

ANNUAL REVIEW/ UPDATE

Mike sends his apologies as chair and as the Committee is aware both Mike and Ruth have both retired as trustees and committee member effective from the AGM

On behalf of the Committee I would like to thank them both for their efforts and hard work over what is suspect is about 10 years for Mike - his work in particular on the IT and in organising fund raising events such as the duck race and - in particular that infamous Halloween party and more recent the more sedate craft fairs

The challenge going forward is to try and replace both Mike and Ruth and the committee have in the last 6 months taken steps to reach out to the PC to help fill that void - the a committee would like to thank the PC for their offer to fill the trustee positions created by the departure of both Mike and Ruth

Financially will remain in a relatively good position. <

The chair thanks Judith again for her work in both managing both the hall and the finances. The aim this year is I hope to try and lessen this load on Judith

Day to day running would not of course be possible without the efforts of both Martin as caretaker and Geraldine. The committee thanks both their efforts and hard work

Going forward for the next year the challenges will be in encouraging more user groups where we can and also new members for the Committee. The hall is undoubtedly an asset of the village but still unused.

We don't know what is happening with pre-school over the short term but we have to recognise that they face a difficult time.

As one of our main user group we recognise the potential impact this will have on us financially and we need to start exploring options for the space going forward in the event that they close.

On behalf of the Committee I thank you again for all your efforts over the last 12 months and the committee look forward to facing the challenges of the next 12 months

**COWLING VILLAGE HALL
RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS ACCOUNT
12 MONTHS TO 31ST DECEMBER 2024**

	ACTUAL	FORECAST 2024
RECEIPTS		
Room Hire		
Preschool	8191.38	8000
Homestart	4200	4200
Parish Council	480	500
WI / Thur Social / NA / Choir	2170.5	2400
WeighBT / Fitness / Dance / Zumba / Yoga	3411.5	1500
Badminton/Bowls/Tennis	2282	2200
Little Learners/Mums Fit/Play&Learn/Toddl	3116	3000
Parties, Meetings etc	3067.5	2300
	<u>26919</u>	<u>24100</u>
Interest Received	525	500
Fundraising/Donations	338.62	200
Transfer in from charity 523506	14513.44	14513.44
TOTAL RECEIPTS	<u><u>42296.61</u></u>	<u><u>39313.44</u></u>
PAYMENTS		
Rates & Water	10476	2000
Gas & Electricity	3621	7500
Insurance	1069	1200
BT/Broadband & Mobile	1228	600
Caretaker & Cleaner	9452	9700
Waste Bins	388	350
Cleaning Materials/Sundries	1410	1200
Repairs & Renewals	4104	2500
TOTAL PAYMENTS	<u><u>31748</u></u>	<u><u>25050</u></u>
SURPLUS	10548	<u>14263.44</u>
BALANCES IN HAND 1.1.24	19977	
CLOSING BALANCE 31.12.24	<u><u>30525.39</u></u>	

1. Ongoing Cost of Living crisis with war in Ukraine and unrest in Middle East affecting fuel and food costs
2. Room rates increased by £1 per hour. Homestart rent raised £30pm and Pre-school rent raised £50pm Jan & Feb only until Kanga Sport stopped
3. Energy: Fixed Electric and Gas with Octopus for 12 months. To keep trying to get feed in tariff for electric
EonNext repaid £1,035 for overpayment of Gas in 2022/23 after we moved to Octopus
4. Telephone: now just broadband, double charged so in credit by c.£500+. Mobile from Nov £5pm
5. £633 outstanding from 2023 recouped in Jan.
6. Rates to be sorted out for charity relief so would expect rebate
7. Fitness class finished but Zumba/Yoga/Pilates classes started and Choir.
8. Painting of Preschool & Hallway : £1,870.09
9. Party bookings now asked to pay full amount up front and Tues Bowls pre-paid first quarter. Includes £393 pre-paid for 2025 bookings
10. Sundries includes £360 independent reviews
11. £12 outstanding at year end paid 6/1/2025

Balances In Hand	31.12.24
Bank a/c	13451.89
Bank Dep a/cs	16820.15
Geraldine Float	25
Martin Float	7.5
Cash	220.85
Bar Stock	0
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