



Bar Hill Community Association (BHCA)
c/o Bar Hill Parish Council
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Chair of Trustees Report 2024

Introduction:

This report summarises the activities and achievements of the Bar Hill Community Association (registered charity number 1195382). Our charitable objectives are:

TO PROMOTE FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE INHABITANTS OF BAR HILL VILLAGE, SOUTH CAMBRIDGESHIRE AND THE SURROUNDING AREA THE PROVISION OF FACILITIES FOR RECREATION OR OTHER LEISURE TIME OCCUPATION OF INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE NEED OF SUCH FACILITIES BY REASON OF THEIR YOUTH, AGE, INFIRMITY OR DISABLEMENT, FINANCIAL HARDSHIP OR SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC CIRCUMSTANCES OR FOR THE PUBLIC AT LARGE IN THE INTERESTS OF SOCIAL WELFARE AND WITH THE OBJECT OF IMPROVING THE CONDITION OF LIFE OF THE SAID INHABITANTS.

We are proud of what we have accomplished over the period and are excited about the opportunities ahead. In this report, we will provide a brief overview of our key activities and accomplishments, our financial situation and the impact we have had on our community.

Highlights:

During the past year, we have continued to print and deliver the Bar Hill News on a monthly basis (with our traditional annual break in January). Despite a very challenging advertising landscape in the last year, local businesses' advertising within the magazine has remained a vital source of income for the Association. Unfortunately, the costs associated with printing the magazine have remained high. The magazine, however, remains profitable, although it is generating less income for the association than it did in previous years.

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank those advertisers who have supported us and without whom our magazine would not be possible. I'd also like to thank those who contribute regular monthly columns from the local organisations within the village, especially Liz Dams and Bridget Wilson, who provide monthly features and Hilary Whipp, who manages our advertising, and our small army of deliverers who get out in the month (rain or shine!) to make sure everyone gets their copy.





**BAR HILL VILLAGE
FÊTE & FESTIVAL 2024**

SUMMER

Saturday 13th July 2pm till late!

Charlotte (8)

In a similar vein, we also organised the Christmas Event last year. Unfortunately, the weather was against us this year, and the event had to be cancelled at the last minute. Anthony Mitchell has agreed to continue as the Chair of the Committee.

In 2024, we also participated in the Europe Challenge. This Committee was chaired by Bunt Waters, who, working with the Library and libraries across Europe, held community events in the Octagon.




The
Europe
Challenge

The Europe Challenge 2024: Libraries, Communities and Democracy

Information Pack for Participants

Bar Hill Community Association (BHCA) - Registered Charity Number 1195382 - info@barhill-ca.org



Conclusions:

Like most organisations staffed entirely by volunteers, funding for our work is a continuous challenge. We currently lack a fundraiser and the capacity to apply for each grant we could access. We cannot also claim all the Gift Aid we are entitled to, and potentially to claim back VAT we are spending. A lack of capacity has been challenging over the last year and will undoubtedly continue to be so for the foreseeable future.

It is not just the financial challenges we face; the other main challenge is that we are increasingly reliant on a vanishingly small number of volunteers. Without more volunteers coming forward, the amount we can do will decrease as people go on to other things. We have already seen this with various committees. In an ideal world, we could offer volunteers opportunities that align with their passions. To do that, we need more volunteers!

In the upcoming year, we plan to engage with local businesses. We believe that if a company donates time for a staff member to volunteer with us, HMRC will offset the cost against the company's taxable profits. This was, however, the plan for last year, and resources ended up making this impossible.

Yours sincerely,



Andy Pellew (Bar Hill News Editor & Chair of Trustees)
On behalf of the Bar Hill Community Association
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BAR HILL COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

	2024	2024	2023	2023
Funds from Bar Hill Residents' Association				
Receipts	0.00		611.53	
Payments	0.00		0.00	
Result		0.00		611.53
Bar Hill News				
Receipts	10,231.99		7,284.75	
Payments	5,842.16		6,143.25	
Result		4,389.83		1,141.50
Donations made		(25.00)		(105.00)
Fete & festival				
Receipts	10,491.78		5,422.62	
Payments	10,149.72		8,036.91	
Result		342.06		(2,614.29)
Christmas event				
Receipts	1,756.48		4,214.10	
Payments	137.94		2,938.89	
Result		1,618.54		1,275.21
General				
Receipts	23.36		169.03	
Payments	984.59		481.52	
Result		(961.23)		(312.49)
First Lego League				
Receipts	1,806.74		0.00	
Payments	15.85		0.00	
Result		1,790.89		0.00
Saxon Park				
Receipts	19.50		0.00	
Payments	19.50		0.00	
Result		0.00		0.00
Parks & recreation				
Receipts	1,887.12		6,998.00	
Payments	0.00		6,998.00	
Result		1,887.12		0.00
Result for the year		9,042.21		(3.54)

**BAR HILL COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION
BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2024**

	2024	2024	2023	2023
Assets				
Cash at Barclays	14,957.84		7,148.33	
Cash held by PayPal	0.00		50.00	
Cash held by Fete	0.00		352.00	
Cash at Metrobank	4,558.44		2,923.74	
		19,516.28		10,474.07
Less current liabilities		0.00		0.00
Net assets		19,516.28		10,474.07
Funded by				
General fund at start of year		10,474.07		10,477.61
Result for the year		9,042.21		(3.54)
General fund at end of year		19,516.28		10,474.07

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT ON THE ACCOUNTS

Report to the trustees of Bar Hill Community Association (Charity number 1195382), on accounts for the year ended 31 December 2024, set out on pages 3 and 4.

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above Charity ("The Trest") for the year ended 31 December 2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011.

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that, in any material respect:

- * the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- * the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- * the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a "true and fair" view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed

H A Whipp

Date

23 October 2025

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