

Annual Report
Old Newton Village Hall and Playing Field Committee
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September 2024

31/34 Church Road Old Newton IP14 4ED

Chair	Mr J Miller	
Secretary	Miss L Clarke	
Treasurer	Mrs D Tween	
Trustees	Mrs K Baker	Mr M Cross
	Mrs L Brooks	Mr A Ewan
	Mr V Barton	Mr K Swinburne
	Mrs H Rogers	Mrs S Stables
	Mr J Driver	Trudy Cameron
	Mr R Balmforth	

The Management committee comprises of elected members representing current constituted societies, clubs and organisations within the parish.

The property and trust fund and its income shall be applied for the village hall for the use of the inhabitants of the Parish of Old Newton and Gipping with Dagworth.

Achievements 2024

The purchase and fitting of new acoustic panels in the main Hall.

Income increased by our major refurbishments in 2023.

Continued use of our recycling bins generated good income.

Our fundraising team made an outstanding effort to raise funds for our 2025 project of new toilets.

We endeavour to cut as costs as possible in the smooth running of the Hall.

We lost both our Caretaker and Booking Clerk after over 15 years the smooth entry of two new people has been an asset.

Goals 2025

To renovate both toilet blocks

Insurance

Our new play equipment saw our insurance premium soar.

The report given at the Village Annual Parish Meeting

- Unfortunately, because of the retirement of both Steven and Marion Keeble we had to appoint both a new caretaker and booking clerk at the start of the year .
- It has been encouraging that several hirers have made comments on how much better the Village Hall is following our improvement programme. Also, as a direct result of the improvements the hall has become a popular venue for children's parties – consequently, so far this year, our bookings have increased 5-fold on last year's bookings. The acoustic panels have been particularly successful in improving the echo within the hall, making the sound quality of musical functions much better.
- Car parking remains a major concern. Both car parks belong to the Village Hall, and it is the responsibility of the Village Hall Management Committee to ensure the hirers of the Village Hall can park easily. This involves regular liaison with the Sports and Social Club and sporting groups using the playing field so that that they are aware of their designated parking areas for their events.
- Our recycling Glass bins are continuing to be a great asset to the running costs of the Hall generating over £600 together with the Planet Aid clothes recycling bins that raise over £300 per year.
- The fundraising group are busy organising the Country Fayre and Dog show on 22nd June.
- Should you require any information on the Hall our Web site is being continually updated, and our thanks must go to Kevin Swinburne who has worked tirelessly to ensure it is as accurate as possible.
- In our drive to improve the Village Hall our plans this year are to refurbish the toilet blocks with all our fundraising efforts going towards this cause together with seeking funding from other sources.
- The front hedge of the Village Hall has been removed recently, this is because Keepmoat Homes Ltd. requires the footpath as part of their planning requirements; the Village Hall Trustees have considered that the addition of the footpath would be of considerable beneficial to the community as a whole, they therefore decided that they would allow Keepmoat to have the required land for the path.

Old Newton with Dagworth and Gipping Village Hall and Playing Fields	Unrestricted Funds 2024	Restricted Funds	Total 2023	Total 2022
	£	£	£	£
Income from:				
Booking Fees	17104		14,807	13,498
Recycling Fees	631		656	780
Grants ¹	4486		95,515	7336
Donations	1823		258	10
Sundry Income			15	492
Fundraising	3470		3,319	15,413
Movement of funds	1617			
Total Income	29131		114,570	37,529
Expenditure on:				
Building and play equipment	576			30,539
Accoustic boards				
Fundraising Costs	2294			953
Repairs and maintenance	2055			3,464
Heat light and water	3787		3,587	3,629
Wages	5300		4,690	4,932
Licence and insurance	2328		1,323	1,670
Sundry expenses/movement	481		247	56
Consumables				99
Bank Charges	87		73	
Internet – Website	216		367	
Wi-Fi	389		346	
Kitchen Equipment	N/a		1,032	
Building Renovations	3500		108,168	
Refund Damage Waivers	2750		1,700	
Purchases	1461		701	
Cleaning and Housekeeping	149		209	
Total Expenditure	25373		122,443	45,342
Net fund movement	3758)	(7,873)	(7,813)
Reconciliation of funds:				
Total funds brought forward	9346		17,219	25,032
HSBC savings account	156			

¹ Mid Suffolk District Council, Parish Council and National Lottery Grants

Total funds B/F	13260		9,346	17,219
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Statement of Financial Activities (including Income and Expenditure Account) for the Year Ended 31 August 2024

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees on _29th October_____ 2024 and were signed on their behalf by:

Jonathan Miller
Chair

D Tween
Treasurer

The Chairman of
The Management Committee
Newton & Dagworth Village Hall
Old Newton
Suffolk

9th October 2024

Dear Chairman,

End of Year Accounts re Newton & Dagworth Village Hall

Having conducted an independent examination of the accounts presented to me in relation to the Village Hall for the period 1st September 2023 to 31st August 2024, I am satisfied that the accounts are in good order and correct.

The independent examination being in accordance with clause 15.3 of the Deed dated December 2012 that was made available to me.

I examined the following:

- Spreadsheet "CASHBOOK UP TO 31.08.24 End of year (1).xlsx"
- Spreadsheet "FUNDRAISING CASHBOOK UP TO 31.08.24 finished for accountant.xlsx"
- HSBC Bank Statements
- Relevant cheque and paying in books
- Invoices (both payable and receivable) and receipts

The opening and closing balances as presented in the relevant spreadsheets were reconciled against the bank statements, and end of year balances were correct on the 31st August 2024. These being:

Cashbook = £7,693.80

Fundraising Cashbook = £5,254.77

I have some observations that may be of help, but these in no way affect my being satisfied that the accounts presented to me are correct as per my examination.

Yours faithfully,

SIGNED

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