



DRAYTON VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Date : 05 March 2024

Annual Report from the Chair 2024

Introduction

It is with great pleasure that I present the Chairman's Annual Report for Drayton Village Hall. Over the past year, we have continued to serve as a vital hub for our community, providing a welcoming and well-maintained space for local groups, events, and activities. Despite ongoing challenges, our hard working team of trustees, volunteers, and supporters have ensured the smooth running of the hall and its continued success.

Hall Usage and Community Engagement

This year, we have seen a small increase in one off bookings for the hall and a new Yoga group taking a regular booking slot. Existing regular users, including fitness classes, local clubs, and social groups, have remained committed to using our facilities.

On the downside, but primarily, due to personal issues the Drayton Players were forced to cancel their two planned plays.

The hall continues to be a central point for the community, fostering social interaction and engagement.

Financial Overview

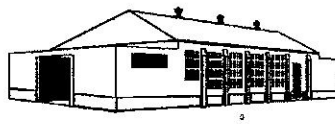
The charity's financial position remains stable, with revenue generated from hall hire, and fundraising efforts covering our outgoings. We are mindful of rising operational costs and continue to manage our finances prudently to ensure long-term sustainability.

A Full report will be given by our Financial Officer

We also received notification that the Village Hall had been left a bequeathment from a local resident, which has turned out to be quite a large sum of money which is to be used for the maintenance and improvement of the Hall.

Maintenance and Improvements

Over the past year, we have undertaken several small maintenance projects to enhance the hall's usability and safety. The one key improvement was the decision to instigate the installation of energy-efficient lighting to reduce running costs and improve the ambiance in the Hall.



Volunteer Contributions

A heartfelt thank you goes to our volunteers, whose dedication and hard work help keep the hall running smoothly, their contributions are invaluable. Specific thanks go to our bookings secretary, Margaret, who continues to manage the lettings diary. We would like to encourage more community members to get involved and support this vital local asset.

Looking Ahead

Our priorities for the coming year include:

- Expanding community engagement by encouraging new user groups.
- Strengthening our committee members and volunteer network to ensure continued operational success. We remain committed to making Drayton Village Hall a thriving and accessible community space for all.
- Completing essential improvements on a priority basis utilising funds from the bequeathment

In Conclusion, my personal thanks to all the committee members, volunteers and bookings secretary for your help and support throughout the year.

Carl Brown
Chair of Drayton Village Hall Management Committee



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

I report on the accounts of Drayton Village Hall for the year ended 31st December 2024.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and Independent examiner

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements.

You consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act), and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

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

Basis of examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general directions given by the Charity Commission. The examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the financial statements presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the financial statements 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 financial statements 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 cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the financial statements do not accord with the accounting records.

I have completed my examination and have no concerns in respect of the matters listed above and, in connection with following the directions of the Charity Commission, I have found no matters that require drawing to your attention.

Andrew Parker FCCA

Date: 9 June 2025

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INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
	£	£
Income		
Legacy	600,000	-
Lettings	10,957	11,435
Coffee mornings	1,605	1,625
Grants & donations	589	275
Jumble sales	2,388	1,465
Book & Jigsaw sales	1,649	1,075
101 club	827	816
Interest received	169	100
Sundry	74	71
	<u>618,258</u>	<u>16,862</u>
Expenditure		
Cleaning	7,694	6,942
Maintenance	936	8,781
Booking fee remuneration	875	1,020
Electricity & gas	2,887	3,195
Rates & water	603	503
Telephone	654	704
Insurance & licences	1,455	1,420
Postage & stationery	182	10
101 club expenses	392	340
Sundry	758	40
	<u>16,436</u>	<u>22,955</u>
 Net expenditure for the year	 <u>601,822</u>	 <u>(6,093)</u>

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BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2024

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>
Current assets:		
Cash at bank	6,456	3,803
Deposit account	611,269	12,100
Cash in hand	<u>15</u>	<u>15</u>
	617,740	15,918
Less current liabilities:		
Sundry creditors	540	540
Net assets	<u>617,200</u>	<u>15,378</u>
Accumulated funds:		
General fund:		
Balance brought forward	15,378	21,471
Net expenditure for the year	<u>601,822</u>	<u>(6,093)</u>
Total funds at 31 December 2024	<u>617,200</u>	<u>15,378</u>