

Registered charity: 240453  
AGM Thursday 17th October 2024 7pm

### Chairman's Report

The Hall committee met regularly throughout the year.

Hall bookings and user groups meetings are exceeding pre-pandemic levels. The Oxford International School are still keen supporters of the Hall.

Thank you very much Suzie for your work and considerable patience in organising the bookings.

Everyday maintenance and gardening c whenever required. We do have a regular contract for the gardening and a local window cleaner comes at agreed intervals.

This year we had the hall decorated in February. The Hall closed for just under two weeks and I think you will agree, the decorators did a wonderful job.

We cancelled our contract with Swale Heating, the company that put in the central heating a few years ago, as we were not receiving adequate support from them. We are lucky that a local firm has agreed to take over.

We had a weekend working party to clear out the loft. It was great fun and achieved its objective, despite some dressing up from the costumes by the helpers.

All routine maintenance and replacements conducted as and when required and thanks to Debbie for organising most of this.

Thanks to Lorna Davies, we had a successful Artist's Open House over two weekends in May, as part of the Brighton Festival.

I understand she is willing to organise this again next year. If that is not the case, I think I may have dropped you in it.

Last AGM I outlined a plan to merge the Hall and Club. This was approved at the meeting. Administratively, this has gone ahead with Charity Commission approval and the increase of the Area of Benefit to keep up with the expanding boundary of Ovingdean.

The two Committees continue to meet and liaise as they have different criteria, and this continues to work well.

It was brought to the attention of the Hall by Julie, when she took over as Treasurer, that our Insurance Brokers, had not fulfilled their obligations in several ways over the previous years. Without going into details, we have changed insurers and requested compensation. On many occasions they ignored our correspondence and telephone calls, so it was decided to go down the official complaint route. This has ended up with the Financial Ombudsman and I have heard in the last couple of weeks that we have been awarded £500 in settlement. Failure to pay this or acknowledge the fine will lead to serious consequences. I await with interest.

At this point, I would like to express my sincere thanks to all the volunteers for the immense amount of work they do for the Hall.

Special thanks to Debbie & Catherine who always seem to be here.

It is safe to say that the Bar and the Hall would not run as it does without their hard work and amazing support for the Village.

I have been informed by our Treasurer, Julie, that she wishes to stand down since she is now retired and wants to spend more time travelling. That means we have an important vacancy for this role.

If anyone could step in and take this on, we will be extremely grateful. As you can imagine, we cannot function without a Treasurer. Remember, the Hall runs for the benefit of the whole Village. There must be someone with a bit of experience who can help us. It is not arduous and there are several people who could help with the changeover.

There are many people involved in the successful running of the Hall. To all the committee who put in a great amount of work to ensure everything runs as efficiently as possible, a big thank you.

Also, to everyone involved in serving behind the bar and keeping the hall clean, especially Debbie, ensuring it is ready for use and clearing up any mess afterwards. Also, to the gardeners who look after the patio and flower beds.

Things do not always run completely smoothly but we do our best to ensure things turn out right in the end. Please support the events, bar

and family nights and other functions run by the multitude of clubs and user groups.

This is my 10<sup>th</sup> AGM as Chair. It is a pleasure and an honour to be your chair and to meet with so many wonderful people on a regular basis.

**Ovingdean Village hall**  
**Charity number 240453**  
**Income and expenditure for the year ended 31st August 2024**

	2024		2023	
Income				
User groups	7,840		8,457	
Club	17,000		11,500	
Hall hire	4,052		3,905	
Events	-		554	
Ploughmans	2,082		1,011	
Raffle	297		298	
Total income		31,271		25,725
Expenditure				
Major repairs over £250	10,605		-	
General maintenance	1,469		920	
Cleaning	5,992		5,735	
Gardening	1,450		1,245	
Light & heat	3,168		3,618	
PHS	389		390	
Rent	1,650		1,650	
Rates	170		254	
Water rates	592		370	
Insurance	1,611		1,507	
Fire inspection and security	204		678	
Electrical	70		642	
PRS	428		244	
Telephone and broadband	338		335	
Postage and stationery	11		153	
Sundries	347		506	
Total expenses		28,494		18,247
(Deficit)/profit for the year		2,777		7,478

**Balance sheet as at 31st August 2024**

<b>Assets and Liabilities</b>				
<b>Cash in hand</b>	116		100	
Cash at bank	15,997		13,236	
Deposit account	5	16,118	5	13,341
<b>Investments</b>				
CCLA	71,128		64,027	
	<b>85,878</b>		<b>77,368</b>	
<b>Reserves</b>				
Reserves as at 1st Sept 2023	77,368		69,175	
Increase in investment	7,102		715	
Profit/(deficit) for the year	2,777	8,510	7,478	8,193
<b>Reserves as at 31st Aug 2024</b>	<b>85,878</b>		<b>77,368</b>	
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# CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

## Independent examiner's report on the accounts

### Section A

### Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/  
members of

Charity Name  
OVINGDEAN VILLAGE HALL

On accounts for the year  
ended

31 August 2024

Charity no  
(if any) 2430453

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

Responsibilities and  
basis of report

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.

Independent  
examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention (other than that disclosed below \*) 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.

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

Signed:

Date:

3 October 24

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