



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

Charity Name
THE BOUVERIE HALL

**On accounts for the year
ended**

31ST DECEMBER 2023

**Charity no
(if any)** 240583

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**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 31/12/2023
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").

**Independent
examiner's statement**

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.

Signed:

DJ Hughes

Date: 05/03/2024

Name:

MRS DIANA J HUGHES , CHARLTON BAKER LTD

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qualification(s) or body
(if any):**

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Accounting Statement for the Year ended 31st December 2023

The **Receipts and Payments** account for the year ended 31st December 2023
(see page 2) - shows that receipts exceeded payments by £ 3,432.66 (2022 £789.72)

Total **receipts** were £26,012.78 (2022 £18,735.81)

Hall Lettings had increased considerably , £21,248 , (2022 £14,076)

Total **payments** were £22,589.12 (2022 £17,946.09)

In addition to the large increase in Light and Heat costs there were large repair and renewal costs as explained in the Treasurer's Report

The **cash balances**, which are largely held on deposit with Lloyds Bank plc,
amounted to £ 20,771.59 at 31st December 2023 (2022, £17,347.93)

M. Waring Treasurer

C Waring Chairman

Statement of Assets and Liabilities as at 31st December 2023**ASSETS**

	2023		2022	
Cash Balances	£	£	£	£
Cash in hand			50.00	210.00
Cash at Bank				
Lloyds Bank Deposit Account		1.11		1.11
Lloyds Bank Current Account		21,270.48	21,271.59	17,686.82
				17,687.93
Less Deposits held against Bookings			-550.00	-550.00
Total cash balances			20,771.59	17,347.93
Other Assets		2023		2022
Rent and insurance due				856
Fees due and prepayments		2,352		3,124
Equipment less Depreciation		6,201		9,302

Freehold Land and Property

The Charity owns the property known as 'The Bouverie Hall' Pewsey Wiltshire.

LIABILITIES

	2023	2022
Expenses to pay	253	1,300

Receipts and Payments Account for the Year ended 31st December 2023

Receipts

2022

Use of the Hall

Hall lettings	21,248.00		14,075.63	
Office Rents	2,841.30		2,877.95	
		24,089.30		16,953.58

Fund raising and Donations

Fund raising - net	1,220.50		725.00	
Wiltshire Council Grants			982.25	
Grants and donations - unrestricted	702.98		74.98	
		1,923.48		1,782.23

Total Receipts

26,012.78

18,735.81

Payments

Hall Running Costs

Cleaning and Bookings	3,194.00		2,541.50	
Cleaning materials and Covid 19 costs	623.77		668.95	
Water rates and rubbish removal	1,339.00		1,963.12	
Heat and Light	7,568.40		4,130.24	
Repairs including gardening	4,518.86		2,399.45	
Waste disposal	1,327.62		1,234.59	
Telephone and Internet	868.72		772.20	
Insurances including Trustee Insurance	1,457.24		1,332.34	
Licences and subscriptions	563.00		717.24	
Kitchen supplies	323.42	21,784.03	1,176.08	16,935.71

Administration Costs

Postage, stationery and sundry	170.09		232.38	
Accountancy fees	496.00		528.00	
Website	139.00	805.09	250.00	1,010.38

Total Payments

22,589.12

17,946.09

Net receipts for the Year

3,432.66

789.72

Cash Balances

1st January 2023	17,347.93		16,558.21	
31st December 2023	20,771.59		17,347.93	

The Bouverie Hall Treasurers Report for 2023

In 2023 there were significant energy price-rises and inflation, due to the continuing Ukraine War.

Oil and electricity costs rose from £4130 in 2022, to £7568 in 2023.

However water costs fell from £1963 to £1339, possibly due to discovering the automatic toilet flushing was faulty, causing flushing too often.

Major outgoings were incurred due to our plans to carry out long-overdue maintenance, including:

Flushing the heating radiators, and replacing worn-out parts in the boiler, costing £2809.

Replacement of out-of-date fire extinguishers.

The foul-water drains from the toilets required rodding three times in 2023 at a cost of £652. To avoid further rodding it was decided to have a camera inspection costing £440, which revealed the need for repairs to damaged pipes and brickwork. To be carried out in 2024.

Hire prices were raised in early 2023, and will be raised again in March 2024.

I'm pleased to say we have had a very good year for bookings.

With a number of new repeating bookings for conferences, furniture sales, and exercise classes.

And a steady number of requests for party events.

So despite major maintenance outgoings and price rises, the bank balance has risen from £17,688 at the end of 2022, to £21,272 at the end of 2023.

We will discuss putting some of that balance into the interest-paying account.

Michael Waring

The Bouverie Hall Treasurer