

TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 14th NOVEMBER 2023Reference and administration details

Mountnessing Village Hall is a registered charity, number 278509.

Day to day management of the Village Hall is the responsibility of the Mountnessing Village Hall Management Committee. The trustees of this Committee during the year were:

- John McCoy Appointed by Billericay Mayflower Bridge Club (Chair)
- Andrew Stephenson Elected (Treasurer/Secretary wef March 2023)
- Ieuan Harries Appointed by Mountnessing Village Council (Treasurer and Secretary Resigned March 2023)
- Brian Hurrell Appointed by Shaftesbury Cycling Club
- Susan Conley Appointed by Shenfield U3A Art Multi Media
- Alaric Cundy Appointed by Mountnessing Bridge Club
- Rita Harries Appointed by St Giles Church (Resigned March 2023)
- Susan Stevens Appointed by Shenfield U3A
- Elizabeth Fajimolou Appointed Mountnessing Village Council (From March 2023)

Mountnessing Village Council is the Custodian Trustee of Mountnessing Village Hall.

The address of the principal (Charity Commission Registered) office of the Mountnessing Village Hall is 149 Roman Road, Mountnessing CM15 0UD. The Hall is located at Roman Road, Mountnessing, CM15 0UG.

The bankers of the Hall are:

- Barclays Bank - High Street, Brentwood, Essex.

The independent Examiner is:

- David Parker FCA – 8a Church Road, Mountnessing, Brentwood, CM15 0TH.

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The governing document of the charity is a lease and trust deed dated 21st March 1979. To be more relevant to present day requirements the lease and trust deed has been amended and a resolution approving this amendment was passed at the Annual General Meeting held on 7th September 2020.

The charity is constituted as a Trust.

The management committee members consist of up to eight elected members and twelve representative members and not more than four co-opted members. Representative members are appointed from user bodies who are supportive of the charity objectives and that notify the secretary of the committee the name of the representative. Elected members are elected at the annual general meeting, whilst co-opted members are appointed at committee meetings.

Objectives and activities

The objectives of the charity are to establish and run a village hall and to promote for the benefit of the inhabitants of the village of Mountnessing and the neighbourhood ('area of benefit') without distinction of political, religious or other opinions including use for meetings, lectures, classes and other forms of recreation and leisure-time occupation with the object of improving the conditions of life of the inhabitants.

In managing Mountnessing Village Hall the trustees had due regard to the Charity Commission's public benefit guidance.

In the past year the public benefit was continued provision of a village hall facility to provide a regular venue for a wide variety of local organizations such as two bridge clubs, art clubs a cycling club, a number of U3A groups, a thriving senior citizens club and mother & toddler groups. In addition, the hall is used as a one off venue for a wide range events such as children's parties, weddings, anniversaries, quizzes, shoe sales and charity fund raising events.

Achievements and performance

The hall was heavily used on weekdays by many locally based regular user groups during the year. Weekends were usually used for private social gatherings of various kinds. More use of the hall at weekends following facility upgrades and promotion of the availability has led to a substantial uplift in income surplus over regular expenditure from pre COVID levels. All such surpluses are ploughed back into uplifting hall facilities in addition to maintaining a suitable emergency reserve for the substantial building which the trustees have responsibility for.

Repairs and renewals continue to be made to address the backlog of updating for the 40 year old building. This year the focus has been on improving the gardens associated with the hall. This is of importance as an insurance claim was made by a user following an injury in the grounds. The claim remains outstanding for settlement but is being handled by our insurers.

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Energy costs were in focus as a favourable 3 year fixed price electricity contract ended in September 2023. A new 3 year deal (at significantly increased rates) has been taken out to help keep costs predictable. The hall has no gas supply so is heated by electricity.

A particular issue during the financial year was the demand of Barclays Bank to validate our accounts. The trustees took various steps to avoid disruption in the event that Barclays chose to close the bank accounts as threatened in their correspondence in this matter. Barclays have now completed their actions and the accounts continue to be maintained at their Brentwood Branch.

The trustees are mindful of the need for the hall to be used for community group activity purposes and over the course of the last 12 months have sought to raise its profile. There is scope for this to continue and to encourage the community to develop activities that could be accommodated at the hall, especially at weekends.

Financial review

In order to continue to secure and sustain the Hall's viability and its future availability to users the Trustees policy is to aim to hold sufficient funds in unrestricted reserves to support planned major maintenance and improvement costs as well as being able to meet variations in future income and expenditure.

The Trustees reviews its Reserve Policy on an annual basis.

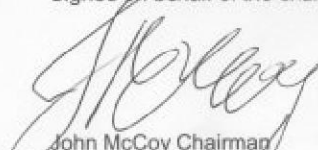
Mountnessing Village Hall held £36,166 in unrestricted funds at 14th November 2023

The requirement to disclose details of any funds materially in deficit is not applicable.

Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees.



John McCoy Chairman
Date: 25/3/24

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 14th NOVEMBER 2023

The receipts and payments account provides an analysis of the incoming and cash for the year.

The statement of assets and liabilities outlines the charity's main assets and liabilities at the end of the year including the cash balances at the year end shown in the receipts and payments account.

I report to you on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 14th November 2023 which were submitted to me by the trustees. I have examined the accounts and I have found them to be in accordance with the accounts and the statement of assets and liabilities for the year ended 14th November 2023.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination and I confirm that no material irregularities have been detected in the accounts and I have no reason to believe that any irregularities have occurred.

1. The accounts are in accordance with the accounts and the statement of assets and liabilities for the year ended 14th November 2023.
2. The accounts do not contain any material irregularities.

I have no objection to the accounts and I have no reason to believe that any irregularities have occurred. I have no objection to the accounts and I have no reason to believe that any irregularities have occurred.


David Paine FCA
Independent Examiner
Charity Accountant
14th November 2023



REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT EXAMINER

TO THE TRUSTEES OF MOUNTNESSING VILLAGE HALL

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 14th NOVEMBER 2023

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 14th November 2023 which are set out on pages

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's 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').

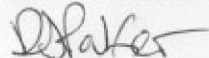
I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination and 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:

1. accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the
2. 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.



David Parker FCA
8a Church Road
Mountnessing
Brentwood
Essex
CM15 0TH

Date: 25/03/2024

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RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 14th NOVEMBER 2023

	2023	2022
	£	£
Receipts		
Hall Lettings - Regular Groups	20,814	16,131
Hall Lettings - Functions	13,246	17,976
Government Grant	0	2,667
Voluntary Sources Grants	0	2,900
Bank Interest	106	14
Other Income	336	0
Donation	2,264	0
	<u>36,766</u>	<u>39,688</u>

Payments		
Electricity	2,953	3,986
Water & sewerage	907	606
Waste removal	1,534	1,128
Repairs & replacements	6,376	29,880
Garden & car park maintenance	4,386	2,330
Insurance	1,258	943
RCCE-Subscription and Professional advice	117	66
Wages	9,788	10,394
Consumable Materials	593	202
Postage and stationery	0	33
Rates	118	0
Website and Broadband	624	532
Miscellaneous	307	101

Net (Payments)/ Receipts 28,961 50,201

Net Surplus/(Deficit) 7,805 -10,513

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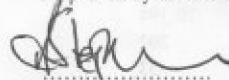
STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AT 14th NOVEMBER 2023

	2023	2022
	£	£
Current Assets		
Cash at Bank - Trust Account	2,693	-668
Cash at Bank - Lettings Account	1,148	2,535
Cash at Bank - Business Premium Account	32,299	26,493
Petty Cash	26	1
Net Assets	36,166	28,361

Funds

Village Hall unrestricted:		
Balance brought forward	28,361	38,874
Net (payments) /receipts in the year	7,805	-10,513
Balance carried forward	36,166	28,361

Approved by the Committee of Trustees and signed on its behalf


Treasurer


Chairman

Date:

The notes on page 3 form part of these accounts