

# **Buckland Monachorum Village Hall Trustees Annual Report for 2024-2025**

## **Chairman's Report**

Since the last AGM, I have led the Committee as best I can and I am happy to continue in the role for the forthcoming year if required. I know I repeat myself when I say that I would like to thank both Nigel and Tim for their work as Secretary and Treasurer, and for the rest of the Committee for their support, but it truly is heartfelt.

The Bookings & Calendar, continues to tick over nicely and it is nice to see the number of bookings continuing to keep the Hall busy. However, our monthly Market & Coffee Shop has been a real disappointment at times which has lead me to question if it's worth doing anymore, seeing as we get so little support from the wider Village populace. Both Claire and I, and Nicola, invest quite a bit of time and money organising the event and it is sad when so few people attend. A subject which needs discussion.

I really hoped to have created more evening events in the Hall, but running the Drama Group and RAF Harrowbeer Weekends have eaten into my time. We have though, run three (I think) Quiz Nights in the Drake Manor which have proved very popular and these will continue later this year.

Having finalised converting the Hall Charity to a CIO. The Land Registry have still to confirm the registration of our title to the plot on which the Hall stands. The Land Reg wheels turn very slowly. Also, I still have to formally close the old Village Hall Charity.

## **Treasurer's Report**

1. At first sight, the figures in this year's accounts and our end of year deficit are astronomical! Please be reassured that our annual accounts are skewed by Year End falling between when we paid for the solar panels and batteries and when we received our grant for these from Devon County Council. If you remove these aspects, our income was £16974.91 and expenditure £17701.19 leading to a deficit of £726.28 over the year, - better than feared.
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one or another supplier to install a smart meter. Many thanks to Martyn for all he did that has made the solar panels and batteries happen.

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end. Nor have I done so this year, so on 31/3/25 we were owed about £700 [now all received] in contrast with £1000 at 31/3/24.

4. Many congratulations and thanks to Phil for increasing Snooker Club income so markedly over the year. (The expense of recovering the snooker table has been well justified. Unfortunately, one difficult user provoked our decision to install a security camera and register this with the relevant government body.
5. While Devon Dance stopped using the Hall (after the proprietor had change of family circumstances and was unable to find someone to continue to run the classes,) the local Scouts and RL Dance have begun using us and seem happy with what we can provide.
6. Our caretaker / gardener ceased contracting to us at the end of January 2025, to move to a more secure role with longer hours in the village. He went above and beyond in his care for the Hall and his efforts to maintain the facility. As we no longer pay him, this has reduced our costs in the final quarter of the year. In the short term we have reduced net fees for Beehive as they need to do some daily cleaning of toilets and bins. [In the accounts I am showing their full fees as income and the £5 per day reduction as expenses for the cleaning they do.] Going forward we have commissioned a local gardening service but have not yet organised a cleaning service: our needs will change again when Beehive move to the school, so we are being a little cautious about entering into a new long-term arrangement.
7. Happily the repair to the roof, initially undertaken as a temporary measure, has held well, avoiding the need for what we anticipated might be around £15k costs.
8. The new solar panels and battery capacity will hopefully decrease our electricity costs. In recent years we have contracted our electricity with the help of Utility Aid, who take around 8% of the total cost as their fee. Our current contract through them with EDF terminates at the end of June. Octopus, who do not deal through intermediaries quote about £200 less than the best quote Utility Aid can offer us. Supported by the committee, I plan to abandon Utility Aid and contract with Octopus from 1<sup>st</sup> July, - initially for a year. After another year we hope that we may have a smart meter and a year of data to inform future decisions. It remains to be seen whether Octopus will apply VAT to our electricity costs. [EDF have applied this where our previous supplier did not.]
9. Richard Mabey has once again kindly checked the accounts and found them satisfactory.

Adoption of the Accounts (copy enclosed) was proposed by Stephen Fryer, seconded by Tim Price and agreed by all present.

## **6. Reports of the User Groups:**

### **6.1 Beehive Pre-School Playgroup**

A year of uncertainty for myself, due to ill health, and a planned move to St. Andrews for the Preschool, which has been put on hold indefinitely. The Academy are waiting for the second phase of funding for schools to develop Early Years Provision on site.

In the meantime, I am very grateful that the Committee agreed for Buckland Beehive to remain at the hall and continue as we were.

We have been full from the Autumn term and currently have 30 children attending. We have 15 children leaving for school at the end of this term. We will be having an Open Morning on Saturday 28th June to recruit new children for next September.

I would like to thank the Committee for their continued support of the Pre-School.

### **6.2 Drama Group**

Stephen reported on a successful panto and plans were underway for a new production later in the year. He also said that the group were on a de-cluttering exercise in the Drama store.

### **6.3 Art Group**

Nichola reported that the recent annual exhibition held in conjunction with other art groups again went very well and the committee were thanked for their assistance in setting up and putting back the display boards. A suggestion was made that perhaps some of the heavier boards could be replaced with lighter ones, for ease of handling.

### **6.1 Snooker**

Phil reported on a 50% increase in income generated through the year, more than covering the cost of the new cloth. Interestingly, he said that there had been a reduction in the regular players but this was compensated by more ad-hoc bookings. He reminded the committee that he would be away again from November for 10 weeks but cover would be arranged through Tony Foss.

### **6.5 Parish Council**

No report.

# Buckland Monachorum Village Hall Annual Accounts

1st April 2024 - 31st March 2025

Charity Number 1200054

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Annual Accounts Year Ended 31st March 2025

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	£	£
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BMVH Snooker Club	2234.43	1239.50
Buckland Art Group	752.00	471.00
Buckland Beehive	5449.99	4453.41
Buckland Monachorum Parish Council	27.75	62.00
Charleston Friendship Cafe [Trish Topham]	444.00	432.00
Devon Dance	682.53	1388.25
Drama Group	1105.50	555.00
Keep Fit [Denise Avent]	666.00	426.00
Ladies Fitness [Cally Barnes]	0.00	120.00
Meg Burnie (Dance Practice)	36.00	34.00
Private Hire	731.80	608.25
Scouts	108.00	0.00
	<b>12238.00</b>	<b>9789.41</b>
<b>Other Income</b>		
Coffee Mornings	700.94	494.55
Bank Interest - CCLA 2023 Co-op 2024	436.34	181.79
June Fair	225.00	240.00
Equipment sales	0.00	0.00
Fundraising income - Co-op	1862.63	1130.43
Fundraising income - Quiz nights	211.00	498.00
	<b>3435.91</b>	<b>2544.77</b>
<b>Private Donations</b>		
Drama Group	600.00	599.00
Buckland Beehive	700.00	
Individuals	1.00	110.00
	<b>1301.00</b>	<b>709.00</b>
<b>Loan</b>		
Interest free Loan to cover Solar panel and Battery payment	16460.00	
	<b>16460.00</b>	
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>33434.91</b>	<b>13043.18</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>		
<b>Utilities</b>		
British Gas <i>Gas</i>	112.82	99.18
EDF Energy [1444.41] + Corona Energy [1666.41] <i>Electricity</i>	5152.06	5220.34
Pennon Water Services <i>Water</i>	561.00	381.50
Skylight Broadband <i>Internet</i>	345.60	345.60
	<b>6171.48</b>	<b>6046.62</b>
<b>Cleaning and Maintenance</b>		
Shane Willson	3370.00	3960.00
Mileage	6.21	
Cleaning done by Beehive Staff	100.00	
	<b>3476.21</b>	<b>3960.00</b>
<b>Annual Expenses</b>		
Allied Westminster (Insurance Services) Ltd - <i>Annual Insurance</i>	1160.03	1088.39
Building Survey fee for Insurer	75.00	0.00
Chubb Fire and Security[2023] B-safe[2024] - <i>Fire extinguisher service</i>	403.00	46.00
PPL PRS - <i>Music performance license</i>	0.00	291.94
Wix.Com - <i>Calendar booking program</i>	169.53	147.93
Devon Communities Together - <i>Local Community Halls Association</i>	50.00	50.00
The Play Inspection Company - <i>Outdoor play area check</i>	222.00	210.00
DACB - <i>Annual Garden Waste collection fee</i>	0.00	107.00
Snooker room Camera Information Commissioner	35.00	0.00
PAT testing - <i>Electrical equipment testing</i>	99.00	0.00
Lawnmower fuel	7.10	0.00
	<b>2220.66</b>	<b>1941.26</b>
<b>Fundraising Expenses</b>		
Devon Community Trust courses	0.00	50.00
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<b>Cleaning Products and Minor Repairs / Expenses</b>		
Cleaning Supplies	405.19	365.92
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Surplus / Deficit in Year	2186.28	408.99
Closing Balance	17563.23	19749.51
<b>Represented by:</b>		
Co-op Business account	2225.62	2804.77
Co-op Savings account	15277.61	16841.27
Cash	60.00	103.47
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>17563.23</b>	<b>19749.51</b>

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*I have examined the accounts  
and bank statements and find  
all in order.*

*Richard Mabey  
21 April 2025.*