

Good evening everybody and thank you very much for attending.

The last year has been one of consolidation, building on a lot of extensive works and improvements to the infrastructure that occurred during my first year of office.

The internet hardware has been updated in the hall so there is now a MESH system ensuring that there is a strong resilient Wi-Fi signal throughout the hall which includes improvements to the Tennis Club Wi-Fi as a consequence.

The Elkins Rooms and Parish Office have been redecorated and have new carpets, thanks to a successful insurance claim following flooding last October, and a continuance of some of the remedial building work required following the leak in the disabled toilet. We are grateful to a grant from the Parish Council towards some of the costs not covered by insurance.

All of the hirers of the hall are now paying the correct hire rates and the charging for storage by various organisations has been reviewed and everyone is paying a comparable rate based on cubic volume.

Following the retirement of Alan Atkins as our general handyman we have built up a strong portfolio of local tradespersons to undertake, plumbing, electrical works, building works, plastering, carpentry and decorating.

Additional external safety lighting has been added to that renovated in 2023, and the car park lights have been upgraded to LEDs.

We were without the services of Dawn Cox until June last year, but thankfully Dawn has been able to resume her full duties as our cleaner/caretaker having recovered from her serious injuries.

Victoria Paleit has continued in the role of secretary, and we have had numerous false starts in trying to replace her, as well as the bookings clerk. Unfortunately, due to circumstances beyond our control, none of the individuals who came forward have been able to take up either position, and I have undertaken the booking clerk role since Bev Gold resigned last year. However, it seems that subject to Trustees approval, Will Rippin has come forward and has volunteered to take on the secretarial role and booking clerk roles as part of a gradual transition over the coming months.

Elizabeth, as our treasurer has ensured that we are on a much sounder financial footing, but we have had to spend some of our reserves in order to fund the improvements, some of which I have already outlined. The invoicing for all the hall usage has been streamlined and she is the epitome of efficiency. The amount of work that she carries out is immense. We have the reassurance as Trustees that we have robust accounts that have had the appropriate external examination and ratification.

## Chairs Report for AGM - 14<sup>th</sup> April 2025

Bookings both from casual and regular users have increased. Autumn and winter exercise classes have become a regular calendar fixture; Table Tennis have increased the length of their Tuesday sessions; Tots Tennis, Fitsteps and Martial Arts all start regular hires in April.

I would like to thank Ian Ashby, of the Drama Group, who undertakes continues to maintain the chairs in the hall and has recently helped out with repairs to the hearing loop microphone and PA system.

I am very grateful to each and every of the remaining trustees for their hard work and support. Particularly enduring some very long committee meetings and listening to me droning on for hour after hour. I did promise last year that meetings would be shorter, but I fear I have failed to deliver on this promise, as so much seems to have happened that has needed our attention. They all help to keep me grounded. They aren't afraid to speak up and their wise council is invaluable.

As for the future we have plans to explore solar energy generation and battery storage and be a site for EV charging but our priority after the flooding last Autumn will be around storm drainage and the soakaway close to the tennis courts where we have developed out own sink hole. The Parish Council has given us a grant towards the cost of purchasing a short throw Laser projector and some replacement tables for the main hall.

We would still value encourage new committee members from within the village not necessarily from user groups, to come forward and to become trustees. Our constitution does allow for two further individuals to join us.

My final thanks go to all the many hirers and users of the village hall. I thank you for your continued patronage. Without you we couldn't continue as unlike many village halls in the country, we stand alone as an independent charity and survive purely on the income we are able to generate.

Neil Oastler

			Kingston Bagpuize with Southmoor Village Hall				
			Year Ended 31 December 2024				
			Income and Expenditure Account				
					2024		2023
				£	£		£
INCOME							
Hall Hire	Regular Users	Non profit		19,632.25			
		Profit		3,769.50	23,401.75		11,944
	Casual Users	Local		997.50		8,578.50	
		Private		3,733.75		672.00	
		Commercial		595.00		0.00	
		Children's Parties		1,575.00	6,901.25	690.00	9,940.50
Damage Deposit					4,362.00		0.00
Payment against breach of agreement (damage deposit)					10.00		0.00
Rent	Parish Office			2,646.00			0.00
	Tennis Club			481.25	3,127.25		537.25
Grant	Parish council				1,723.00		0.00
Refund	OPC			292.80			0.00
	Barclays Bank			150.00			0.00
	Wave			556.87			0.00
	Drama group - PAT testing			374.40			0.00
	Electricity			0.00	1,374.07		192.14
Total					40,899.32		22,613.89

					2024			2023
EXPENDITURE				£	£		£	£
Monthly Running Expenses	Cleaners Salary			9,479.02			6,125.67	
	Cleaning materials			731.77			0.00	
	Garden Services			1,016.00			370.00	
	Sanitary Services			249.60			41.60	
	Window Cleaning			188.00			30.80	
	Mobile phone			8.00			0.00	
	Miscellaneous			0.00	11,672.39		7,804.78	14,372.85
Yearly Running Expenses	CCTV			340.80			0.00	
	Fire safety			2,531.70			0.00	
	Electrical - PAT testing			577.20			0.00	
	Central heating			450.00			0.00	
	Insurance			1,585.75			1,546.05	
	Performing Rights Licence			380.76			154.80	
	Premises Licence			180.00			224.74	
	Data Protection fee			40.00			1.80	
	Bank Charges			40.60			0.00	
	Community First Oxfordshire			50.00			0.00	
	Payroll Administration			85.00	6,261.81		0.00	1,927.39
Utilities	Electricity			3,245.91			3,952.08	
	Gas			3,021.91			2,169.08	
	Internet			864.00			832.99	
	Waste collections			109.84			0.00	
	Water			1,136.73	8,378.39		793.42	7,747.57
2024 Projects	Toilet refurbishment			5,462.20				
	Internet upgrade			1,555.33				
	Lighting - internal and external			3,702.50				
	External noticeboard			305.76				
	Labelling of village hall cupboards			20.97				
	Parish Office refurbishment			396.00				
	Kitchen - Fridge			360.00	11,802.76			0.00
Refund of damage deposit					4,595.69			3,467
Overpayment of invoices					10.00			
Miscellaneous	Key press and replacement door locks			339.00				
	Convactor heater			60.00				
	Clearing of rubbish			70.00				
	Crockery and cutlery			478.20				
	Alan Atkins 2023 invoices			107.54				
	Printing			124.51				
	KBS Mall			15.00				
	General maintenance (D. Varney - January)			145.65				
	Advertising			215.00				275.00
	Kitchen blind			10.00				
	Book token			50.00				
	Auditor honorarium			12.83	1,627.73			
Total					44,348.77			27,789.81
Deficit for the Year					-3,449.45			-5,175.92

Bank Balance at 1 January 2024				27,979.51			33,155.43
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Bank Balance at 31 December 2024				24,530.06			27,979.51

**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Kingston Bagpuize with Southmoor Village Hall (Charity Number 238796).**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31 December 2024.

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

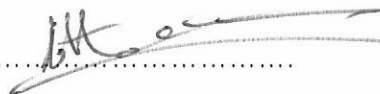
I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signature.....



Date.....

12/3/2025

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