

Cowling Village Hall  
Registered Charity 1202587  
Trustees Report  
and Reviewed Accounts Summary  
Year to 31/12/2023



## **Cowling Village Hall Trustees Report 2023**

This year we are pleased to advise that usage of the hall is returning to pre Covid levels and we thank our regular users for their support.

Our challenge at the moment is managing the ever-increasing energy costs and with this in mind the Trustees decided to invest in installing solar panels on the roof of the hall. It is early days yet (and not yet summer) but it would appear that the hall is now generating its own electricity during the day. We have also replaced all the halogen lights in the hall with more efficient LED's. Our focus will now be on our gas usage for the underfloor heating.

Last December we staged a Christmas fair for the first time, which proved to be a great success for all concerned, so we are now planning a Spring/Summer fair for late May.

Last year's Duck Race was combined with the Jubilee celebrations and was very well attended. Unfortunately, due to a lack of resources we will not be able to safely run the event in 2023.

Also, in May this year we will be combining with the Parish Council to host the "Big Lunch" to mark the Coronation of King Charles III.

As you will have seen from the Agenda the Trustees decided to make the Village Hall Charity a Charitable Incorporated Organization (CIO), which has been accepted by the Charity Commission. Our thanks go to Glen for sorting all this out for us.

Thank you all for attending this meeting tonight and any assistance you can provide going forward is much appreciated.



Mike Rogerson  
Chair



COWLING VILLAGE HALL      Regd 1202587  
**RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS ACCOUNT**  
**12 MONTHS TO 31ST DECEMBER, 2023**

ACTUAL      FORECAST 2023 (NORMAL YEAR)      FORECAST 2023 (CofL YEAR)

**RECEIPTS**

**Room Hire**

Playgroup/Toddlers	176	8300	8000
Homestart	1600	3960	3840
Parish Council	190	400	400
Companions/WI/NA/Thurs Social	639.5	500	250
WeighBT / Fitness / Dance	422	750	750
Badminton/Bowls/Tennis	800	1300	1000
Little Learners / Play & Learn / Mums Fitness	883	1200	850
Parties, Meetings etc	1003	1800	1000
	<u>5714</u>	<u>18210</u>	<u>16090</u>
	228	80	80
	220	150	150
	22508.8		

**Interest Received**

**Fundraising/Donations**

Transfer in from unincorporated charity

**TOTAL RECEIPTS**

**PAYMENTS**

Rates & Water	37	1400	1400
Gas & Electricity	2436	4750	13136
Insurance	1036	950	950
BT/Broadband & Mobile	195	700	700
Caretaker & Cleaner	4120	8950	8950
Waste Bins	46	370	370
Cleaning Materials/Sundries	578	900	900
Repairs & Renewals	245	2500	2500
Energy Saving Project	0	20000	20000

**TOTAL PAYMENTS**

**SURPLUS**

**BALANCES IN HAND 1.1.23**

**CLOSING BALANCE 31.12.23**

TREASURER : JUDITH SILBERBERG

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS REPORT - see over and additional notes**

<b>Balances In Hand</b>	31.12.23		
Bank a/c	3462.15		
Bank Dep a/cs	16294.97		
Geraldine Float	25		
Martin Float	7.5		
Cash	187.57		
Bar Stock	0		
	19977.19		

1. Year starting with Cost of Living crisis due to war in Ukraine pushing up fuel and food costs
2. Energy: Electric now with Octopus. Gov relief scheme to March halved unit price.  
Gas on fixed rate contract to Aug 2023 then sharp rise in unit and fixed prices.
3. 50% Rate relief to 31 Mar 2023.
4. Expected payments outstanding from 2022 recouped.
5. Electric getting EBRF relief of 34.5p pKWh up to end of Mar 2023 (£1,264) then relief went to 1.9p pKWh.
6. Gas on fixed rate 2.86 per unit until 28th Aug 2023. New fixed gas rate went to c.7.26 per unit.
7. Energy Project: £18,429 Solar Panels for Electric use came online end of February.
8. Began transfer from unincorporated charity to CIO in July
9. Includes £498 of funds pre-paid for 2024 room hire for Bowls and Thurs Social
10. Payments outstanding from 2023 is £698.88



## **INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT ON THE ACCOUNTS**

Report to the Management Committee(trustees) of COWLING VILLAGE HALL  
Charity 1202587 on the accounts for the year ended 31st December,2023 set out  
overleaf

### **Respective responsibilities of the Management Committee(trustees) and Independent Examiner**

The Management Committee, as the charity's trustees, are responsible for the  
preparation of the accounts. The Management Committee consider that an audit is not  
required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011(the 2011 Act)  
and that an independent examination is needed.

As the Independent Examiner, it is my responsibility to

- \*examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- \*follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the  
Charity Commissioners under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- \*state whether particular matters have come to my attention.


### **Basis of Independent Examiner's Statement**

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by  
the Charity Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting  
records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those  
records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the  
accounts, and seeking explanations from the management committee concerning any  
such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would  
be required in a full audit, and consequently I do not express an opinion as to whether  
the accounts present a 'true & fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set  
out in the statement below.

### **Independent Examiner's Statement**

In connection with my examination, no matters have come to my attention

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the  
requirements
  - \*to keep accounting records in accordance with the 2011 Act, and
  - \*to prepare accounts which accord with these accounting records and  
comply with the accounting requirement of the 2011 Acthave not been met; or
2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a  
proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

SIGNED.....

**MRS ELISA BROWN:FCCA**

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