

Broughton Astley Volunteer Group

Chair's Report by Nicola Clegg for period Nov 2023 - end Oct 2024

To start off this financial year the BAVG website was relaunched. A new refreshed and improved website was developed to aid navigation to the relevant key focus areas. The remit of the group had changed since it was launched in 2020 and the refresh meant it was now better suited to the group's needs, especially as the site now had more regular visitors.

To help support local events, the group offered marshalling support for the Remembrance Day parade held annually in the village. In addition to marshalls to help the event run smoothly due to various road closures, first aid cover was also provided as several volunteers had been first aid trained by the BAVG.

For the second year running the BAVG ran a Community Carol Concert provided for residents in the run up to Christmas. With the support of many volunteers the event was sold out and raised a staggering £800 via a raffle and tombola which was then donated to the Salvation Army for its Christmas appeal.

The BAVG was invited to attend a community marketplace event in February 2024 alongside other local support services. This provided a great opportunity to promote all the work and services the group offers to a wider audience and gain more volunteers and interest in the services provided.

A dedicated and now established BAVG allotment team continued to develop and evolve its offering to the community. A second allotment plot was established to provide more opportunities and local groups now regularly enjoy visiting a children's play area which was created with a lot of hard work including support and funding from local businesses. The gardening groups continue to provide support to the village and even created a herb garden in the centre in an existing bed providing not only a focal point but herbs for the locals to help themselves too.

The local MP for Leicestershire South, Alberto Costa, visited the coffee morning group with the county councillor in March to understand more about the work done locally. The group has continued the relationship with them and both now regularly provide content and advice in the bi-monthly newsletter.

The BAVG took on the running of a previously run luncheon club at Thomas Estley Community College from April onwards. The club was relaunched offering a lunch served at the school for up to 24 residents on a weekly basis with a bus collection service too. This proved very popular from the start and continues to grow.

Working with one of the villages local pubs, the White Horse, a senior special lunch was also created to offer a monthly special meal with bingo for residents. This has been very well attended each month with an ever-growing number joining.

The BAVG continues to run 8 regular groups including a coffee morning now averaging 65 people a week, 3 x curling groups, bocchia group, knit and natter and art groups and a dementia coffee afternoon. The ongoing support from volunteers continues to make this happen along with other local support services including the Parish Council.

Statement of Financial Activities**Income & Expenditure Account for the year ended
31 October, 2024**

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	2024 £		2023 £
Incoming resources:			
Grants & donations	950		22,973
Charitable activities	7,482		8,213
Coffee morning	3,214	3,305	
Kurling groups	3,822	4,720	
Crafting group	446	188	
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	8,432		31,186
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Expenditure:			
Charitable activities	8,970		8,051
Coffee morning	2,636	2,149	
Kurling groups	3,291	4,009	
Crafting group	68	261	
Litter picking		12	
Allotments & gardening	2,975	1,620	
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Training			
Community benches			
Office costs	867		2,803
Newsletters	1,087		1,289
Travel expenses			34
Carol concert			31
Other expenses	6		132
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	10,930		12,340
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Surplus (deficit) for the period	(2,498)		18,846
Funds brought forward	27,456		8,512
Prior year adjustment	0		98
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The statement of financial activities includes all gains & losses in the period.
All incoming resources and resources expended derive from continuing activities.

Balance Sheet as at
31 October, 2024

	2024 £	2023 £
Current assets:		
Bank	23,842	27,180
Petty cash	523	490
Prepayments	638	318
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	25,003	27,988
 Current liabilities:		
Creditors	45	532
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Net current assets	24,958	27,456
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 Unrestricted funds:		
General funds	24,958	27,456
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Signed on behalf of the management committee

Approved by the management committee March, 2025

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