

REPORT TO CHARITIES COMMISSION ON BEHALF OF BANNERS GATE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION/BANNERS GATE COMMUNITY HALL

This is the first year that the Association has performed as a Registered Charity and it has been a successful one. All policies and procedures were updated, including the constitution, and were presented to the landlords of the Community Hall, Birmingham City Council. They were satisfied that they fulfilled all obligations required for the safe and professional management of a Community Hall. Several meetings were held with the Health and Safety Officer of Birmingham City Council who congratulated all Trustees on the professionalism of their policies and the hard work required to ensure that the Hall was maintained in the exemplary manner that it currently enjoyed.

The Hall is managed by a committee of five Trustees, the Chair, the Treasurer, the Health and Safety Officer, the Hall User Representative and the Events Co-ordinator. It also uses the service of an associate member who acts as the Hall Bookings Officer. All Trustees are volunteers and give their time and effort free of charge. They ensure that the Hall is maintained to the highest of standards and meet regularly, with agendas and minutes, to give in depth updates and plan forward action. It uses the service of a cleaner twice a week regularly and more frequently if needed. The Hall has recently been totally redecorated and ballet rails fitted at the request of a Hall user. Because of hard usage, the floor is regularly resurfaced and this procedure was undertaken again in August. Having an awareness of the need to ensure user safety, inside locks have recently been attached to the entrance hall and a bell fitted on the outside. In this way, users can feel confident in the security of their sessions and their clients.

The Annual General Meeting of the Association was held on 11 July when the Chair opened the Meeting by thanking all Trustees for their hard work and commitment to the residents of Sutton Coldfield. The Chair stated that the Association had also hosted a street party for residents which had been well received and had enjoyed such good weather that tables and chairs had been erected, picnic style, on the lawns outside the Hall. The annual St. George's Day quiz was as successful as ever and the Hall was filled to capacity with keen quizzers. The Hall has been running at excellent capacity with a wide range of activities offered ranging from line dancing, British Sign Language, Yoga, Dance Classes for children and adults, Guide Dog Puppies, Tutoring sessions including Home Schooling activities, and a variety of crafting sessions. Banners Gate Forum holds their regular committee meetings at the Hall which are open to all residents. During the election, the Hall was available for drop in surgeries for all political parties.

The finances of the Hall are healthy. This is due, in no small part, to the hard work undertaken to open and close and clean the Hall for birthday parties for the children of local residents on weekends. Future bookings and repeat bookings are very healthy and finances from these activities are used to refurbish and replace on a constant basis.

BANNERS GATE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION**INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT**

for the year ended 31st March 2024

	2024		2023	
	£	£	£	£
INCOME				
Room hire etc.		10,543		12,788
Private parties		537		217
Donations		500		-
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		11,580		13,005
EXPENDITURE				
Rent, rates and insurance	644		634	
Maintenance	2,434		1,491	
Utilities, heat, light and water	1,954		1,868	
Subscriptions and licences	693		178	
Supplies and sundries	200		397	
Cleaner, caretaker	1,800		2,427	
Bank charges	122		86	
Professional fees	925		1,775	
Banners Gate Community Association Events	1,100		-	
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		9,872		8,856
SURPLUS FOR THE YEAR		<hr/>		<hr/>
		1,708		4,149
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BANNERS GATE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

BALANCE SHEET

as at 31st March 2024

	2024		2023	
	£	£	£	£
CURRENT ASSETS				
Debtors and prepayments in advance	795		3,880	
Cash at bank and in hand	15,633		10,406	
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	16,428		14,286	
CURRENT LIABILITIES				
Creditors and accruals	(566)		(132)	
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		15,862		14,154
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<hr/>		<hr/>
		15,862		14,154
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REPRESENTED BY:				
General Fund - balance brought forward		14,154		10,005
Surplus for the year		1,708		4,149
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		15,862		14,154
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I have prepared these accounts from the books, records and information given to me and confirm that they are in accordance therewith.

4 Pear Tree Way
Drakes Broughton
Pershore WR10 2FX
22 May 2024

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Philip Poyner

These accounts were approved as the Annual General Meeting on

..... Chairman Secretary