

THE MOTCOMBE MEMORIAL HALL AND RECREATION GROUND

CHAIRMAN'S STATEMENT

2023 was a busy year for the Hall. We continued to experience high demand with over 30 user groups meeting regularly and many one off events- both private and public. The Hall and Recreation Ground is a key asset to the village: reference to the Hall is frequently made in estate agents' particulars promoting Motcombe houses.

Gross income for the year, excluding donations, was £46,668.20 (2022: £55,751.50). The decrease was due to a drop of over £10,000 in Hall hire charges, mainly due to fewer weddings, and lower fete proceeds. This was mitigated by gross income from live streaming doubling to £14,322.25. Expenses were marginally higher at £38,109.41 (2022: £34,953.14). Donations and the welcome return of interest on our deposits contributed an additional £23,276.47 (2022: £2,914.60).

All this resulted in us increasing our bank balance to £111,456.34 (2022: £78,682.79). The good results in both 2022 and 2023 were inflated by us not incurring any significant capital expenditure in either year. However, we have a 95 year old Hall which is heavily used so replacement and renewal is inevitable. We have three major projects planned which will substantially reduce our bank balance. These are increasing the size of our car park, making the Hall more energy efficient with more appealing lighting and remodelling and upgrading the kitchen and Pavilion storage areas. Given the constant threat of another pandemic or other business interruption, the trustees consider it prudent to ensure that our funds are never less than £40,000. Much if not of all of the surplus is likely to be consumed by these projects and minor works.

We continue to benefit from many hours of hard work put in by volunteers to whom we are very grateful. However, we desperately need more volunteers. During the year, James Saumarez, one of the most enthusiastic and colourful of those volunteers sadly passed away. He will be much missed. We have planted an oak tree in the Recreation Ground in his memory.

At the beginning of 2023, Duncan Venn resigned as Chairman of the Management Committee and has been replaced by Gail Potter, Duncan, who remains actively involved with the Hall, took the Hall through a difficult period in which we suffered from the business drop off as a consequence of the pandemic. We are very grateful to him for all his continuing hard work and dedication. Gail has been on the Management Committee for many years and diligently guided the Hall through the year.

Looking forward, we face higher costs and the capital costs referred to above as well as other expenses such as new fire exit doors. This has necessitated an increase in hire charges- the first for 6 years. As Motcombe and its hinterland grows without a commensurate increase in infrastructure, we are likely to see greater demand for the Hall and higher footfall, leading to greater wear and tear. I have every confidence that the Management Committee will successfully navigate these challenges but we rely on new volunteers to assist in this.

David Scully
Chairman of the Trustees
July 2024

Profit and Loss

January - December 2023

	Total
INCOME	
101 Hire of Hall	24,631.23
Clock Hall	39.00
Deposits Returned	-700.00
Total 101 Hire of Hall	23,970.23
Fundraising	
Bar Takings	2,001.95
Motcombe Village Fete	6,043.81
Total Fundraising	8,045.76
Live Streaming Events	14,322.25
Uncategorised Income	329.96
Total Income	46,668.20
COST OF SALES	
Fundraising Expenses	
Fete Expenses	3,784.00
Total Fundraising Expenses	3,784.00
Live Streaming Expenses	4,816.27
Production expenses	1,099.35
Total Cost of Sales	9,699.62
GROSS PROFIT	36,968.58
EXPENSES	
Admin Expenses	
Office/General Administrative Expenses	48.00
PayPal Fees	466.55
Total Admin Expenses	514.55
Bank charges	78.24
Building & Carpark Maintenance	3,240.88
Business Rates	30.80
Caretaker, Cleaning and Sanitary Services	1,230.00
Caretaking	1,780.00
Cleaning	3,292.50
Cleaning Products	659.45
General Maintenance Supplies	56.49
Sanitary Services	291.50
Waste Disposal	185.44
Window Cleaning	285.00
Total Caretaker, Cleaning and Sanitary Services	7,780.38
Electricity	1,370.59
Equipment Maintenance	310.40
Examiner's Fees	409.99
Field Maintenance	1,079.14
Grass Cutting	2,005.00
Total Field Maintenance	3,084.14

	Total
Gas	2,558.48
Insurances	2,331.90
Interest Payable	-366.26
Legal and professional fees	
Accounting	1,763.00
Premises Security	435.60
Total Legal and professional fees	2,198.60
Licences & Subscriptions	1,004.79
Purchases	644.80
Repair and maintenance	1,005.73
Water Rates	576.00
Website Maintenance	359.22
WiFi	1,276.56
Total Expenses	28,409.79
NET OPERATING INCOME	8,558.79
OTHER INCOME	
Donations	22,733.91
Interest earned	542.56
Total Other Income	23,276.47
NET OTHER INCOME	23,276.47
NET INCOME	£31,835.26

Balance Sheet

As at December 31, 2023

	Total
FIXED ASSET	
Tangible assets	
Clock Hall	206,000.00
Equipment	6,801.74
Equipment Depreciation	-2,318.80
Main Hall	850,000.00
Total Tangible assets	1,060,482.94
Total Fixed Asset	1,060,482.94
CASH AT BANK AND IN HAND	
ArtsReach Float	20.00
Cambridge & Counties Savings	80,909.82
Cash on hand	34.59
HSBC - Community Account	23,539.47
New Equipment Fund	3,548.85
PayPal	3,403.61
Total Cash at bank and in hand	111,456.34
DEBTORS	
Debtors	-270.00
Total Debtors	-270.00
CURRENT ASSETS	
Bar Stock	1,494.50
Movie Night Deposit	150.00
Total Current Assets	1,644.50
NET CURRENT ASSETS	112,830.84
NET CURRENT ASSETS (LIABILITIES)	112,830.84
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES	1,173,313.78
TOTAL NET ASSETS (LIABILITIES)	£1,173,313.78
CAPITAL AND RESERVES	
Accumulated Funds	1,115,495.33
Retained Earnings	25,983.19
Profit for the year	31,835.26
Total Capital and Reserves	£1,173,313.78

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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