

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

Report and Accounts for the year ended
31st December 2024

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Trustees Annual Report for the year ended 31st December 2024

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
Frances Edwards

Activities for the year 2024

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 the 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 2024

Unrestricted funds show a deficit of £358.20 this year (2023 deficit of £1,783.80). Letting income of £42,908.72 is a significant increase on the previous year (2023 £37,640.81).

No grants were received this year. Our operating income this year did cover our operating expenditure, despite the high cost of heating and an increase in costs all round, most notably repairs and renewals, sundry expenses and cleaning.

We invested £2,622 in a new piece of cleaning equipment and sanctioned a one-off cleaning cost which was a contributing factor to the deficit of £358.20 for the year.

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 2024

	2024		2023
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total
	£	£	£
RECEIPTS			
From Trading Activities			
Hall hire	42,908.72		42,908.72
			37,640.81
From Voluntary Sources			
Grants and donations	40.00		40.00
Fundraising Income	0.00		0.00
Other Income	477.57		477.57
			0.00
From Assets			
Interest	401.41		401.41
			601.46
TOTAL RECEIPTS	43,827.70	0.00	43,827.70
			38,282.27
PAYMENTS			
Trading Activities			
Staff Costs	7,668.84		7,668.84
			7,453.24
Rates	241.06		241.06
			248.67
Water	1,715.83		1,715.83
			1,606.65
Light, heat and power	11,526.11		11,526.11
			11,383.80
Insurance	1,980.43		1,980.43
			1,168.94
Repairs and Renewals	2,541.76		2,541.76
			1,335.78
Gardening	563.00		563.00
			596.96
Telephone	897.68		897.68
			786.51
Printing, Postage and Stationery	118.33		118.33
			54.77
Sundry Expenses	1,646.30		1,646.30
			976.44
Cleaning	8,133.00		8,133.00
			7,676.50
Waste disposal	1,022.43		1,022.43
			1,034.09
Administration of the Charity			
Subscriptions/Licences	222.68		222.68
			201.35
Accountancy Fees	326.00		326.00
			390.00
Payroll services	904.80		904.80
			724.20
Other			
New cleaning equipment	2,622.00		2,622.00
One-off cleaning	2,055.65		2,055.65
New lighting system			
			4,428.17
TOTAL PAYMENTS	44,185.90	0.00	44,185.90
			40,066.07
NET SURPLUS/ DEFICIT	-358.20	0.00	-358.20
			-1,783.80
Balance Brought Forward	51,304.20		51,304.20
			53,088.00
Balance Carried Forward	50,946.00	0.00	50,946.00
			51,304.20

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Statement of Assets & Liabilities at 31st December 2024

	2024	2023
	£	£
MONETARY ASSETS		
Bank Balances		
Cash	62.10	55.50
Current Account	14,601.38	15,367.59
Capital Reserve Account	36,282.52	35,881.11
Total	50,946.00	51,304.20
 Debtors		
Unpaid Hire Fees	1775.65	1,657.30
Prepayments		
 Creditors		
Received in advance	197.40	80.50
HMRC	62.20	77.60
Accounts and Examination	186.00	186.00
 NON MONETARY ASSETS		
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 31st December 2024.

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.



Jan Stobart, FCCA
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26th March 2025