

MOUNT BURES VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2024

This has been another busy year in the Village Hall as it seeks to meet the needs of the community it serves. None of this would have been possible without the dedicated service and assistance of the Trustees and Volunteers to whom a deep gratitude is owed by all in the Village. The lease was finally signed, after nearly 5 years of being caught somewhere between the Diocesan authorities and their Solicitors. The cost of the lease at £6000 has been shared between the Village Church and Hall, for which the Village Hall is most grateful. It should be noted that this very close relationship between the Church and Hall works well for the wellbeing and benefit of the whole Village and reflects the desire of both parties to work together.

A programme of refurbishment continues, using self help and locally drawn professionals to keep down costs. This has resulted in the refurbishment of the Ladies Toilet and the Front Door. Plans are developing for the conversion of the Men's toilet into a disabled toilet. The surrounding wall (formerly the School play ground) is in urgent need of brick replacement and pointing. Quotes have been obtained and a grant is being sought, as, without one the costs would exhaust the Hall's reserves.

There has been a welcome increase in the use of the Hall for such activities as band rehearsals, ballroom dances, paranormal enthusiast's meetings (aka Ghost Busters) and a dog party. The rates are kept very competitive and there is ample parking for cars.

The Charity faces three challenges. The 30% hike in Electricity prices has reduced our income, as Yoga and Pilates both require warm rooms and consumption has increased. The second challenge is obtaining grants. The generosity of other Charities is wonderful, but their small pots are sometimes unable to cover all applications, and necessary projects may have to be shelved. The last challenge is to find new Trustees. People live busy lives and do no longer seem to have the time to offer up to public service. The current Trustees are all willing to continue, but age and gravity are taking their toll!

Notwithstanding, the Charity continues to fulfil its purpose and has fresh plans to improve the Hall and its activities.

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ANNUAL ACCOUNTS SUMMARY 2024

	<u>INCOME</u>
Hall Hire	£799
Parish Council	£300
Connections Coffee Morning	£862
Dog Training	£487
Yoga/Pilates	£670
Council Elections	£350
Fund Raising Events	£755
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>£4223</u>

	<u>EXPENDITURE</u>
Electricity	£854
Sewage	£481
Licence	£70
Insurance	£552
Cleaning	£450
Plumbing	£20
Maintenance and Garden	£502
Ladies Toilet refurbishment	£763
Food	£98
Lease	£2867
Miscellaneous Expenses	£1280
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>£7937</u>
<u>2024 PROFIT/LOSS</u>	<u>- £3714</u>

ACCOUNTS SUMMARY 2023

	<u>INCOME</u>
Hall hire	£307
Parish Council	£275
Connections Coffee Morning	£723
Dog Training	£974
Yoga/Pilates	£673
CBC Elections	£350
Fund Raising Events	£757
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>£4059</u>

	<u>EXPENDITURE</u>
Electricity	£642
Sewage	£452
Licence	£70
Insurance	£631
Cleaning	£480
Plumbing	£290
Maintenance and Garden	£133
New Light Fittings	£396
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>£3094</u>
<u>2023 PROFIT/LOSS</u>	<u>+ £965</u>