

Yaxham Village Amenities Association

Charity Commission Report for the year 1st January to 31st December 2023

The Trustees of Yaxham Village Amenities Association administer and maintain Yaxham Village Hall for the benefit of the residents of Yaxham and the wider community who use the facilities available.

The past year has been extremely successful in terms of bookings at the hall. A glance at the calendar shows that the hall is occupied by a variety of groups throughout the week and there has been an increase in the number of children's parties at weekends. The downside of that is that the hall may not be available for last-minute bookings that cannot be made in advance, ie wakes. Sadly, a number of people from the village passed away recently and the hall wasn't available. However, we are sure that it is appreciated that without regular bookings the hall would not be financially viable, nor would there be the broad range of activities available to those in the local area.

We have been without a Chair since January 2021. The Treasurer has covered many aspects of the role of Chair and is happy to continue as Treasurer, but struggles dealing with matters that would usually be handled by a Chair and feels that she cannot continue in the two roles. We are very keen to recruit more trustees to keep the Village Hall available and invite anybody interested to speak with us about coming on board. It is not an onerous commitment and the more trustees we have, the easier everything becomes for all.

The biggest project during 2023, aside from general maintenance and repairs, was the removal, redecoration and replacement of the carpet in the Community Room, which has improved the space enormously for informal meetings and social events like the Community Café. We are grateful to the Yaxham Parish Charity for the grant that enabled this improvement to go ahead.

In terms of fundraising, the Community Café continues to thrive. A 'King's Coronation Café' was held on Thursday 11th May with music and commemorative gifts, which was very well attended. Other events included a Mama Mia evening and a New Year's Eve party, both of which were enjoyed by many residents of the village and wider community. We are limited in expanding village events due to a consistent lack of support by volunteers.

Yaxham Village Amenities Association
Accounts for the Year Ended 31st December 2023

	2023		2022	
Balances brought forward from previous year				
Current Account	£7,322.46		£12,658.73	
CCLA/COIF Deposit Account	£6,190.48		£1,159.47	
Business Premium Account	£0.02		£0.02	
	£13,512.96		£13,818.22	
Receipts and Payments Account				
Receipts				
Village lets	£23,703.10		£21,787.75	
Miscellaneous	£11.44		£500.00	
Bottle bank	£317.58		£378.63	
Community Café	£670.00		£1,701.00	
Donations and Lotto (Note 1)	£164.75		£2,275.87	
Grants (Note 2)	£11,500.00		£5,166.00	
Fundraising Events	£1,230.00		£1,078.50	
CCLA Interest	£331.51		£31.01	
Total receipts	£37,928.38		£32,887.75	
			£46,705.97	
Payments				
Phone/broadband	£311.12		£309.11	
Council Tax	£263.36		£374.47	
Electricity-Hall	£11,015.65		£3,087.04	
Electricity-Church Room	£171.08		£579.11	
Provisional	£0.00		£4,225.00	
Gas	£970.66		£1,149.42	
Water	£350.52		£886.54	
Miscellaneous	£153.98		£11,834.07	
Community Room expenses (Note 2)	£11,112.00		£349.68	
Caretaker/cleaning	£11,333.70		£10,520.48	
Cleaning materials	£320.45			
Bookings admin	£3,600.00		£900.00	
Website	£196.60		£64.80	
Veolia	£547.83		£546.20	
Maintenance and Repairs (Note 3)	£2,678.11		£1,373.60	
Licences and subs	£727.92		£412.11	
Insurance	£896.70		£837.39	
Bank Charges	£41.93			
Total Payments	£44,691.61		£37,449.02	
Net receipts/payments for the period	-£6,763.23		-£4,561.27	
Balance carried forward		£6,749.73		£9,256.95

Balances

Current Account	£2,227.72
CCLA/COIF Deposit Account	£4,521.99
Business Premium Account	£0.02
	£6,749.73

Note 1: The figure for 2022 includes a donation from the CIC. The CIC accounts were delayed and a donation has not yet been made from the CIC to YVAA but will be made at some point in 2024. The CIC made a substantial contribution towards the cost of new carpet for the Community Room.

Note 2: A grant of £11,500 was received from the Parish Council to pay for the cost of removing the wall in the Community Room. The balance of the grant was put towards redecorating and new carpet, part of which was funded directly by the CIC.

Note 3: There was a blockage of pipes to the men's toilets and an issue with drains in the bar that together came to £1,300.



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

Charity Name

Yaxham Village Amenities Association

On accounts for the year
ended

31 December 2023

Charity no
(if any)

275133

Set out on pages

Attached

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

Responsibilities and
basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/12/2023.

As the charity's trustees, 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 all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent
examiner's statement

[The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of [insert name of applicable listed body]]. Delete [] if not applicable.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (other than that disclosed below *) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed:

Date: 18 March 2023

Name:

William G Hinks

Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body

B.Compt. (UNISA)

(if any):

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Section B

Disclosure

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

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

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