

Drayton Grange Community Association

Annual Report for the year ending 29th February 2024

The Trustees and the Council of the Association present their report for the year ended the 29th February 2024.

There are no Honorary Trustees of the Association after Alf Goodridge MBE passed way. Also, Bill Dearn has moved away from the area.

The members of the Council during the year and their representative group where appropriate were:

Mike Cashmore	Chair/Treasurer/Secretary
	Booking Agent/Maintenance Officer
Ross Mounteney	Former Chinese Boxing instructor at the hall
Wendy Randall	West Northants Councillor & Trustee
Angela Squire	Ukulele
Edward Nicholl	Ukulele

The Council, which directs the policy and management of the affairs of the Association, comprises of members nominated from user and residential groups or as individuals elected at the Annual General Meeting held in May. The secretary and treasurer are elected at the AGM with the chair elected at its first normal meeting.

The Association was convened in March 1975 and is registered with the Charity Commission Registration number 269261.

Objectives, Organisation and Activities

The association is established to:

- a) Promote the benefit of the residents of the Grange Estate, Drayton village and neighbouring areas to the west of Daventry by associating the local authorities, voluntary organisations, and residents in a common effort to provide facilities for social welfare, leisure activities, educational and cultural advancement and to improve conditions of life for residents.
- b) To provide and maintain the community centre known as Nene Hall in Tamar Square on the Grange Estate in Daventry, manage its operation for the activities promoted by the Association and its constituent members and residents of the area.

The Association operates an Equal Opportunities policy. Any person may be a member without distinction of age, gender, ethnic origin, race or colour, political, religious, or other opinions.

Nene Hall is available for hire by any individual or organisation in accordance with the hiring agreement and scale of charges approved by the Council. It is intended that these charges generate enough income to meet all running expenditure incurred in providing and maintaining the Hall.

The Association is an independent organisation with group representatives and residents, with the Council comprising elected and nominated members. The council meets six times per year.

Chairman & Treasurer's report - Mike Cashmore

The most memorable thing, as far as I am concerned, regarding Nene Hall this past year is the overturning of West Northants Council rates demand that would have seen us have to pay the 20% Discretionary Rate Relief; a relief that we have always benefitted from when Daventry District Council was responsible for business rates collection. This £800 saving to Nene Hall is thanks to the considerable efforts of Ted Nicholl, our mayor and DGCA committee member – Thank you Ted.

The past year has also been a good one in terms of revenues as casual hall hire use has increased bringing in over £2,000 more than last year. Revenue from our regular user groups also increased, partly because of the decision to have a flat rate for hall hire rather than half-hall or full hall hire. When looking at the balance sheet you will notice that we closed the year £12,000 better off than where we begun at the beginning of our financial year – March 1st.

We again benefitted from Cummins Every Employee Every Community scheme, as I was again able to lead a team of Cummins volunteers over two separate days in June and October to carry out lots of various tasks in and around Nene Hall. Cummins not only supplies the labour but also purchases any materials I ask for to carry the tasks that I list. This partnership with Cummins has benefitted Nene Hall and the many people that use the premises since 2005, and long may that continue.

The greatest expense we had was in replacing the emergency exit doors that serve the nursery garden. Three businesses were asked if the doors could be repaired, but each reported that they could not, so replacement was the only option, as one side of the double doors would not open. This cost us £3,500, which was £2,200 less than the original quote we received, after entering two local businesses into a bidding war with each other, a final figure was arrived at.

Our energy costs have risen by £2,000, which is no surprise due to the price of energy across the country last year, and in part because of the extra hall use. We are tied into two-year fixed rates that were competitive at the time, but as energy prices have fallen is not so good now. Hopefully, when the contract is up for renewal, we will be able to get better rates.

Another large expense was the repair and servicing of our gas boilers and gas equipment, which cost us £1,400. The older boiler that needed the repair is

approaching 20 years of age, so may need replacing soon.

We purchased a Dyson-type hand drier for the ladies' toilets to replace the drier that had broken, for which we have received favourable comments, so we will look to purchase one for the men's toilets when the need arises.

Looking forward to this year there is a need to improve the acoustics to the hall as groups that use the hall have commented that the hard surfaces in the hall are not conducive to a good sound experience. Juice Sound and Vision have visited the hall to try out various things with ASH to see how things can be improved – we await a report.

The main hall partition needs replacing as it has become more and more difficult to move, the partition locks are broken, and the raised floor track continues to be a trip hazard when the partition is open. We will consider replacing the partition, hopefully, with one that improves the acoustics in the hall, is suspended and not ground supported and is easier to move.

Another small improvement is we will add lighting to illuminate the emergency exit pathway that is in the nursery garden that was highlighted by our St John Ambulance group.

You will notice in the balance sheet that I have included for the first-time cleaning supplies, grass-cutting and hedge-cutting as separate expenses. The reason for this is that these are regular expenses, which I wish to compare year on year going forward.

Summarizing the year; it has been another successful year for Nene Hall as the hall has been used by hundreds of different people from diverse backgrounds for all kinds of activities and celebrations and may that long continue.

Finances

The attached financial statement shows the current state of the financial affairs of the Association which the Committee deems to be satisfactory.

The Association's bankers are the Lloyds Bank, 18 High Street (current account)

And investment fund, Standard Life (smaller UK Companies)

On Behalf of the Association

Mike Cashmore



Drayton Grange Community Association

Income & Expenditure Account for the year ended 29th Feb 2024

Income	2023	2022
Hall bookings & group subs	32,001	24,643
Fundraising activities/Grants	0	0
Gas refund	820	0
Electric refund	207	258
Water refund	0	0
Telephone refund	0	0
Sundry income	0	0

TOTAL 33,028 24,901

Expenditure

Wages	4,117	5,487
Light & heat	5,740	3,665
Insurance	868	807
Water rates	935	585
Telephone	494	421
Bins	961	815
Materials, maintenance & improvements	6,241	9,715
Administration & advertising	0	0
Bank & interest charges	90	199
Sundry expenses	0	0
Deposit returns & Cancelled hire	216	190
Grass - cutting	600	
Hedge -cutting	480	
Cleaning Supplies	774	

TOTAL 21,516 21,884

Surplus/Deficit income to expenditure

HSBC bank balance to begin	0	22,154
Transferred to Standard Life	0	0
Transferred from Standard Life	0	0
Income	33,028	24,901
Expenditure	21,516	21,884
Lloyds bank balance to begin	25,170	725
Transferred to Lloyds	0	19,227
Lloyds bank balance to end	36,683	25,170
Sum of both banks to end (HSBC)	0	25,170
Standard Life balance to begin	25,675	29,606
Standard Life balance to end	26,188	25,675
Sum of both accounts	62,871	50,845

Signed:

Date:

Position:

Charity No. 269261

DRAYTON GRANGE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

Report and Financial Statements

**Year Ended
29th February 2024**



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

Drayton Grange Community Association

On accounts for the year
ended

29th February 2024

Charity no
(if any)

269261

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Remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets!

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

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").

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

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:

L. J. Jones

Date: 27/12/2024

Name:

Lynn Jones

Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):

N/A

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Daventry

Northants. NN11 4QU

Section B

Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

DAVENTRY GRANGE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

CHARITY NO 269261

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDING 29TH FEBRUARY 2024

The Trustees of The Daventry Grange Community Association present their annual report and examined accounts for the year ended 29th February 2024 and confirm they comply with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011, the DGCA constitution and the Charities SORP (FRS 102).

OUR AIMS and OBJECTIVES

DGCA manages the Nene Hall, Tamar Square Daventry, for the benefit of the community under leases from the Diocese of Peterborough and Daventry District Council engrossed in March 1985.

The objectives of the DGCA are to continue the provision of a community centre for the benefit of the local community and to maintain the building and grounds for the benefit of future community use.

REVIEW OF ACTIVITIES AND ACHIEVEMENTS

During the year the Hall was used by a variety of members of the community and for a variety of events, from celebrations, St John's Ambulance first aid training, to a nursery group.

FINANCES

Activities gave rise to income and donations of £32,513 and energy refunds were £1028; a total for the year of £33,541 (up from £21,515).

Expenditure, including maintenance and improvements of £8,095, were £21,515, which were a reduction of £4,300 from the previous year.

The surplus achieved was £12,026, (previous year a loss £913) of which £10,000 was restricted/earmarked funds.

The DGCA current financial position is £50,000 in restricted/earmarked funds, and £12,871 in current account. It is intended that major renovations to the entrance of the Hall, refurbishment of doors and windows, and replacement of the interior dividing doors will take place as soon as possible and, hopefully in the coming year, dependent on the availability of suitably qualified tradesmen.

Michael Cashmore
Chairman of Trustees

DAVENTRY GRANGE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION
CHARITY NO 269261

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Charity Number: 269261

Principal Office: Nene Hall, Tamar Square, Daventry NN11 4RB

Bankers: Lloyds Bank plc, 18 High Street, Daventry NN11 4HT

TRUSTEES

The trustees of the charity during the period were:

Michael Cashmore

Charles Ross Mounteney

Edward Nicholl appointed 1st March 2023

Angela Squire appointed 1st March 2023

Wendy Randall appointed 28th April 2023

By order of the Board

17th May 2024

Michael Cashmore Chairman

Registered Office:

Nene Hall

Tamar Square

Daventry

Northamptonshire NN11 4RB

DRAYTON GRANGE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

Income & Expenditure account

	year ended 29 th February 2024	year ended 28 th February 2023
Income		
Hall bookings	£31,307	£24,643
Grants	£0	£0
Gas refunds	£901	£259
Electricity refunds	£820	£0
Bank Interest & Gain on investment	£513	£0
Sundry	£0	£0
Total	<u>£33,541</u>	<u>£24,902</u>
 Expenditure		
Light & heat	£5,740	£3,665
Cleaning	£4,116	£5,487
Insurance	£868	£807
Water rates	£935	£585
Telephone	£494	£421
Refuse bins collection	£961	£815
Maintenance & improvements	£8,095	£9,715
Admin & advertising	£0	£0
Bank charges & Loss on investment	£90	£4,130
Deposit returns & cancel fees	£216	£190
Sundry expenses	£0	£0
Total	<u>£21,515</u>	<u>£25,815</u>
 Gross Surplus (loss-)	<u><u>£12,026</u></u>	<u><u>-£913</u></u>

DRAYTON GRANGE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION**BALANCE SHEET**

	as at 29 th February 2024		as at 28 th February 2023	
	£	£	£	£
ASSETS				
Investment Standard Life	26,188		25,675	
Cash at bank	36,683		25,170	
Debtors (DoP)				
LIABILITIES				
Creditors		-		-
NET ASSETS		<u>62,871</u>		<u>50,845</u>
Represented by:				
CAPITAL AND RESERVES				
Building Fund - earmarked/restricted	50,000		40,000	
Accumulated Retained Profit	845		11,760	
Profit and loss account	<u>12,026</u>		<u>- 915</u>	
TOTAL FUNDS		<u>62,871</u>		<u>50,845</u>

Approved by the Trustees on 17th May 2024 and signed on its behalf by:

Michael Cashmore
Edward Nicholl

Treasurer
Trustee