



Charity Commission Report Upload informed by content of Aston-by-Stone Village Hall Annual General Meeting held on 28th April 2024 at Aston Village Hall at 3pm

Report from the Chair (ES)

Aston-by-Stone Village Hall trustees and committee members are all volunteers who work together to maintain our Village Hall. We also have a small and committed group of people who actively support running the hall by facilitating casual check in's, supporting events and helping us to maintain our fabulous building. Together we have successfully kept our hall running and well maintained for another year. Big thanks to everyone.

Over the last year the committee has remained as a small but stable group. We are constantly reviewing the halls position and we now have a good understanding of our unique operational circumstances. This year we have been writing more bids. I received news in February of the success of a bid to the National Lottery Community fund submitted in the autumn term. We were awarded £15, 950.00! The outdoor play area will become the 'Village Hall Courtyard' (working title) with a renewed hard and level surface, raised beds and planting, along with some new seating - the project will transform the area. This will be our development project for the forthcoming year.

Our primary source of funds comes from hiring the hall. The hall is well equipped and actively maintained. It's a busy hall we have 23 regular hirers, it is not unusual to have 5 groups use the hall in one day and generally the hall will be in use for almost every day of any month. We have a range of activities offered and it's really great that our hall is a well-used community space. We've held a couple of fundraising events this year. A coffee morning for Village Halls Week involved members of the community, groups contributed to tasters in the annexe and showcased their activities, the village social team took over our tearoom and we held a raffle. On the occasions when we put on events, they raise valuable funds and they are really enjoyable! ☺

Despite all our successes disappointingly, in the last year we have recruited ZERO new trustees. We have brought in additional services to keep the hall open. Of-course the more volunteers who come forward the more we can mitigate increases in costs by doing fundraising activity and facilitating more casual hires. However, since I became chair two years ago, a consistent priority has been to recruit volunteers and trustees, we need to accept that volunteer and trustee recruitment will be an ongoing challenge.

Going forward the committee will review the practicalities of our unique operational circumstances – we are a small team who volunteer to run a busy Village Hall. Therefore, processes will be rationalised and activities evaluated to ensure workload is manageable and remains enjoyable for those who have put themselves forward. Should volunteers come forward then we will adapt and extend our activity as appropriate. It's going to be a year of change as we continue to grow.

The front of the hall is looking lovely with a refreshed pinboard and beautiful hanging baskets. Thank you to the volunteers who have undertaken this work and those that support the hall more generally. I'd like to thank the committee for their commitment and hard work. Also, thanks to our defibrillator guardians who do monthly checks and make sure the defibrillator is in good working order. And finally, to everyone who is actively contributing, doing your bit to look after the Village Hall, your efforts are very much appreciated. Thank you all!

Emma Snowden, Chair of AVH Management Committee and Trustee

28th April 2024

Treasurer Report (JJ)

AVH Accounts 1st February 2023 to 31st January 2024

Income Report – Total Income £20,344.84

- The initial deposit of £25 for casual hirers is working well and the number of late cancellations has reduced.
- The damage deposit through invoicing works well, this also has an impact on the chance of any damage caused by casual hirers, there have been some minor issues relating to waste removal, the damage deposit has been utilised, but only on a couple of occasions.
- Total Value of Casual Hirers for this period: £5150.25
- Coffee mornings held (Mar, Apr, Jun, Oct): £241.80
- Local Election Voting (May): £288.00

- Total Regular Hirer Income: £13,605.50
- Total number of regular hirers: 23
- New regular hirer joined late Jan 2023 – Yoga
- Two new regular hirers joined from Jan 2024: Sing and Sign and Pilates

- Lottery Fund of £500 received for the “Big Help out Day” 8th May
Total spent against the funding £558.30
Activities: Childrens play area tarmac removed
 Aston Scouts cleared their hut and labelled all boxes
 Kitchen fully cleaned, stock check took place of crockery etc
 Annex painted
 Chairs cleaned and stacked
 New Coffee Mugs purchased, following audit of kitchen crockery

Expenditure Report – Total Expenditure £16,485.50

General Expenditure:

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| - | Cleaning | £3000.00 |
| - | Electricity | £1610.00 |
| - | Gas | £1863.45 |
| - | Water | £152.54 |
| - | Insurance | £853.71 |
| - | PPL PRS | £351.34 |
| - | Regular Maintenance | £691.57 |

Maintenance Expenditure

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| - | Feb | 50% Balance of Carpets | £570.00 |
| - | Apr | 3 x PVC Windows Replaced | £1600.00 |
| - | May | Fire Door Repair | £190.00 |
| - | May | Outdoor Flood Lights, Sensor Purchase | £157.18 |
| - | June | Garden/Outdoor Maintenance | £336.00 |
| - | July | Electrician, Lighting Maintenance | £186.00 |
| - | Sept | Guttering, Fascia's Clean | £170.00 |
| - | Sept | New Cupboard & Radiator Move | £1140.00 |
| - | Oct | Wooden Floor, Kitchen Floor & Curtain Clean | £210.00 |

-	Nov	Pot Hold Aggregate Laid	£49.70
-	Dec	Roof Repairs	£157.50
-	Dec	Electrician – flood light repair and 2 nd install	£396.00
-	Dec	AED Donate – Pads and Battery replacement	£408.00

Kitchen Expenditure

-	New Microwave Purchased	£60
-	New Coffee Mugs Purchased	£77

Profit for 2022-2023 = £6340.60

Profit for 2023-2024 = £3859.34

Reserves Policy

2024 will see an increase in the reserves from £15,000 to £20,000.

The rationale for this decision is based on last years expenditure of £16485.50 and having a reserve of at least 100% in the event of the hall having to close, we will have enough reserves to cover our standard operating costs for a year.

Plans for 2024

- Funding has been received £15,950 which will be used to refurbish the courtyard.
- The hall needs to look at potential roof repairs.
- Sceptic tank – annual maintenance

Aston By Stone Village Hall		Profit & Loss Account For Financial Years:						01/02/21 - 30/01/22	
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CLIENT	Commercial / Non-Commercial	Yr End 2024		Yr End 2023		Yr End 2022		Comparison 2022 and 2023	
		Paid Out	Receipts	Paid Out	Receipts	Paid Out	Receipts		
Art Group	Non-Commercial		£ 1,263.00		£ 1,260.00		£ 468.00	£ 792.00	
Bowling	Non-Commercial		£ 992.00		£ 936.00		£ 264.00	£ 672.00	
Aston Scout Group	Non-Commercial		£ 2,137.00		£ 2,306.00		£ -	£ 2,306.00	
Brownies	Non-Commercial		£ 210.00		£ 612.00		£ -	£ 612.00	
Toddlers	Commercial		£ 890.00		£ 1,080.00		£ -	£ 1,080.00	
Guides	Non-Commercial		£ 592.50		£ 486.00		£ 165.00	£ 321.00	
Rainbows	Non-Commercial		£ 421.00		£ 518.00		£ -	£ 518.00	
Yoga - Lara	Commercial		£ 1,013.00		£ 1,004.00		£ 276.00	£ 728.00	
U3A	Non-Commercial		£ 2,006.00		£ 1,872.00		£ 648.00	£ 1,224.00	
Velocettes	Non-Commercial		£ 304.00		£ 944.00			£ 944.00	
Wl Group	Non-Commercial		£ 453.00		£ 450.00		£ 144.00	£ 306.00	
Tai Chi	Commercial		£ 531.00		£ 540.00		£ 168.00	£ 372.00	
Table Tennis	Non-Commercial		£ 433.00		£ 408.00		£ 84.00	£ 324.00	
Exercise & Recorders	Non-Commercial		£ 1,264.00		£ 954.00		£ 336.00	£ 618.00	
Chanteuse	Non-Commercial		£ 230.50		£ 54.00		£ 36.00	£ 18.00	
Jane Austen	Non-Commercial		£ 195.50		£ 72.00		£ 72.00	£ -	
Sing & Sign - Sarah	Commercial		£ 231.00		£ 627.00			£ 627.00	
Tiny Toes Ballet	Commercial		£ -		£ 276.00			£ 276.00	
Yoga - Donna	Commercial		£ 270.00						
Sing & Sign - Ruth	Commercial		£ 58.50						
Pilates - Abg	Commercial		£ 13.00						
St Saviours Church	Non-Commercial		£ 97.50						
Hall Hire	Non-Commercial		£ 5,150.25		£ 3,469.00		£ 637.00	£ 2,832.00	
Rebates			£ 2.75				£ 320.31	-£ 320.31	
Casual Hirer Deposits**			£ 5,191.00		£ 3,238.00				
INCOME			£ 18,758.50		£ 17,868.00		£ 3,618.31	£ 14,249.69	
Donations*			£ 241.80		£ 606.37		£ -	£ 606.37	
Grants			£ 500.00		£ 3,200.00				
Elections Hire			£ 288.00						
Miscellaneous**			£ 556.54						
TOTAL INCOME			£ 20,344.84		£ 21,674.37		£ 3,618.31	£ 18,056.06	
Expenses									
Water			£ 152.54		£ 121.39		£ 77.80	£ 43.59	
Gas			£ 1,863.45		£ 1,773.01		£ 1,614.15	£ 158.86	
Electric			£ 1,610.00		£ 1,184.00				
Insurance			£ 853.71		£ 825.14		£ 620.48	£ 204.66	
Solicitors Fees			£ -		£ 1,002.40				
Admin/Office Supplies/Post			£ 55.27		£ 129.47		£ 340.90		
Hallbooking.com Fee			£ 120.00		£ 120.00				
Licences (PPL & PRS)			£ 351.34		£ 271.20				
Maintenance / Equipment			£ 7,355.20		£ 6,118.04		£ 4,016.30	£ 2,101.74	
Cleaning			£ 3,080.75		£ 3,568.21		£ 1,742.45	£ 1,825.76	
Lottery Bid Spend			£ 558.30						
Misc									