

Annual General Meeting 2024

Tuesday 10th December 2024

The Chair's Review of the Year

Welcome to the East Meon Village Hall Annual General Meeting 2024.

As always, it is only the immense efforts of everyone who contribute so much that makes running the Village Hall possible. And that includes the Management Committee too. Huge thanks to all.

The members of the Village Hall Management Committee are the Trustees of the East Meon Village Hall Charity - Charity No. 226,855 - with responsibility for managing the Village Hall. The *object of the charity* is mounted in a picture frame in the entrance lobby.

The object of the Charity shall be the provision and maintenance of a village hall for the use of the inhabitants of the Parish of East Meon without distinction of political, religious or other opinions, including use for meetings, lectures and classes, and for other forms of recreation and leisure-time occupation, with the object of improving the conditions of life.

And that is what we continue to commit to.

This review covers the financial year ending 31st August 2024. Sandy Lague, our Treasurer, has introduced our accounts to Xero, an online up to date accounting system well able to cater for online banking and our four SumUp card payment machines. This is a useful step forward, and in due course it may be possible to connect Xero to the bookings system. Xero is being selected to run a growing number of organisations.

Incidentally, since offering the use of our SumUp machines to the church, FEMS and various clubs and groups, we have gathered around £xxxxx of income on their behalf.

Matt Millward continues to lead our way towards better systems that deliver more for villagers. Anyone seeing a Moviola movie with Matt in attendance knows that the soundtrack is wholly better experience. Being able to actually hearing the dialogue is a wonderful thing. Matt and his excellent sound technology has made Dolby 5.1 possible. A big step forward.

Meantime the CCTV system continues to be improved and energy efficiencies pursued. We continue to support the Pavilion CCTV system which operates through the hall's broadband connection, and the projector is to be regularly seen supporting East Meon Arts events in All Saints'.

Assembling work packages for the Hall OverHaul includes technical requirements which can be relied upon to impact the building.

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We have investigated how we can stop the air conditioning being left to run full blast from a Friday night to Monday morning. Similarly we need to establish a route to bill those hires that leave the hall well after their stop time and / or enter the hall well before their start time (despite the entry codes). We need to do this to recover costs. Lighting in the large, small, foyer, toilets and kitchen amounts to almost 1.8kW, about a fan heaters worth. The heating/cooling system is much more. It can be a lot of money summer or winter. Dealing with this is on the Hall OverHaul agenda.

Jonathan Iremonger keeps a weather eye on Governance, especially as we need to look ahead towards the need to carry out significant work on our 50 year old building, of which more later.

Hall Manager Emily Rich continues to attract new hires, overcoming the increasingly difficult challenge of prospective as well as our existing hirers being drawn to other more modern, better looking and better appointed venues. The hall looking down at heel and visibly in need of repair inside and out is having a increasingly damaging impact, and not just on income.

Despite this, family fun days and parties for all ages have grown as have some sporting opportunities.

Emily is our primary operator of the online booking system which continues to make a difference. George Thompson continues to introduce improvements from time to time to help our customers and the management team. The need to make the running the hall as easy as possible to operate is ever present.

The food bank no longer operates from the village hall, all supplies have been taken to Petersfield.

The hall supports the Upper Meon Benefice by sharing our small work station here in the hall. As Emily is the Benefice Co-ordinator, we are able to collaborate with the church in numerous ways, it is where Pew News is produced for example.

The Community Café continues to attract an enthusiastic clientele and the two commemorative picnic tables are great for the café and used by others too. **The café is a big contributor to the hall's finances, typically second to the May Fair but this year is top of the leader board.** Thank you Diana, Connie and team so much and for the extra tasks taken on such as refreshments for Remembrance Sunday, the May Fair.....

Gemma Griffiths works her magic keeping up the hall to the condition that the building allows. We continue to service the mighty NuMatic floor scrubber that seems to consume spare parts at a surprising rate. As ever we aim to improve and simplify the running the hall.

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We need to help hirers be rather clearer in their understanding that when they complete their hire, they need to leave the hall ready to receive the next hire.

Incidentally, we are continuing with Andrew Hughes' excellent idea of collaborating with nearby village hall committee people together from time to time to see where we can help each other do better.

This year Saturday May 18th spanned from the Great East Meon Boat Race in the morning to bands in the evening. Music was a big feature with Train of Soul, Richard Cousins, latin jazz from East of Meon and village based Nuthin Yet. There was the Izaak on the Green, the maypole dance, children's races, stalls, tea & cake, ice cream wagon, slides, train ride, dog show, burgers and a roast pig, and much more, all in aid of the village hall and its refurb – the Hall OverHaul.

The boat race is a great opportunity for children of every age from the village and beyond to work together on a technical challenge with loads of imagination. The 2025 theme may be around aluminium which though initially hard to produce is among the most recycled of materials. Sustainability in action.

As always, each year we review the may fair to see where can improve it for next year, particularly important for 2025 as both the church and the hall need funds to carry out important repairs.

The Village Nursery and Pre-School had a good start to the year and improved as the year progressed. It is wonderful that children in the village who could not get to Pre-School now can. East Meon School and The Village Nursery, know each other well and continue to work together.

As for the hall's finances, as you can imagine, the year has not been easy. Energy costs are large for everyone including the hall. Even though Emily is generating essential income through new hires, the financial accounts for the year show an operating deficit.

The hall always needs new interesting activities that deliver higher utilisation, involving all parts of the community, making a greater contribution across the village.

Since the last AGM we have been working hard to produce a plan to tackle the repair backlog while making the hall look attractive to hirers to generate income that keeps the hall alive.

In the Small Hall you can see the plans to which we have also produced a proposal that sets out information essential to delivering the Hall OverHaul. plan. It is not enough to sort out leaking roofs, inadequate windows and doors, thermal insulation as well as tired electrics, plumbing & heating that are approaching end of life.

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We are constantly looking to for your ideas to shape the future of the hall. We have completed several cycles of consultation since the first in 2023 including the first formal consultation meeting in the Small Hall in conjunction with the Parish Council on Saturday 2nd September. We want to hear from everyone on everything from layout to colour schemes.

2023-4 was a busy year, 2024-5 will be too. While there are always opportunities to improve and deliver more, the Hall OverHaul is the most substantial and comprehensive project the hall has undertaken for quite some time, probably since 1974.

I offer the most enormous thanks to everyone who contributes to and uses the East Meon Village Hall.

But the Hall Needs You! Our committee is sparse, our volunteers are limited in number and increasing in age so we probably don't have all the excellent ideas from the village that the hall could and should have.

That's why in this review we ask for East Meoners to step forward and help the hall like so many did back in 1974 when the hall was completed.

Thank you.



David Pepper
Chair East Meon Village Hall Committee
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Delivered at the East Meon Village Hall Annual General Meeting Tuesday 10th December 2024.

East Meon Village Hall

Financial Statement for Year Ending 31 August 2024 Reporting Income and Expenditure as required by the Charities Commission

PROFIT AND LOSS

	2024	2023	2022
	£	£	£
Income			
Hall Bookings	6,144	10,735	22,451
Events	2,555	6,771	7,055
Moviola	3,463	2,633	1,363
Hall Overhaul	8,324		
Warm Room		9,385	
Café	2,421	2,677	
Village Nursery	16,155	9,120	
Sum Up Hire	74		
Donations		443	
Other			399
Interest	282	262	
Total Income	39,417	42,026	31,268
Expenditure			
Maintenance	5,255	6,875	2,492
Improvements	1,819	2,568	13,451
Salaries	14,721	13,189	9,339
Hall Overhaul	13,177		
Consumables	80	142	782
Utilities	7,255	6,422	3,000
Warm Room	0	4,358	-
Events	1,064	7,474	1,033
ICT	1,386	1,091	687
Insurance	1,049	961	916
Licences	551	1,156	1,116
Subscriptions	620	146	
Moviola	238	673	265
Business Rates	66	111	113
Advertising	200	200	200
Café	34		
Opening Stock	418	(418)	
Closing Stock	(14)		
Other	143	189	151
Total Expenditure	48,063	45,137	33,545
Surplus/(Deficit)	(8,646)	(3,112)	(2,277)

BALANCE SHEET

		2024	2023	YTD Change
Account Name	No	£	£	£
Reserve	438	26,662	15,763	(10,899)
Treasurers Acc	411	1,121	1,642	521
Hall Overhaul/Warm Room	369	5,759	8,909	3,150
Country Fair	800	73	-	(73)
Paypal		1,229	213	(1,016)
Petty Cash		54	-	(54)
Stock		418	14	(405)
Accruals		(133)	(4)	130
Total		35,184	26,538	(8,646)

Maintenance

Air Conditioning	1,252
Grass-cutting	910
Cleaning products	1,251

Window cleaning	96
Fire extinguisher service	438
General Maintenance	1,308
Total	<u>5,255</u>

Improvements

CCTV Video recorder	557
Under stage drawers	627
Glasses and Mugs	290
General Improvements	345
Total	<u>1,818</u>

Hall Overhaul

Income

Christmas Gala	2361.11
Charity Car Wash	581.66
Sponsorships	950
Donations	4431.42
Total	<u>8324.19</u>

Expenditure

Architects fees	7080
Christmas Gala	2126.91
Survey	2100
Bat Survey	506.74
Soil Testing	300
Tree Survey	420
Pre Planning app	540
Land Registry Search	29.94
Printing	73.29
Total	<u>13176.88</u>

BALANCE SHEET

Financial Year

1st September 2023 to 31st August 2024

Account Name	A/c No.	8/31/2023	8/31/2024	YTD Change
Reserve	438	26,661.92	15763.05	(10,898.87)
Treasurers Acc	411	1,120.85	1642.13	521.28
Hall Overhaul/Warm Room	369	5,759.45	8909.45	3,150.00
Country Fair	800	73.16	0	(73.16)
Paypal		1,229.09	213.45	(1,015.64)
Petty Cash		54.47	0	(54.47)
Stock		418.16	13.5	(404.66)
Accruals		(133.27)	-3.6	129.67
Total		35,183.83	26537.98	(8,645.85)



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

Charity Name
EAST MEON VILLAGE HALL

On accounts for the year
ended

31/8/2024

Charity no
(if any)

226855

Set out on pages

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

Responsibilities and
basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended DD / MM / YYYY.

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

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

[The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of [insert name of applicable listed body]]. Delete [] if not applicable.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (other than that disclosed below *) 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 in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed:

Date:

31/1/25

Name:

JULIA TURPIN

Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body

MAAT - RETIRED