



Annual Report – February 2025

The past twelve months has been a contrast of significant progress driven by a small group of committed Trustees balanced by endless delays and inaction from larger organisations outside the group. Looking back at our listed aims last year, we have achieved some excellent results, tempered by others that still require completion.

We set out to increase our fundraising total to £20,000; we managed to raise it to almost £17,000. The Fete proved again to be the largest single money raiser – netting nearly £5,000 profit, closely followed by the Wine tasting evenings raising £3,000. A calendar of events accounted for the rest, among them an Attic Sale, Quiz evening, Race Night and several other events. Perhaps the most pleasing addition, now we have a full license for the Hall, was the money raised at many events across the bar – and in particular the individual Pop-Up Bars, instigated and executed by Leigh Morrell who has worked tirelessly to make these a success.

The Insight report – commissioned last year - was finished and presented to the Board in June. It provided a comprehensive look at the Village Hall, its physical state and its perceived need within the Community and how best to achieve those goals. Our thanks to Sian Coughlan for seeing this through to completion. Together with the dilapidations report, this has given us a clear list of priorities to upgrade within the hall – the most pressing being the toilet facilities. We commissioned an architect to draw up plans to tackle those areas and now have a clear idea of how this will work. Funding as ever will be an issue but much of this work is eligible for some grant assistance and we aim to attack all those avenues with vigour.

An area highlighted within the report is the community's confusion over our Trust title, aims and missions. Much of this can be attributed to the difficulties encountered in trying to merge the Mill Trust with the Village Hall. Mike Curtis has now succeeded in transferring the Village Acre ownership to the Mill. Reassigning the lease of the Hall has proved more difficult. With an ageing membership of the present Village Hall Committee, time was not on our side but we now have added three more Trustees to the Village Hall from the Mill. Were we to lose the lease, it would revert to Northants County Council, creating a host of problems. Our aim is clear to have one body owning the land, the Lease of the Hall and responsibility for day to day, medium and long term plans of the Hall. We continue to try and make this message easy, clear and universally heard, despite the best efforts of the Charity Commission, legal and surveying professionals to conclude the process!

Progress with Phase Two of the Car Park development has been painfully slow. Signing off the necessary paperwork to start the entrance has been pedantic and expensive in the extreme. However, we are now ready to proceed. This phase will be the costliest but is a significant step towards improving the outside of the Hall.

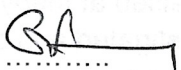
Unfortunately, we have had three resignations as Trustees this year, putting extra pressure on those remaining. While we have several possibilities for new members, we have struggled to recruit. Despite the Insight survey identifying the villagers' keenness to have a functioning Village Hall, they remain reluctant to step forward. This is possibly the most urgent – and frustrating – of our immediate aims.

The Board aims to achieve the following in the year ahead.

1. Continue the Pop-Up Bars.
2. Start and finish the Car Park as far as finances allow.
3. Start improvements to Village Hall.
4. Instal a Wi-Fi facility.
5. Improve management and Booking of Hall.
6. Fundraise £20,000.

Meeting Closed..... 6-30pm

Signed Chair.....



Date..... 12-2-25



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name	No (if any)
The Mill Community Hub, Cottingham and Middleton	1185835

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Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	Period start date	To	Period end date
	01/01/2024		31/12/2024

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Donations	7,878	-	-	7,878	-
Charitable activities	14,609	-	-	14,609	-
Other trading Activities	-	-	-	-	-
Investments	576	-	-	576	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	23,063	-	-	23,063	-
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	23,063	-	-	23,063	-
A3 Payments					
Cost of fundraising	5,009	-	-	5,009	-
Car park costs	4,727	-	-	4,727	-
Internet	73	-	-	73	-
Bank and interest charges	103	-	-	103	-
Architects & misc	4,799	-	-	4,799	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	14,711	-	-	14,711	-
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	14,711	-	-	14,711	-
Net of receipts/(payments)	8,352	-	-	8,352	-
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	45,341	-	-	45,341	-
Cash funds this year end	53,693	-	-	53,693	-

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Bank, Building Society & cash	53,693	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	53,693	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets		Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use		Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B5 Liabilities		Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval	
	Joanne Leaning	Joanne Leaning	10/02/25	