

Chairman's Report 2023/24

May 2024

The purpose of Boddington Village Hall Committee is to manage Boddington Village Hall for the benefit of the Upper and Lower Boddington and the wider local community. We seek to ensure that the Hall is maintained for the short and long term to support a healthy, vibrant and active community that is accessible for everyone.

After the turbulence of recent years, the of the cost-of-living crises and enormous increases in fuel costs have significantly impacted on the lives of many living in Boddington and the costs of the Hall. The Village Hall supported warm spaces initiatives together with well-being opportunities – including the “chatty café scheme”. The Village Hall Committee maintains close links with Boddington Good Neighbours and continues to work closely to support our community into the future.

Boddington Village Hall has been the central gathering place for our community for many years – a central hub - which offers social activities, sports and fitness, educational and wellbeing opportunities for everyone in Boddington and the surrounding villages. It is managed by a committee of committed and hard-working volunteers and our activities have included:

- **National celebrations and events**, which included the Coronation which enabled a substantial proportion of parishioners to come together and celebrate significant moments in our country's history. The Hall organised a Coronation Fete with Afternoon Tea, Burgers, Hot Dogs, Bar together with children's activities, Tombola, Cake Stalls, a Treasure Hunt, Line Dancing displays and vintage cars and vehicles.
- **Community fundraising events**, including our annual fireworks display which goes from strength to strength each year. It was well attended and attracts not only large numbers of Boddington parishioners but also visitors from other local villages. Funds raised go to support local initiatives including supporting the Forest School for Boddington School children.
- **Social events**, including our annual black tie dinner dance and charity events which include anything from auctions and parties and the cafe which raise funds not only for the Village Hall but also for national charities including Macmillan Cancer, and National emergency funds as well as supporting more personal charities close to a parishioners' hearts.
- **Family events**, including weddings, parties, christenings, children's parties, and memorial services. Parishioners receive a significant discount for these events and memorial services are provided free of charge for parishioners.
- **Weekly café**, which is now phenomenally popular with around 80-100 people regularly joining us on a Friday morning for coffee, tea, home-made cakes and an opportunity to chat and enjoy the company of friends and make new acquaintances. The café is multi-generational with a large percentage of older visitors but increasingly attended by parents with young children. Everyone is welcome and it has become a highlight of many people's week – enabling us to ensure that we support of the most vulnerable and excluded people within our community. In 2023-24 we joined the chatty café scheme to encourage people on their own to come to the café to make new friends.
- **Supporting the more isolated**, we also provide a free home-cooked full Christmas lunch to the senior members of the community each year – a time to celebrate together with lovely

food and the company. We also invite the children from the school to sing, which both the guests and the children enjoy.

- **Sports, Fitness, and dance activities**, which include supporting a series of inter-school football tournaments, as well as a variety of clubs – Badminton, Table Tennis and Short Mat Bowling which are open to younger participants as well as adults. We also offer Yoga, Pilates, Zumba, Ballet, Gymnastics, Line Dancing, Jazz, Easy Exercise classes (for those with limited mobility) and Cardio/Weights workout classes.
- **Education, Interest, and other community groups**, which includes art classes, gardening club, dog training, film clubs, the WI, Parish Council, and Boddington Good Neighbours.

These activities are available to everyone, and we actively encourage new people to come to the Hall, and we try to identify new activities or groups that would appeal to those isolated and alone, as well as for children, youths, parents and older adults.

The Hall works closely with other groups within the village both to provide a meeting place, but also to actively help them meet their objectives. In particular, the development of the sports field and cycle tracks has in part been possible by the close collaboration of the Parish Council and the Village Hall Committee.

The Committee regularly re-considers its strategy and focus – affirming its commitment to promoting weddings and family events to raise funds to continue to offer a wide range of activities and community events at prices which enable inclusive access to everyone. The Hall is the centre of village activities and that will continue into the future.

Over the last few years the Committee has developed a plan to extend the Hall to create a sustainable future. The current Hall was built nearly 20 years ago and no longer offers the facilities that the community needs. The plan includes a ground floor extension to the village hall, facing the parish council owned sports field, playground, and cycle tracks. The extension will include large glass elements as well as a large, paved patio area. It also includes some redevelopment of the interior to maximise the use of the main hall, bar, and the new hall. We now have planning permission and £150k has been allocated to this project. Additional fundraising is continuing and some very kind and substantial donations have been made local individuals.

The primary objectives include:

- **Accessibility** – to ensure that the hall is accessible to individuals with disabilities or mobility challenges. The main hall is not suitable for many smaller activities, and the upper hall is not accessible. Creating a new smaller, ground floor hall will mean that current and new activities can be accessible to everyone.
- **Versatility** – creating a multi-functional space that can be used together or separately from the main hall opens the opportunity for a much broader range of activities and events.
- **Community Wellbeing** – creating a glass-fronted space integrated with an open patio leading to the sports field, will offer a modern, appealing, and comfortable environment for a full range of activities from small wellbeing workshops to child and sports focussed events.
- **Sustainable Volunteering** – reducing the volunteer workload for every activity or event is critical to put current volunteering support onto a sustainable basis. Most major events currently require many hours of volunteer time building and dressing temporary outside structures. Removing this requirement by creating a permanent structure will put the hall onto a sustainable basis.

- **Increased Opportunities** – the overall objective will enable the hall to offer a broader range of community events and activities for the next 20 years, improving the health, wellbeing and inclusivity of everyone in the local and wider community.

The Hall continued to support the creation and circulation of a local newsletter (the Bugle), produced quarterly and circulated to all villagers. This is a critical part of the Village communication to ensure that everyone knows what is happening in the village and where to get help if needed. The Hall has also supported the continuation of the Forest School for Boddington School pupils by using funds raised through community events to pay for this endeavour.

Financially, after taking into account depreciation, the Hall made a positive contribution through the commitment and hard work of its volunteers. The extension will cost considerably more than the Hall currently has and alongside its own resources it will need to apply for additional funding and grants.

Boddington Village Hall depends heavily on the time and commitment of its Trustees and Volunteers. More than ever the professionalism and enthusiasm of the individuals meant that the Hall could step up and support our community throughout the pandemic and the economic challenges since then. For this the team has both my deepest thanks and those of the Community.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading 'Caroline Sheers'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal flourish underneath the name.

Caroline Sheers, Chairman Boddington Village Hall

The Boddington Village Hall			Charity No	264503
Annual accounts for the period				
Period start date	01/04/2023	To	Period end date	31/03/2024

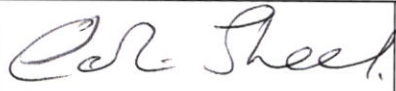

Section A Statement of financial activities

Recommended categories by activity	Details of own analysis	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted income funds £	Endowment funds £	Total this year £	Total last year £
Incoming resources (Note 3)						
Incoming resources from generated funds		-	-	-	-	-
Voluntary income		-	-	-	-	-
Activities for generating funds		-	-	-	-	-
Investment income	Note 3	3,546	-	-	3,546	1,719
Incoming resources from charitable activities	Note 3	108,172	-	-	108,172	82,932
Other incoming resources	Note 3	638	-	-	638	638
Total incoming resources		112,356	-	-	112,356	85,289
Resources expended (Note 4)						
Costs of Generating Funds		-	-	-	-	-
Costs of generating voluntary income		-	-	-	-	-
Fundraising trading costs		-	-	-	-	-
Investment management costs		-	-	-	-	-
Charitable activities	Note 4	74,803	-	-	74,803	76,520
Governance costs	Note 4	100	-	-	100	100
Other resources expended		-	-	-	-	-
Total resources expended		74,903	-	-	74,903	76,620
Net incoming/(outgoing) resources before transfers		37,453	-	-	37,453	8,669
Gross transfers between funds		-	-	-	-	-
Net incoming/(outgoing) resources before other recognised gains/(losses)		37,453	-	-	37,453	8,669
Other recognised gains/(losses)						
Gains and losses on revaluation of fixed assets for the charity's own use		-	-	-	-	-
Gains and losses on investment assets		-	-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds		37,453	-	-	37,453	8,669
Total funds brought forward		389,276	-	-	389,276	380,607
Total funds carried forward		426,729	-	-	426,729	389,276

Section B Balance sheet

	Unrestricted funds £ F01	Restricted income funds £ F02	Endowment funds £ F03	Total this year £ F04	Total last year £ F05
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets (Note 6)	250,428	-	-	250,428	258,613
	-	-	-	-	-
Investments	-	-	-	-	-
Total fixed assets	250,428	-	-	250,428	258,613
Current assets					
Stock and work in progress	6,053	-	-	6,053	5,836
Debtors (Note 7)	1,087	-	-	1,087	2,358
(Short term) investments	-	-	-	-	-
Cash at bank and in hand	184,462	-	-	184,462	140,888
Total current assets	191,602	-	-	191,602	149,082
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year (Note 8)	15,301	-	-	15,301	18,419
Net current assets/(liabilities)	176,301	-	-	176,301	130,663
Total assets less current liabilities	426,729	-	-	426,729	389,276
Creditors: amounts falling due after one year	-	-	-	-	-
Net assets	426,729	-	-	426,729	389,276
Funds of the Charity					
Unrestricted funds (Note 9)	426,729	-	-	426,729	389,276
Restricted income funds	-	-	-	-	-
Endowment funds	-	-	-	-	-
Total funds	426,729	-	-	426,729	389,276

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	Caroline Sheers	30-Oct-24
	Clare Townsend	30-Oct-24

Note 1 Basis of preparation**1.1 Basis of accounting**

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2015) - (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2022.

Boddington Village Hall meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy notes.

1.2 Going concern

The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern nor any significant areas of uncertainty that affect the carrying value of assets held by the charity.

Note 2 Accounting policies

This standard list of accounting policies has been applied by the charity except for those deleted. Where a different or additional policy has been adopted then this is detailed in the box below.

INCOMING RESOURCES**Recognition of incoming resources**

These are included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SoFA) when:

- the charity becomes entitled to the resources;
- the trustees are virtually certain they will receive the resources; and
- the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability.

Incoming resources with related expenditure

Where incoming resources have related expenditure (as with fundraising or contract income) the incoming resources and related expenditure are reported gross in the SoFA.

Grants and donations

Grants and donations are only included in the SoFA when the charity has unconditional entitlement to the resources.

Tax reclaims on donations and gifts

Incoming resources from tax reclaims are included in the SoFA at the same time as the gift to which they relate.

Contractual income and performance related grants

This is only included in the SoFA once the related goods or services have been delivered.

Gifts in kind

Gifts in kind are accounted for at a reasonable estimate of their value to the charity or the amount actually realised.

Gifts in kind for sale or distribution are included in the accounts as gifts only when sold or distributed by the charity.

Gifts in kind for use by the charity are included in the SoFA as incoming resources when receivable.

Donated services and facilities

These are only included in incoming resources (with an equivalent amount in resources expended) where the benefit to the charity is reasonably quantifiable, measurable and material. The value placed on these resources is the estimated value to the charity of the service or facility received.

Volunteer help

The value of any voluntary help received is not included in the accounts but is described in the trustees' annual report.

Investment income

This is included in the accounts when receivable.

Investment gains and losses

This includes any gain or loss on the sale of investments and any gain or loss resulting from revaluing investments to market value at the end of the year.

EXPENDITURE AND LIABILITIES**Liability recognition**

Liabilities are recognised as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to pay out resources.

Governance costs

Include costs of the preparation and examination of statutory accounts, the costs of trustee meetings and cost of any legal advice to trustees on governance or constitutional matters.

Grants with performance conditions

Where the charity gives a grant with conditions for its payment being a specific level of service or output to be provided, such grants are only recognised in the SoFA once the recipient of the grant has provided the specified service or output.

Grants payable without performance conditions

These are only recognised in the accounts when a commitment has been made and there are no conditions to be met relating to the grant which remain in the control of the charity.

Support Costs

Support costs include central functions and have been allocated to activity cost categories on a basis consistent with the use of resources, eg allocating property costs by floor areas, or per capita, staff costs by the time spent and other costs by their usage.

ASSETS**Tangible fixed assets for use by charity**

These are capitalised if they can be used for more than one year. They are valued at cost or a reasonable value on receipt.

Investments

Investments quoted on a recognised stock exchange are valued at market value at the year end. Other investment assets are included at trustees' best estimate of market value.

Stocks and work in progress

These are valued at the lower of cost or market value.

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Note 3
Analysis of incoming resources

		This year	Last year
	Analysis	£	£
Voluntary income		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
	Total	-	-
Activities for generating funds		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
	Total	-	-
Investment income	Interest on deposit accounts	3,546	1,719
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
	Total	3,546	1,719
Incoming resources from charitable activities	Events, rentals, bar sales, donations	108,172	82,932
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
	Total	108,172	82,932

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Note 4 Analysis of resources expended

		This year	Last year
	Analysis	£	£
Costs of generating voluntary income		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
	Total	-	-
Fundraising trading costs		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
	Total	-	-
Investment management costs		-	-
		-	-
	Total	-	-
Charitable activities	Direct cost of sales	20,324	14,568
	Running costs	41,574	48,651
	Depreciation	12,905	13,300
		-	-
	Total	74,803	76,519
Governance costs	Preparation and examination of accounts	100	100
		-	-
	Total	100	100

Note 5 **Details of certain items of expenditure**

5.1 Trustee expenses

	This year	Last year
Number of trustees who were paid expenses	None	None
Nature of the expenses		
Total amount paid	£	£

5.2 Fees for examination or audit of the accounts

	This year	Last year
	£	£
Independent examiner’s or auditors’ fees for reporting on the accounts	20	20
Other fees (for example: advice, consultancy, accountancy services) paid to the independent examiner or auditor	80	80

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Note 6 Tangible fixed assets
6.1 Cost or valuation

	Buildings and improvements	Plant and machinery	Fixtures, fittings and equipment	Total
	£	£	£	£
Balance brought forward	400,463	57,419	24,069	481,951
Additions	3,328	1,212	180	4,720
Revaluations	-	-	-	-
Disposals	-	-	-	-
Transfers	-	-	-	-
Balance carried forward	403,791	58,631	24,249	486,671

6.2 Accumulated depreciation and impairment provisions

Basis	SL	SL	SL or RB
Rate	5-50 yrs	10-25 yrs	14-20yrs

Balance brought forward	154,728	47,536	21,074	223,338
Depreciation charge for year	9,540	1,378	1,987	12,905
Impairment provisions	-	-	-	-
Revaluations	-	-	-	-
Disposals	-	-	-	-
Transfers	-	-	-	-
Balance carried forward	164,268	48,914	23,061	236,243

6.3 Net book value

Brought forward	245,735	9,883	2,995	258,613
Carried forward	239,523	9,717	1,188	250,428

Section C**Notes to the accounts****Note 7 Debtors and prepayments****Analysis of debtors**

	Amounts falling due within one year		Amounts falling due after more than one year	
	This year	Last year	This year	Last year
	£	£	£	£
Trade debtors	1,087	2,358	-	-
Amounts due from subsidiary and associated undertakings	-	-	-	-
Other debtors	-	-	-	-
Prepayments and accrued income	-	-	-	-
Total	1,087	2,358	-	-

Note 8 Creditors and accruals**Analysis of creditors**

	Amounts falling due within one year		Amounts falling due after more than one year	
	This year	Last year	This year	Last year
	£	£	£	£
Loans and overdrafts	-	-	-	-
Trade creditors	312	2,792	-	-
Amounts due to subsidiary and associated undertakings	-	-	-	-
Other creditors	-	-	-	-
Accruals and deferred income	14,989	15,627	-	-
Total	15,301	18,419	-	-

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Note 9 Charity funds

Details of material funds held and movements during the CURRENT reporting period

Fund names	Type	Purpose and Restrictions	Fund balances brought forward £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Gains and losses £	Fund balances carried forward £
General Fund	Unrestricted		382,157	112,356	(73,718)	(150,000)	-	270,795
Community Fund Reserve	Unrestricted	Designated fund for the use of maintenance of the Charles Cowper Playing field and its equipment and Community activities and Organisations	7,119	-	(1,185)		-	5,934
Extension Fund Reserve	Unrestricted	Designated fund for the use of the design and building of the extension to the hall	-	-	-	150,000	-	150,000
			-	-	-	-	-	-
			-	-	-	-	-	-
			-	-	-	-	-	-
			-	-	-	-	-	-
			-	-	-	-	-	-
			-	-	-	-	-	-
			-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Funds as per balance sheet			389,276	112,356	(74,903)	-	-	426,729

Details of material funds held and movements during the PREVIOUS reporting period

Fund names	Type	Purpose and Restrictions	Fund balances brought forward £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Gains and losses £	Fund balances carried forward £
General Fund	Unrestricted		371,086	85,289	(74,217)	-	-	382,157
Community Fund Reserve	Unrestricted	Designated fund for the use of maintenance of the Charles Cowper Playing field and its equipment and Community activities and Organisations	9,522	-	(2,403)	-	-	7,119
			-	-	-	-	-	-
			-	-	-	-	-	-
			-	-	-	-	-	-
			-	-	-	-	-	-
			-	-	-	-	-	-
			-	-	-	-	-	-
			-	-	-	-	-	-
			-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Funds as per balance sheet			380,608	85,289	(76,620)	-	-	389,276

Note 10 Transactions with related parties

10.1 Remuneration and benefits

Name of trustee or connected party	Nature of benefit	Amounts paid or benefit value	
		This year £	Last year £
		-	-

10.2 Loans

	Name of trustee or connected party	Legal authority	Amount owing	
			This year £	Last year £
Due to trustees and related parties			-	-
Due from trustees and related parties			-	-

10.3 Other transaction(s) with trustees or related parties

Name of the trustee or related party	Relationship to charity	Description of the transaction(s)	This year £	Last year £

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Boddington Village Hall

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2024, which are set out on pages 1 to 11.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act, have not been met.



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26 October 2024