

**Great Bentley New Village Hall Fund**  
**(Registered Charity number 275786)**

Report and Accounts for the year ended  
31<sup>st</sup> December 2023

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### **Trustees Annual Report for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023**

The charity's address is Plough Road, Great Bentley, Colchester, Essex CO7 8NB. The charity is a village hall, for the use of the inhabitants of the parish of Great Bentley, without distinction of political, religious, or other opinions, including use for meetings, lectures and classes and for other forms of recreation and leisure time occupation. The charity owns the hall and land immediately surrounding the building. The charity operates entirely for public benefit.

The charity was established by a declaration of trust dated 1st December 1977.

#### **Trustees**

Peter Morton  
Roger Adams  
Kevin Plummer  
Hilary Burdett

#### **Activities for the year 2023**

Great Bentley Village Hall has 3 rooms for hire which are all used regularly across all age groups, pre-school for the very young and lots of clubs and activities for the more mature.

We host clubs and societies based locally, but hirers also come from further afield across the county e.g. the Essex Carpet Bowls Association and Essex Wildlife Trust. Village organisations include Gardening Club, Ladies Club, History Society, 2 different Dance Classes, 3 Badminton Clubs, Table Tennis, and an Art Club.

Bookings were also received for annual Awards Nights, A.G.M.s, elections and birthday parties and private bookings.

#### **Accounts for the year 2023**

Unrestricted funds show a deficit of £1,783.80 this year (2022 surplus of £3,790).

Letting income of £37,641 is a significant increase on the previous year (2022 £31,269).

No grants were received this year. Following the pandemic, when we did lose some hirers, during 2023 our income from hirers continued to increase.

However, because of the high cost of heating and an increase in costs all round including water rates, cleaning & waste disposal, we did find the year challenging.

We have invested £4,428 in a new lighting system in an effort to minimise costs.

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#### **Reserves**

At the end of the year, unrestricted reserves of £51,304 were held, which is over one year of running costs.

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**Receipts and Payments Account for the Year Ended 31st December 2023**

	<b>2023</b>			<b>2022</b>
	<b>Unrestricted</b>	<b>Restricted</b>	<b>Total</b>	
	£	£	£	£
<b>RECEIPTS</b>				
<b>From Trading Activities</b>				
Hall hire	37,640.81		37,640.81	31,269
<b>From Voluntary Sources</b>				
Grants and donations	40.00		40.00	3,287
Other	0.00		0.00	759
<b>From Assets</b>				
Interest	601.46		601.46	35
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<b>38,282.27</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>38,282.27</b>	<b>35,350</b>
<b>PAYMENTS</b>				
<b>Trading Activities</b>				
Staff Costs	7,453.24		7,453.24	7,746
Rates	248.67		248.67	449
Water	1,606.65		1,606.65	1,221
Light, heat and power	11,383.80		11,383.80	7,154
Insurance	1,168.94		1,168.94	1,797
Repairs and Renewals	1,335.78		1,335.78	736
Gardening	596.96		596.96	1,307
Telephone	786.51		786.51	619
Printing, Postage and Stationery	54.77		54.77	8
Sundry Expenses	976.44		976.44	1,500
Cleaning	7,676.50		7,676.50	6,710
Waste disposal	1,034.09		1,034.09	940
<b>Administration of the Charity</b>				
Subscriptions	201.35		201.35	187
Accountancy Fees	390.00		390.00	390
Payroll services	724.20		724.20	796
<b>Other</b>				
New lighting system	4,428.17		4,428.17	
<b>TOTAL PAYMENTS</b>	<b>40,066.07</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>40,066.07</b>	<b>31,560</b>
<b>NET SURPLUS/ DEFICIT</b>	<b>-1,783.80</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>-1,783.80</b>	<b>3,790</b>
<b>Balance Brought Forward</b>	<b>53,088.00</b>		<b>53,088.00</b>	<b>49,298</b>
<b>Balance Carried Forward</b>	<b>51,304.20</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>51,304.20</b>	<b>53,088</b>

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**Statement of Assets & Liabilities at 31st December 2023**

	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
	£	£
<b>MONETARY ASSETS</b>		
<b>Bank Balances</b>		
Cash	55.50	262
Current Account	15,367.59	25,262
Capital Reserve Account	35,881.11	27,564
<b>Total</b>	<b>51,304.20</b>	<b>53,088</b>
 <b>Debtors</b>		
Unpaid Hire Fees	1,657.30	2,643
Prepayments		1,113
 <b>Creditors</b>		
Received in advance	80.50	
HMRC	77.60	38
Accounts and Examination	186.00	390
 <b>NON MONETARY ASSETS</b>		
Village Hall		
Portable Stage		
Tables and chairs, plus trolleys		
Refridgerator, oven, microwave and kitchen equipment		
Cleaning equipment and materials		
Electric floor scrubber/drier		
Ladders		
Large TV/monitor/screen		
CCTV Equipment		
Hearing loop system		
WiFi equipment		
Window blinds		

**Approved by**

Chairman  
Date

Treasurer  
Date

## **Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Great Bentley New Village Hall Fund (Registered Charity number 275786)**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Great Bentley New Village Hall Fund for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023.

### **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'). 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**

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records.

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.



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20<sup>th</sup> May 2024