

Chamberlin Hall

Report and Accounts

31 March 2024

Charity number 273234

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Trustees' Report for the year ended 31 March 2024

Principal address

Chamberlin Hall
Chamberlin Close
Bildeston
Suffolk
IP7 7EZ

Trustees

The trustees who served during the year under review were:

Jayne Harrison
Elizabeth Moss
Susan Fell
George Miller - appointed 1 November 2023

Committee members

The Committee members who served during the year under review were:

Neil McNamara
George Miller
Tracy Rose
Hayley Hynard
Kevin Harrison
Fiona Mears

Structure, governance and management

Chamberlin Hall is governed under a trust deed dated 30th December 1978 and operates under a constitution adopted 8th March 2018.

Objects

A village hall for the use of the inhabitants of the parish of Bildeston in the county of Suffolk, without distinction of political, religious or other opinions including use for meetings, lectures, classes and for other forms of recreation and leisure time occupation with the object of improving the condition of life for the said inhabitants.

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Financial review

The charity endeavours to utilise the funds available to the best effect in the advancement of its objects.

The charity's objectives are:

- To provide the facility of a village hall and grounds for the use of the inhabitants of the parish of Bildeston and surrounding areas.
- As such the village hall should seek to improve or enhance the conditions of life for those wishing to make use of it.
- These facilities shall include the provision of spaces for educational or recreational purposes in the form of meetings, lectures, classes, physical or social activities.
- The facilities are open to all, regardless of age, ability, gender, ethnicity, political or religious beliefs.
- To raise sufficient funds to facilitate the above and to maintain the property.

Achievements and performance

2023-2024 has been a year of operating at and maintaining a steady state. Footfall and income to the Hall is down, volunteer support is down, financial support is down, costs are up. The Committee have been working hard to maintain utilisation of assets, striving to save money by reducing overheads and making efficiency improvements which have enabled us to maintain our financial position.

The hall continues to be used for regular clubs and classes, and in addition to those bookings, there have been c.23 private hires and c. 22 events hosted by Chamberlin Hall Committee.

During this year, our highlights have included:

- Continued to keep everything running
- Made efforts to improve out marketing activity
- Have developed relationships with other community halls in neighbouring areas
- Introduced an Energy Management System
- Have improved Health & Safety
- Purchased a pool table
- Continue to engage and collaborate with the Sports Pavilion, B-Natural and the Crown - trying to make the most of our collective resources!
- Application for EVP chargers for the village

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Despite a challenging year, the Committee are proud of all the achievements made throughout this year and the continued contribution made to the community.

The report was approved by the trustees on



Jayne Harrison
Trustee



Susan Fell
Trustee

**Chamberlin Hall
Independent Examiner's Report
for the year ended 31 March 2024**

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Chamberlin Hall

Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Chamberlin Hall for the year ended 31 March 2024.

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").

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.

Independent examiner's statement

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.



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Chamberlin Hall
Statement of assets and liabilities
as at 31 March 2024

	2024			2023
	£			£
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Total
Cash funds				
Cash at bank	48,940	-	48,940	55,069
Cash in hand	2,557	-	2,557	2,649
	<u>51,497</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>51,497</u>	<u>57,718</u>
Other current assets				
Bar stock	2,815	-	2,815	12,495
	<u>2,815</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,815</u>	<u>12,495</u>
Fixed Assets (at valuations)				
Fixtures fittings and equipment	132,272	43,880	176,152	156,805
	<u>132,272</u>	<u>43,880</u>	<u>176,152</u>	<u>156,805</u>
Total Net Assets	<u>186,584</u>	<u>43,880</u>	<u>230,464</u>	<u>227,018</u>

Notes

Chamberlin Hall is owned by Bildeston Parish Council for the benefit of the good people of Bildeston. Accordingly, it is not included within the charity accounts.

Fixtures fittings and equipment valued at trustee's estimated insurance value.

**Chamberlin Hall
Receipts and Payments Account
for the year ended 31 March 2024**

	2024 £			2023 £
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Total
Receipts				
Hall hire	13,417	-	13,417	12,269
Bar sales	37,305	-	37,305	40,642
Fundraising events	14,753	-	14,753	22,040
Bowls	1,450	-	1,450	2,270
Badminton	727	-	727	362
Snooker	810	-	810	479
Beer festival	9,697	-	9,697	8,985
Bonzo's yard membership	705	-	705	996
Grant	-	18,022	18,022	29,659
Charity collections	-	-	-	532
Indoor market	80	-	80	488
Pantomime	2,669	-	2,669	1,513
Wreath workshop	-	-	-	525
Total receipts	81,613	18,022	99,635	120,760
Payments				
Bar purchases	24,325	-	24,325	27,151
Bar staff	15,532	-	15,532	18,869
Fundraising events costs	3,035	465	3,500	2,688
Beer festival costs	5,788	-	5,788	9,301
Bowls expenses	-	-	-	435
Bowls repairs and maintenance	-	-	-	3,568
Solar power project	760	17,557	18,317	18,934
Blind project	-	-	-	8,905
Gifts and donations	-	-	-	727
Equipment purchases	1,030	-	1,030	7,794
Repairs and maintenance	10,645	-	10,645	7,923
Cleaning	197	-	197	250
Advertising	-	-	-	1,836
Insurance	3,828	-	3,828	3,345
Light and heat	14,490	-	14,490	9,952
Rates and water	3,219	-	3,219	1,986
Licences	609	-	609	584
Software and subscriptions	317	-	317	-
Postage and stationery	363	-	363	138
Telephone	1,326	-	1,326	682
Miscellaneous	372	-	372	1,252
	85,836	18,022	103,858	126,320

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	2024		2023	
	£		£	
Management and administration				
Management and administration	828	-	828	891
Independent examiner fees	1,170	-	1,170	978
Total payments	87,834	18,022	105,856	128,189
Net (Payments)/receipts	(6,221)	-	(6,221)	(7,429)
Cash funds brought forward	57,718	-	57,718	65,147
Cash funds carried forward	51,497	-	51,497	57,718