) & 08.00 (Sats) I was able to experiment with this at Christmas, repeating or airing shows between midnight of Christmas eve & 08.00 on Christmas day, thank you to John Goodman for his help & advice for this experiment. Should I remain in the role as Head of output I'm hoping Christmas 2022 will be much better & presenters will be able to record special shows in the studio's, I'm certainly hoping to produce a special show with retired BRMB D.J. Les Ross as was being planned when I saw him cleaning his locomotive at Rugby in very late 2019.

Having the facilities at home I'm fortunate to be able to create & voice track the Wednesday " A different sort of dedication show" and now produce "Anker radio rocks!!" that goes out every Saturday evening 9 - 11 pm. I have also provided voice tracking for other shows.

Anker radio now broadcasts voiced shows 24 hours a day with various shows being aired & repeated during the night hours, this has been like this for around 6 weeks now although schedule is to be put on the Anker radio site. We also have a few new (ish) radio shows which are bought in from other hospital radio stations, Pat Godfrey Young has been given the ok to record his classical music show at the studio (I'm hoping others will be able to follow suit very soon.)

Finally I am really hoping to find a presenter to voice track the Mon to Fri breakfast shows 07.00 - 09.00 but realise this is not going to be an easy task.

Head of output,
Rob Newbold.

Anker Radio Treasurers Report & Financial Statement 2021 Charity Number: 1180762

Following yet another challenging year, I am pleased to precis Anker Radio's current financial status, along with a brief background to what we have been able to achieve, or decisions taken, whilst the Pandemic has continued to impact all our lives:

- The two CAF Bank accounts became the predominant day to day banking route, utilising an on-line Current Account & a Gold Reserve Account. There have been issues with paying in 'small change' at branches, but CAF Bank are in discussion with other Banking partners about making things simpler & easy to pay in funds.
- We made a major transfer of funds from our old Yorkshire Bank current account into our new CAF Bank cash account in March, to ensure that we remained solvent & as a pre-cursor to closing the old Yorkshire Bank account.
- NBBC had an outstanding BACS payment to submit for services rendered in 2020, which necessitated a direct call. Payment did follow shortly after.
- It was originally agreed that the Yorkshire Bank account would stay open until at least the end of April as changes & notifications to our Licence providers & Insurers would be a possible issue with staff & organisations *still* not having the infrastructure to deal with changes or even deal with cheques sent to cover bills. It was felt prudent to leave major Direct Debits to be taken from the Yorkshire account where feasible for a minimum of a further 6 months, then to be reviewed monthly.
- We continued to find ourselves frustrated by communication issues with Licence/Insurance providers, who kept their offices mostly unmanned. To avoid 'missing' any payments, leading to a breach of Broadcasting/Charity standards, direct contacts were made via the phone or registered mail.
- I am sure that all Members will not be surprised to learn that Income from Fundraising events remained virtually nil for 2021. There was no work from NBBC in any form, & we had just one welcome contribution throughout 2021. This was a late & much protracted £1,000 from the Heart of England Society in November. Easy Fundraising contributed just £40.93 for the year, as the nation reduced its spending.
- Bills have to be paid, however, & outgoings for our Insurances, Licences, Internet providers & other sundries have amounted to £ 3,292.34 (although this is down by over £1,700 on 2020, due to managing our costs)
- As Treasurer, I continue to investigate where we can make further cost savings by switching to new Insurance/Licence/Service providers. We were pursuing a cost saving on our Public Liability Insurance, one of our biggest outlays, but due to Covid, we could not get a better deal. As the Insurance sector settles down, I will be looking at this again prior to renewal.
- The OB bus remained grounded in 2021, but we must continue to pay insurance on this vehicle for obvious reasons. Currently this costs us around £100 per month, but

we cannot risk not having cover. I have turned to our local business sector to see if they can help us get the OB bus back to a usable state. This will be reported upon later.

- This year's Subs were all accounted for, with postage being saved by not issuing receipts. We will return to normality next year (fingers crossed!). Several of our Life Members very kindly opted (again) to donate to our funds, for which I thank them sincerely.

In conclusion, 2021 whilst improving on a nationwide health front, was disastrous financially for many businesses & public facing Charities. With no call for OB events & the population hankering down for the long game, we have experienced the new order first hand. The GEH is under increasing pressure from the Government to deliver its health services, so who knows what plans they may have for the future of the Hospital & how they will view their resources on site. In the meantime, a thankyou to all those supportive Members who still burn a passion to serve, albeit in a much-restricted way.

'Anker Radio' Charity Number 1180762 – Accounts 1st January -31st December 2021

Opening Balance (CAF Bank cash A/C) as at 01/01/2021 **£ 607.69 (+)**

OUTGOINGS:

Insurances	£ 1,491.27
Licences	£ 1,484.27
FM Transmitter	£ 1,114.10
Equipment/Studio	£ 431.15
PlusNet	£ 316.80
A/C Fees	£ 96.00
HBA Fee	£ 50.00
Admin (Post)	£ 20.00

Total: £ 5,003.59

INCOME:

Transfer from NAHBS A/C	£ 5,049.00
Donations	£ 1,399.80
Membership Fees	£ 280.00
OB Fee Payment (NBBC)	£ 250.00
Easy Funding Payments	£ 40.93

Total: £ 7,019.73

Closing balance (CAF BANK Cash A/C) as at 31/12/2021 **£ 2,623.83 (+)**

GOLD RESERVE ACCOUNT:

Opening Balance: **£ 5,104.53 (+)**

Funds Transfer (Cash) £ 500.00

Donation Tin(s) £ 63.10

Interest Payments £ 0.54

Closing balance 31/12/2021 **£ 5,668.17 (+)**

Comments & Observations:

The above figures reflect that we were still obliged to run *in conjunction* with the previous NAHBS Bank Account (Yorkshire Bank). The Trustees discussed & agreed that it would be prudent to continue to run both Accounts alongside each other during 2021, for a further minimum period of an extra 6 months. Spending was gradually changed over to our CAF Bank account, to allow the old Yorkshire Bank account to be closed. Again, we also had expected donations from sources that did not wish us to contact them (as in the case with the Heart of England Trust, who once again came up with a welcome donation, but late in the year) & the inevitable problems of communication with Licence Suppliers etc, whose workforce were continuing, in the main, to work from home. We did not want to miss a payment or fall foul of any Licencing agreements, placing Anker Radio in a vulnerable position. Knowing many were unable to simply process cheques that we would usually send to cover our Fees, where a DD was not in place. In the event, this again worked well for us. The full closure details of the old NAHBS Account will be issued separately.

Despite the continuing Pandemic issues throughout 2021, we remain in an excellent financial position, considering no FR activity took place, other than the occasional tin donations throughout 2021 for Anker Radio. Our biggest cost investment was the FM Transmitter but required following the winning of the FM licence. This gives us a wider scope of engaging with the patients of the GEH & may replace the current AM set up if our tenure ship is successful. Cost remains king, & we will continue to search for ways to stretch our funds as far as possible, ensuring that the GEH has a stable & solid radio service.

Regards
Barry Hayward

Anker Radio Treasurer



John Goodman
Chairman



Chris Ward
Vice Chairman

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Trustees' Annual Report 2020

Chairman's Report



This year has been a trying time because of Covid19 and we have all had to get used to online meetings, it certainly is a different experience chairing online meetings.

This should have been a year of celebration; Anker Radio has clocked up 40 Years of service to the George Eliot Hospital & the community it serves. We had a 40th Birthday party planned, but it all had to be postponed along with any major on air celebration, although we did manage to play extracts from the archives thanks to Mark Thomas, and we replayed the opening night programme 40 years to the day since it first went out thanks to Chris Ward.

Thanks to all the presenters who have continued to provide new content during the pandemic. Hopefully with the timetable that has been set out by the government we can start to use our studios again in the 2nd part of 2021.

We are now working closely with the Voluntary services co-Ordinator & the volunteer team at the George Eliot Hospital. I have attended two on-line meetings with the other volunteer teams in the hospital such as the league of friends each team explained what they did within the hospital. Like ourselves their activities have been reduced due to Covid19. I offered Anker radio's assistance in promoting the other volunteer teams in the hospital.

A flyer with information about Anker Radio & how to get a request on the air is now available/being given out at the checkpoint 'keeping in touch' within the George Eliot Hospital.

Myself and the vice chairman attended many of the HBA online forums during lockdown including one on small scale DAB, and we made some good contacts who we hope to work with in the future.

Ofcom have now licenced some multiplexes from the first round of applications. These multiplexes do include some hospital radio stations that have gone down the community radio route. Round 2 will be advertised by Ofcom in June 2021 but Nuneaton is not in round 2.

Anker Radio will continue to develop a pragmatic and sensible digital strategy. At the time of writing Ofcom have not announced the area for round 3 of license applications. (round 3 may or may not include Nuneaton and the surrounding areas) If Ofcom stick to their 6-month timetable of advertising rounds, round 3 should be advertised in December 2021, and the Trustees recognise the need to respond to any opportunities provided in a way that is cost effective and supports the charitable objects, as appropriate.

We currently have 28 members a mixture of life members, active & non active members, and 1 membership application in the pipeline, but we can always do need more volunteers.

Looking beyond covid19 This fundraising idea was suggested to me

It costs about £8000 a year to run Anker Radio, using lockdown maths 8000 divided by 28 members equals 285.7142857142857 lets say £286.

You may think that £286 is a lot of money to raise but

if 50% of our membership sold one of our 52 week sponsorships deals we would bring in over £5000 (This of course relies on us regularly broadcasting the programmes that are sponsored & that is down to you as the membership being committed to your programme by pre recording your programme if your cant do it live or getting a stand in)

If the other 50% put 79p in a jar every day each member would make £288 in a year.

Multiplied by 14 would be £4032 and as this would be a donation we could claim gift aid on it (Our Treasurer is in the process of setting up gift aid for the new charity) which would be £1008

Adding it all up.

£5000

£4032

£1008

£10040

It is worth thinking about. I realise that not all our members would be able save money in Jar, but all our members could ask their local shop to sponsor us or be like Colin Tyers and put a collecting Tin in the local shop.

Thanks once again go to Louise Smith for securing Bede Village's sponsorship of the weather for another year. We also produced a request show for Bede Village during lockdown so that residents at Bede could hear songs and messages from their loved ones & the residents could send messages back. The show went down a storm, we had to repeat it 3 times!!

I congratulate everyone that has kept Anker Radio going in these exceptional times and also thank the George Eliot Hospital NHS Trust for their continued support.

John Goodman
Chairman

The Trustees of Anker Radio are pleased to submit their Report and Accounts for the year 1st January 2020 to 31st December 2020.

Organisation Anker Radio is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation registered in England and Wales on 20th November 2018 and governed by a constitution last amended on 9th December 2020.

Anker Radio is managed by the Charity Trustees who are elected by the membership in accordance with the published constitution. In the period covered by this review, the Charity Trustees consist of four members of the CIO. Two of the Trustees, Chris Ward and Bob Hansford were elected by the membership at the 2020 AGM.

The Members also elected a management committee at the AGM in 2020 to assist with the day to running of the broadcast side of things.

The posts that were filled were Head of Output(Rob Newbold), Sports Editor (Richard Todd), Outside Broadcast Manager (Mervyn Lawrence) & Membership Secretary (Morley Barnes).

Each Member of the Management committee was provided with an ankerradio.uk e-mail address to be used for all official Anker Radio Business.

The Trustees reasoning behind this was to improve the professional image of Anker Radio so that all e-mail correspondence came from an official ankerradio.uk e-mail address rather than a personal e-mail address. It also improved the safety of Data that we hold as any data should only be accessed using e-mail addresses that belonged to the CIO rather than personal e-mail addresses. The Trustees will continue with this in 2021.

The posts that were not filled at the AGM were Fund Raising Manager & Head of Music. The Trustees also decided not to appoint a Technical Manager.

Any workload associated with these posts during 2020 was picked up by the trustees

Initially the management committee posts were 1 year posts, but after the point was raised by a member of the management committee, that this would mean the whole management committee could change each year, the trustees at their meeting in June 2020 amended the terms of reference for the management committee so that Head of Output, Sports Editor & OB Manager were elected for 2 years. Fund Raising Manager, Head of Music & Membership Secretary would remain as 1 year posts, but would be 2 year posts at the 2021 AGM.

Throughout the year Anker Radio continued to operate with no paid staff, being run entirely by a membership of volunteers.

These are the objects of the CIO

- (1) the relief of sickness, poor health and old age amongst people living in the area served by The George Eliot Hospital NHS Trust or its successors by providing a local broadcasting service for hospitals, residential homes and similar institutions, and for patients receiving community care; and
- (2) the advancement of health and prevention or relief of sickness for the public benefit through the promotion of the benefits of living a healthy

lifestyle, and the importance of maintaining good personal mental and physical health by (mainly, but not exclusively) the means of broadcasting health education messages to people living in the area served by The George Eliot Hospital NHS Trust or its successors.

Object 1 is very similar to the aims of the former charity (Nuneaton Area Hospital Broadcasting Service) which ran the broadcast operation.

Object 2 is a new objective centred around health promotion

In furtherance of the first object, Anker Radio provides a hospital radio service to patients at the George Eliot Hospital via the bedside entertainment system, also known as Hospicom.

Anker Radio also streams its service online via the internet and downloadable iOS and Android Apps such as TuneIn Radio.

This allows hospital patients and listeners in residential homes and similar institutions to listen to the service.

The second of these objects is a localised version of the second model object agreed between the HBA and the Charity Commission, and allows Anker Radio to target its services at the local population outside the hospital with the intent of helping and encouraging them to live a healthy and active life in the local community, and thus requiring to make less use of the health services.

Anker Radio also uses its social media presence to disseminate information and messages in support of this object.

We amended our constitution in December 2020 (following advice from The Hospital Broadcasting Association (HBA)) to facilitate remote attendance at hybrid and fully-virtual General Meetings in future without recourse to emergency legislation.

Related Organisations Anker Radio is a member of the Hospital Broadcasting Association (HBA), the national charity that supports and promotes hospital broadcasting in the UK.

Vice Chairman's Report

In what has been an interesting first year for the new charity, its still been a very busy one. Always plenty to do, and fortunately a lot can be done remotely.

We upgraded our broadband with plusnet in the last year, and now have fibre. This gives us slightly better download and upload speeds (as we are along way from our fibre cabinet, hence we don't get as good speeds as you might expect). This has proved really useful as we have heavily relied on remote control access to the radio station. Also taking external programme feeds from the likes of Richard Smith, and Anker Radio Sport continues to broadcast live, with commentary on the Wasps rugby

(even though Richard our commentator is in Wales, and the show isn't being hosted at the studios) but it works extremely well.

Just before the start of the pandemic, we lost our news feed to the station. This unfortunately didn't get fixed at the time. However a replacement feed has been setup to ensure that Anker Radio had 24 hours during what has proved to become a very important time for factual news information. We continue to use this feed, until such time as we can get the satellite feed fixed.

Also more updates to our remote users software has been ongoing, and Rob Newbold now has facilities to produce and create his show from home. It's disappointing that no other members have taken up the many offers from the trustees to help them create programmes from home - even those who already have the facilities to do so. This unfortunately makes the trustees question the memberships commitment and contribution to the charities aims and consider whether they should continue to be a member. There is always stuff that needs doing, just because theirs a pandemic doesn't mean everything grinds to a halt. There is plenty that can be done from home, so be proactive, not reactive.

I look forward to every member providing a tangible contribution to the radio station this year, as it needs it more than ever to survive and provide good content.

I wish you and your family the best of health

Chris Ward

Vice-Chairman.

Secretary's Report – 2020/2021.

Following my election at the last AGM, I began my second term as Secretary (my first being back in 1999/2000) full of hope despite the growing menace of Coronavirus (Covid 19).

What a challenging year it has proved to be.

Despite not being able to operate from the studios the Trustees have "met" on line once a month to monitor the situation, seek alternatives and liaise with the hospital authorities.

As Secretary I have taken part in every Trustees meeting, taking the minutes and contributing to the running of @nker radio. In addition, I have produced a bi monthly newsletter keeping members up to date with events and sent to all members by email or post. Despite the limitations that the pandemic has imposed, the Trustees have remained active. In trying to raise necessary revenue, an application has recently been made to Persimmon Homes Community Champions for a £1000 donation from their Community Fund. We await their decision. Further applications for financial support will be made as and when the opportunity arises.

Programming has continued away from the studios with members who had the necessary kit being able to broadcast from their homes. This opportunity was offered to all members along with the technical advice.

It has been disappointing that the pandemic has had such an adverse effect on the @nker radio's operations and that generally the membership has not been more active in seeking alternative opportunities to further the stations activities. In addition, not all of the members of the Management Committee have been active, and only an initial meeting of this important committee has taken place.

Let us hope the coming year gives us the opportunity to return to normality and continue to provide a service to the patients, staff and visitors at the George Eliot Hospital.

Bob Hansford.

Secretary - Trustee.

Reports from The Management Committee

Sports Editor Report 2020

In terms of sport there is not a great deal to report in the last 12 months, other than the total devastation caused by Covid-19 to the arts and leisure industry. Thankfully, sport at the elite level, has managed to be resurrected from the ashes to some kind of normality, but as I write this report, sport at the semi professional level is struggling big time. Our local clubs, Nuneaton Borough and Nuneaton Rugby Club have no idea when or if they will be able to return to action.

So, our limited sports coverage has been centred around Wasps Rugby. The sports team have managed to put together a semi regular live sports programme consisting of reports and commentary from Wasps matches mixed with the usual Premier League reports. Chris and John have linked everything together from their own homes while I have provided the coverage from my home in Wales. It seems to work well, but it's not the same as actually broadcasting from The Ricoh Arena. Hopefully, by this time next year, things maybe somewhere near "back to normal".

Richard Todd

Sports Editor

Head Of Output Report 2020

i took over the role of head of output just as the first lockdown began in 2020, i had and still have several idea's for shows in the pipeline such as songs recommended

by the presenters you must hear at least once in your lifetime (idea from 1001 songs you must hear before you die book i have at home), the idea would have been to go out over a bank holiday weekend.

each presenter would give say 10 tracks that they would recommend anyone to listen to & why they have chosen that song.(currently mothballed until further notice)

40th birthday weekend, a series of special shows which i had hoped the presenters would like to produce to celebrate anker radio's 40th anniversary beginning at 6pm on friday 6th november 2020 and finishing about 9pm sunday 8th november 2020 (currently on hold with a date to be confirmed part of the sunday afternoon would be 40 of the most requested tracks on anker radio over past 40 years however such data doesn't accurately exist so it has been recommended that i put an appeal into nuneaton memories on facebook, which will be done in the next few weeks)

the christmas 2020 schedule was created using what shows we had in archives with some suggestions from john goodman with the big broadcast by richard smith's team going out over new years eve & day.

i've been in touch with les ross, the retired brmb presenter when i've seen him passing on my train prior to lockdown, les is the owner of a class 86 electric locomotive currently stored at rugby, les is a big rail enthusiast & we were planning to produce a 2 hour train related song show. (again currently on hold hopefully we will be able to record this in the studios later this year).

We now have a 2 hour rock show by Fred Setters going out on a tuesday evening & We are looking into 15 minute 12 part radio soap opera fronted by former eastenders nasty nick cotton (john altman) which has been offered to anker radio.

i'm hoping that we have access to the studios again soon , i would like to find someone that would be interested in voice tracking the monday to friday breakfast shows, i may do these on a temp basis . when things are back to normal i shall identify slots with music jam where we can put voiced shows by presenters, either live, recorded or voice tracked.

yours faithfully,

Rob Newbold



John Goodman
Chairman



Chris Ward
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Treasurer's Annual Report & Financial Statement 2020

Treasurers Report 2020

In what has been a challenging year, I am pleased to precis Anker Radio's current financial status, along with a brief background to what we have been able to achieve, or decisions taken, whilst Covid-19 has cast its shadow across all Communities:

- Two new accounts were applied for on 30th January 2020. An on-line Current Account & a Gold Reserve Account. Two Debit cards were also ordered for both Chairman & Vice Chairman to use for future Services/Repairs/Equipment replacements to avoid using cash or cheques where suitable.
- An initial transfer of funds was made, £1,000 & £500 into each respective account, showing on said accounts on 31st January 2020.
- Additional funds were to be paid in following collection of Members Subs & along with any cheque payments received from both fundraising or payment of Invoices for Services rendered. (NBBC had a few BACS payments to submit)
- It was originally agreed that the Yorkshire Bank account would stay open until at least the end of April as changes & notifications to our Licence providers & Insurers would be a possible issue with staff & organisations not having the infrastructure to deal with changes or even deal with cheques sent to cover bills. It was felt prudent to leave major Direct Debits to be taken from the Yorkshire account where feasible
- In March 2020 we had the first effects of the Covid-19 pandemic, causing an initial lock down, & the affecting of both Members activities & the paying in of cheques or cash. OB activities came to a standstill. Most organisations were making their staff isolate at home
- We found ourselves frustrated by communication issues with Licence/Insurance providers who we needed to inform of changes to our Charity name & details. To avoid 'missing' any payments, leading to a breach of Broadcasting/Charity standards, it was felt prudent to keep open the Yorkshire Bank account until much later in the year, on a monthly review basis. This allowed for all incoming Bills to be covered where DD detail changes proved problematical
- I am sure that all Members will not be surprised to learn that Income from Fundraising & OB events fell away to very little during 2020. There was no work from NBBC in any form, & we have had just two welcome contributions throughout 2020. There was a £1,000 donation from BUPA (Bede Village) in April & £1,000 from the Heart of England in September. Both donations went into the Yorkshire Bank A/C, subsequently being transferred into the new Anker Radio CAF Bank. Easy Fundraising contributed just £58.69 for the year, as we all reduced our spending
- Bills still must be paid, however, & outgoings for our Insurances, Licences, Internet providers & other sundries have amounted to more than £5,000, deducted mainly through the Yorkshire Bank DD system. All DD's now set up with CAF Bank
- As Treasurer, I have been investigating where we can make further cost savings by switching to new Insurance/Licence/Service providers. Our biggest

outlay is for the Public Liability Insurance, & I believe that I can switch cover on a like for like basis, saving us more than £400 for the year. This will be sorted for 1st April

- The OB bus remains grounded, but we continue to pay for insurance on this vehicle for obvious reasons. Currently this costs us £90 per month, but we cannot risk not having cover. This topic should warrant discussion at the upcoming AGM
- The majority of our Funds in the Yorkshire Bank have since been transferred into the CAF Bank, in preparation for complete closure. A formal letter of closure has been prepared & will be submitted prior to 22nd March 2021.
- The *remaining* funds held in the Yorkshire Bank Account will then be added to the CAF Cash Account
- This year's Subs were all accounted for & receipts are being posted out accordingly. Several our Life Members very kindly opted to donate to our funds, for which I thank them sincerely. They too, should have received a formal thank you.

In conclusion, the 'roadmap' back to normality for the Country may still falter, so until we have a clearer picture of the future, we must continue to monitor costs & expenditure. I believe from my above comments & examples, that we are still in a robust position financially, & that we will see ourselves emerge from the shadows later this year to resume, whatever it is that they will call *normal service!* I urge Members to look around them & see if there are any opportunities to raise/secure any funds locally. Until we meet at some future date, stay safe.

'Anker Radio' Charity Number 1180762 – Accounts 1st January -31st December 2020

Opening Balance (CAF Bank) as at 01/04/2020 **£1,315.69 (+)**

OUTGOINGS:

HBA Fee	£ 50.00
Insurances	£367.04
J. Goodman	£ 14.93
PayPal	£ 78.59
PlusNet	£157.98
A/C Fees	£ 45.00
Total:	£713.00

INCOME:

(Due to Covid-19) £00.00

Closing balance (CAF BANK) as at 31/12/2020 **£602.69 (+)**

GOLD RESERVE ACCOUNT:

Opening Balance: £ 500.00

Transfers (from YB) £4,603.00

Interest Payments £ 1.53

Closing balance 31/12/2020 **£5,104.53 (+)**

Comments & Observations:

The above figures reflect that we were running *in conjunction* with the previous NAHBS Bank Account (Yorkshire Bank). The Trustees discussed & agreed that it would be prudent to run both Accounts alongside each other during 2020, as there were issues with communication & actions solely down to the Covid-19 pandemic. We also have donations from sources that do not wish us to contact them & the inevitable problems of communication with Licence Suppliers etc, whose workforce were working mainly from home. We did not want to miss a payment or fall foul of any Licencing agreements, placing Anker Radio in a vulnerable position. Knowing many were unable to simply process cheques that we would usually send to cover our Fees, where a DD was not in place. In the event, this worked well for us, & you will be provided with the final 'close down' of the old Yorkshire Bank Account shortly, as the yearly Accounts for the old charity will be due. Rest assured, the majority of the funds have been transferred to the CAF Bank account & it was just a matter of closing the old account officially.

We remain in an excellent financial position (I would refer you to recent Monthly Meeting minutes, advising *current* overall bank account details), considering no FR activity throughout 2020, for Anker Radio, & therefore our fundraising has been virtually nil since lockdown. We have reviewed every cost & money saving way that can help us stretch our funds as far as possible. This strategy seems to be working effectively & we should all look forward to coming out of this strange period, healthy (literally!) & ready to grapple with the 'catch ups' that will be needed from all Members in the days ahead.



Barry Hayward - Anker Radio Treasurer & Trustee