

MERESIDE VILLAGE ASSOCIATION

England & Wales · Charity number 281945

Details

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 1981-04-09

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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Activities

Objects: TO COLLECT SUMS OF MONEY FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING A PLAYING FIELD AND FACILITIES ANCILLARY THERETO AND A VILLAGE HALL FORTHE USE OF THE INHABITANTS OF THE VILLAGE OF MERESIDE IN THE PARISH OF RAMSEY AND THE NIEGHBOURHOOD IN THE COUNTY OF CAMBRIDGESHIRE WITHOUT DISTINCTION OF SEX OR OF POLITICAL, OR RELIGIOUS OR OTHER OPINIONS, WITH THE OBJECT OF IMPROVING THE CONDITIONS OF LIFE FOR THE SAID INHABITANTS IN THE INTERESTS OF SOCIAL WELFARE AND TO MANAGE, ADMINISTER AND MAINTAIN THE SAID PLAYING FIELD AND VILLAGE HALL.

Activities: To collect sums of money for the purpose of providing a playing field and ancillary facilities and a village hall for the use of the inhabitants of the village of Mereside in the parish of Ramsey and the neighbourhood for the county of Cambridgeshire without distinction of sex or of political, or religious or other opinions, with the object of improving conditions of life.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space
- **What:** Amateur Sport, Economic/community Development/employment, Recreation
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** VILLAGE OF MERESIDE
- Cambridgeshire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£9,515	£16,510	-	-
2023-12-31	£57,285	£40,097	-	-
2022-12-31	£32,525	£62,118	-	-
2021-12-31	£91,995	£69,836	-	-
2020-12-31	£37,003	£40,097	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
CAROLE ANN GUDGION		2022-03-10
JOHN ALEXANDER RODNEY CHRISP		
KATHLEEN ANN ADDY		2022-03-10
MICHAEL JOHN STITSON		2022-03-10
STEPHEN DAVIS		2022-03-10
WENDY JANE ANSELL		2015-01-30

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Trustees' Annual Report for the Mereside Village Association

1 January 2023 – 31 December 2023

Ramsey Mereside Village Hall

Drovers Close

Ramsey Mereside PE26 2UH




Trustees

John Mitchell (Chairman)	Steve Davis (Vice Chairman)	Gill Mitchell (Secretary)
Michael Stitson (Treasurer)	Kathy Addy	Susan Walker
John Chrisp (Hall Bookings/ President)	Barbara Davis	Corinne Campbell
Wendy Ansell (Newsletter Editor)		Carole Gudgion

The Mereside Village Association is an Unincorporated Association governed by its Trust Deed, dated 15th October 1980.

“The objects of the [Mereside Village] Association are to collect sums of money for the purpose of providing a playing field and facilities ancillary thereto and a Village Hall for the use of the inhabitants of the village of Mereside in the parish of Ramsey and the neighbourhood in the county of Cambridgeshire, without distinction of sex or of political, religious or other opinions, with the object of improving the conditions of life for the said inhabitants in the interests of social welfare and to manage, administer and maintain the said playing field and Village Hall.”

Association details

 Bank account	TSB Bank, Sort Code 77-72-18, a/c no 15691268
 Independent examiner	Yvonne Goodman
 Insurance	Allied Westminster - Village Guard

Conversion to a CIO

As part of the Hallmark process the Mereside Village Association (MVA) is being converted into a Charitable Incorporated Organisation; the final part of the process is the resolution presented at this meeting. This process has been overseen by Cambridgeshire ACRE. The trustees have given full regard to s121(2) of the Charities Act 2011 to give public notice and take into consideration any representation, which was done on 1st September 2022. Following discussion with ACRE a successful application was made to the Charity Commission on 8th February 2023. The Ramsey Mereside Village Hall CIO (RMVH) has the same objectives (although the text includes more modern wording regarding

inclusion) and area of benefit as the MVA. The new governing document means that some of the processes are more up-to-date such as the nomination procedure and the structure of the committee. The MVA and the CIO will continue to exist in parallel for a year, but the CIO will now manage, administer and maintain the playing field and facilities and an application will be made to the Charity Commission to close the MVA.

2023 Achievements

The trustees obtained a substantial grant of £16,766.23 from the Glassmoor Bank Windfarm for the UK sourced and remanufactured materials to construct the large, decked area to the rear of the hall which has proved to be very popular with the hall's users.

The trustees are delighted that some of the villagers came together and re-introduced the Strawberry Fayre. As the trustees are well aware, it requires a lot of hard work to put on such a successful large outdoor event and the efforts of these villagers is much appreciated by the trustees and by Ramsey Mereside. The object of the 2023 Strawberry was to purchase a set of outdoor furniture to be used on the deck in the warmer months. The 10 outdoor tables and matching 40 chairs have proved to be a thoughtful and useful purchase to add to the hall's facilities.

The children's play area has been refurbished more than once this year making sure that the structures continue to be safe for children to use. The nylon net for the MUGA has also been replaced with a brand new one as well as the supports both on the frame of the goal and in the ground. The backboard to the basketball hoop has also been refurbished by the "Shed Men".

The trustees are pleased to report that there have been no serious incidents that require reporting to the Charity Commission. The association raised funds from the public but without the help of professional fundraisers although there is an agreement with the Drovers Rest that gifts their profit to the MVA at the end of their financial year, 31st May each year. The MVA has not made any grants this year and has not entered into any contracts with local or central government. The trustees have received no grants from local or central government or received any income from outside the UK. The association operates in England and has no subsidiaries. None of the trustees receive any remuneration, payments or benefits from the charity other than refunds of legitimate trustee expenses. The three employee's wages amounted to £4,144 and there were 10 volunteers who provided regular help to the trustees. The trustees reviewed all policies including those on financial controls and safeguarding during the year.

Hall hire

When you read the accounts you will notice that the income from hall hire has reached over £11,000 which is not only a record for the hall but shows how often the hall is being used for MVA events (which are usually sold out) as well as a wide range of celebratory events for villagers.

The “Shed Men”

The small band of handymen have continued their good work throughout the year, generally meeting on a Wednesday morning:

- The ramps and handrails for the deck have been completed along with the new paving near the new container.
- Trees have been pruned in some cases and the canopies raised in others.
- Minor gardening works such as removing all of the brambles from the fences as well as weeding and repairs to structures in the nature garden.
- Improving the fire safety of the solar battery installation.
- Ensuring that the heating pasteurisation process was taking place as it should – which it is.
- Minor plumbing work in the ladies toilets and in the bar.
- Repairing the back panel of the basketball hoop on the MUGA using recycled material.

Where high quality certified work was required the MVA has employed external contractors:

- Greenscape repaired issues with the heat pump and resolved problems with the solar inverters.

Reserves Policy

The MVA has sufficient resources in the bank as unrestricted reserves at the year end. These reserves are available for unforeseen expenditure in relation to building maintenance or urgent furniture or equipment replacement. It is the Trustees’ policy to maintain unrestricted reserves¹ of between 150% and 200% of annual revenue budget expenditure.

There are currently no restricted funds for maintenance in hand although a number of important maintenance and safety activities are planned for the next year.

Defibrillators

The MVA led the fund raising to purchase the three defibrillators in the village. The case to the one by HD Engineering was damaged and the MVA replaced it. A villager regularly checks them and passes the information to “The Circuit” which is the national database of defibrillators used by the NHS. Currently, each of the 14 ambulance services across the UK have their own defibrillator database for their area. The Circuit brings this information together into one database. As defibrillators are registered on The Circuit, their location and status is instantly synchronised with the emergency services’ systems ensuring that their information is always up to date and ready to help save lives.

...and finally

The Drivers Rest is also setting records year on year and the trustees wish to express their thanks to all of the many hard working volunteer bar staff who have appeared behind the bar this year.

Future Plans

The committee wishes to build on the existing success of the hall and use Hallmark process to ensure the continued development of the hall, the health and safety of its users, security and licenses.

Other than the day-to-day maintenance, the committee has identified the following maintenance and safety related projects:

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- Modernisation of the electrical wiring and emergency lighting to be compliant with new codes of practice.
- Re-installation of the benches that were moved to make way for the new decking.
- New “green” car parking and provision of more space for disabled parking.
- Paving the area in front of the new container to improve access.
- Improved lighting for the stage and dance floor.
- Complete the fascia of the deck.
- Arrange for the construction of a green car park and additional disabled parking.
- Provide additional solar lighting to the car park and paths.
- Providing timed solar lighting on the MUGA.
- Develop the proposal to add a new changing room extension in conjunction with Sport England.

I wish to thank the committee and all the other volunteers for their cheerful contributions to the running of the hall and for their support for the various events and activities that are run at the hall.

John Mitchell,

Chair 16th March 2024.



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Financial Statement - Year Ending 31st December 2023

Opening Funds 1st January 2023

Investments	£16,261	
Bank TSB	£17,713	
Cash in hand	<u>£1,821</u>	
		£35,795

Closing Funds 31st December 2023

Investments	£17,831	
Bank TSB	£33,021	
Cash in hand	<u>£2,132</u>	

£52,983

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£17,188

Income

As per page 5	£57,285
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Expenditure

As per page 6	£40,097
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Income Over Expenditure

£17,188

Common Investment Fund (COIF) Accounts Year Ending 31st December 2023

COIF DEPOSIT ACCOUNT - 977640001C

Balance b/f as at 1/1/23	£13,122.16	
Dividend from Investment Fund	£688.77	
Interest	£587.76	
Closing Balance as at 31/12/23		£14,398.69

COIF INVESTMENT FUND - 977640001T

Balance b/f as at 1/1/23 (172.95 units @1814.93 per unit)	£3,138.92	
Closing Balance as at 31/12/23 (172.95 units @1984.50 per unit)		<u>£3,432.19</u>
Total COIF Balances as at 31/12/23		£17,830.88



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Receipts and Payments Year Ending 31st December 2023

<u>Receipts</u>	<u>COIF</u>	<u>Cash</u>	<u>Bank</u>	<u>Total</u>
Adverts		£20.00	£418.00	£438.00
Bingo		£1,039.13		£1,039.13
Donations To Gift a/c		£211.00	£10,279.18	£10,490.18
Grants ²			£16,766.23	£16,766.23
Hall Hire		£956.10	£10,576.00	£11,532.10
Event		£5,390.94		£5,390.94
Loan Drivers Rest			£375.00	£375.00
Misc		£86.00	£72.00	£158.00
Cash Discrepancy (Over)		£93.55		£93.55
Rent Drivers Rest			£3,600.00	£3,600.00
Cash To Bank			£5,832.00	£5,832.00
Bank Interest	£587.76			£587.76
Dividend from Investment Fund	£688.77			£688.77
Revaluation of COIF Units	£293.27			£293.27
	£1,569.80	£7,796.72	£47,918.41	£57,284.93

² This is the grant from the Glassmoor Bank Windfarm that paid for the materials for the new decking.



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<u>Payments</u>	<u>COIF</u>	<u>Cash</u>	<u>Bank</u>	<u>Total</u>
Bank Charges				£0.00
Bingo		£830.00		£830.00
Electricity			£716.19	£716.19
Entertainment			£84.00	£84.00
Handyman			£904.00	£904.00
Wages	£100.00	£2,869.00		£2,969.00
HMRC			£271.00	£271.00
Insurance			£1,687.27	£1,687.27
Licences			£674.82	£674.82
Maintenance			£3,319.09	£3,319.09
Meresider Printing			£1,608.00	£1,608.00
Misc	£523.00	£2,998.84		£3,521.84
Phone & Broadband			£493.84	£493.84
Purchases For Hall	£70.79	£1,484.28		£1,555.07
Construction of the deck			£11,625.67	£11,625.67
Repayment of Nature Garden Grant			£2,592.84	£2,592.84
Rates			£509.26	£509.26
Rubbish Collection			£613.84	£613.84
TV Licence			£159.00	£159.00
Window Cleaning		£130.00		£130.00
To Bank		£5,832.00		£5,832.00
TOTAL	£0.00	£7,485.79	£32,610.94	£40,096.73
Receipt over Payments	£1,569.80	£310.93	£15,307.47	£17,188.20

AUDIT CERTIFICATE

I certify that I have carried out an audit of the records of Ramsey Mereside Village Association. I am satisfied that these have been accurately produced and maintained and form an accurate basis for the accounts for the year ended 31st December 2023.

I have also verified that the income and expenditure, assets and liabilities of the said Ramsey Mereside Village Association are correctly stated in the said accounts, which portray a correct and fair statement of the said Association's finances.



Yvonne Goodman
Independent Auditor

17th February 2024

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2021

The hard work of the volunteers and the grants that we have received enabled the hall to weather the pandemic and return to normal; events are taking place and villagers are using the hall again. The Hallmark process was begun and level 1 achieved.

2022 Achievements

Continuing the work on Hallmark; not only did we achieve level 2 (policies and processes) but level 3 (community interaction) as well. Mereside is only the third village hall in Cambridgeshire to achieve level 3 and to do so in a calendar year is quite an achievement. Cambridgeshire ACRE (the organisation that runs the scheme throughout the County) said they *"are pleased to announce the trustees at Ramsey Mereside Village Hall have achieved the highest level possible to gain Hallmark 3 accreditation. The Trustees were praised for the excellent management of their facility. The visitors who carried out the accreditation inspections were very impressed with the dedication of the trustees and the considerable amount of work they have completed over recent years to ensure the facility continues to be at the heart of the community."*

The small band of handymen have continued their good work throughout the year:

- The potential trip hazards on the walkways round the hall have been ground down.
- The "library" has been refurbished and space made for jigsaws.
- Mood lighting added to the back of the hall.

- A large flat screen tv was donated to the hall and has been mounted on the wall and connections provided for the youth club to use their electronic games devices.
- The picnic benches were cleaned and refurbished.
- The swags and wreaths that are our Christmas decorations were refurbished with new LED lighting.
- Concrete supports were constructed for the new container.

Where high quality certified work was required the MVA has employed external contractors:

- A local firm expertly replaced the facias on the gable ends of the hall.
- An external contractor doubled the insulation in the roof space and added a loft ladder.

Conversion to a CIO

As part of the Hallmark 1 process the visitors noted that there were issues to be resolved with the “governing document”, times had moved on and the MVA had stood still as it were. We decided to change the association to become a CIO (Charitable Incorporated Organisation). This involved a lot of meetings, including a village meeting to confirm the change and a significant amount of work to draft and agree a suitable, new governing document. This whole process was overseen by Cambridgeshire ACRE and the application to the Charity Commission was made on 8th February 2023.

The Jubilee

Although the weather was poor resulting in the abandonment of the outdoor portion of the day and which affected many other events in the area, the celebration in the hall was probably one of the most well attended indoor events in the history of the MVA. The King & I caught the mood of the event and people came from miles around to joyfully celebrate the Queen’s Platinum Jubilee.

As a more permanent reminder, the committee planted 7 oak trees all descended from the “Royal Oak” as part of the Queen’s Green Canopy. His Honour Neil McKittrick DL, Deputy Lord Lieutenant of Cambridgeshire ceremonially buried the time capsule under the centre tree and the MVA received a virtual plaque to signify that the trees were registered as part of the green canopy. This can be seen on the hall website.

...and finally

Most importantly a new draught beer, Miletree “Rolling Mile”, has been added to the range of fine ales and beers available at the bar.

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Future Plans

The committee wishes to build on the existing success of the hall and use Hallmark process to ensure the continued development of the hall, the health and safety of its users, security and licenses.

The committee has identified the following maintenance and safety related projects:

- Providing a large, decked area on the field side of the hall at the same height as the hall interior floor for safe access for all users. (Work began on 6th March)
- Providing a “teen shelter” on the grounds.
- Repainting the soffits and facias where necessary on the side walls of the hall. (Completed this year)
- Provide additional solar lighting to the car park and paths.
- Providing timed solar lighting on the MUGA.
- Providing lighting for football training in the winter.

I wish to thank all the committee and the other volunteers for their cheerful contributions to the running of the hall and for their support for the various events and activities that are run at the hall.

John Mitchell, Chair 10th March 2023.

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MERESIDE VILLAGE ASSOCIATION FINANCIAL STATEMENT - YEAR ENDING 31ST DECEMBER 2022

OPENING FUND 1ST JANUARY 2022

INVESTMENTS	£ 15,863.86
BANK TSB	£ 48,263.95
CASH IN HAND	£ 1,260.59
	£ 65,388.40

CLOSING FUNDS 31ST DECEMBER 2022

INVESTMENTS	£ 16,261.08
BANK TSB	£ 17,713.25
CASH IN HAND	£ 1,820.72
	£ 35,795.05

NETT MOVEMENT IN YEAR **-£ 29,593.35**

INCOME £ 32,524.58
As per attached sheet

EXPENDITURE £ 62,117.93
As per attached sheet

INCOME OVER EXPENDITURE **-£ 29,593.35**

COIF ACCOUNTS YEAR ENDING 31ST DECEMBER 2022

COIF DEPOSIT ACCOUNT - 977640001C

Balance b/f as at 1/1/22	£ 12,312.02
Dividend from Investment Fund	£ 686.12
Interest	£ 124.02
Closing Balance as at 31/12/22	£ 13,122.16

COIF INVESTMENT FUND - 977640001T

Balance b/f as at 1/1/22	£ 3,551.84	172.95 units @2053.68 per unit
Revaluation of COIF units	-£ 412.92	
Closing Balance as at 31/12/22	£ 3,138.92	172.95 units @1814.93 per unit
TOTAL COIF BALANCES AS AT 31/12/22	£ 16,261.08	

Mereside Village Association
Receipts and Payments Year Ending 31st December 2022

Receipts	COIF	Cash	Bank	Total
Adverts		£ -	£ 326.00	£ 326.00
Bingo		£ 509.50	£ -	£ 509.50
Donations To Gift A/C		£ 733.28	£ 9,076.68	£ 9,809.96
Entertainment		£ 4,265.50	£ 112.00	£ 4,377.50
Grants		£ -	£ 2,667.00	£ 2,667.00
Hall Hire		£ 1,075.80	£ 4,762.00	£ 5,837.80
Loan Drovers Rest		£ -	£ -	£ -
Misc		£ 420.00	£ 283.60	£ 703.60
Rent Drovers Rest		£ -	£ 3,600.00	£ 3,600.00
Cash To Bank		£ -	£ 4,296.00	£ 4,296.00
Bank Interest	£ 124.02	£ -	£ -	£ 124.02
Dividend Investment Fund	£ 686.12	£ -	£ -	£ 686.12
Revaluation of COIF Units	-£ 412.92	£ -	£ -	-£ 412.92
	£ 397.22	£ 7,004.08	£ 25,123.28	£ 32,524.58

Payments				
Bingo		£ 480.00	£ -	£ 480.00
Cleaning		£ 1.00	£ -	£ 1.00
Drainage Board		£ -	£ 124.90	£ 124.90
Electricity		£ -	£ 356.00	£ 356.00
Fire Equipment		£ -	£ 74.91	£ 74.91
Handyman		£ 178.75	£ 590.00	£ 768.75
HMRC		£ -	£ 63.80	£ 63.80
Licences		£ -	£ 893.08	£ 893.08
Maintenance		£ -	£ 9,215.76	£ 9,215.76
Meresider Printing		£ -	£ 1,280.50	£ 1,280.50
Miscellaneous		£ 690.00	£ 888.00	£ 1,578.00
Phone & Broadband		£ -	£ 433.32	£ 433.32
Purchases For Hall		£ 694.20	£ 38,134.56	£ 38,828.76
Rates		£ -	£ 444.06	£ 444.06
Rubbish Collection		£ -	£ 398.07	£ 398.07
TV Licence		£ -	£ 158.82	£ 158.82
Wages		£ -	£ 2,618.20	£ 2,618.20
Water		£ -	£ -	£ -
Window Cleaning		£ 104.00	£ -	£ 104.00
Hall Hire		£ -	£ -	£ -
To Bank		£ 4,296.00	£ -	£ 4,296.00
TOTAL	£ -	£ 6,443.95	£ 55,673.98	£ 62,117.93
Receipt over Payments	£ 397.22	£ 560.13	-£ 30,550.70	-£ 29,593.35

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2021

The Covid regulations were relaxed, and the hall finally reopened. The hard work of the volunteers and the grants that we have received have helped the hall to weather the pandemic and towards the end of the year we start to return to normal; events are taking place and villagers are using the hall again.

2021 Achievements

The hall has been awarded Hallmark 1 status. This demonstrates that the hall is well run and has easily met the standards set by Hallmark. The report states that ***“the dedication of the trustees is clear to see, and they work incredibly hard to maintain the excellent standards within the building”***. The certificate is on the website which is also new this year. A group of committee members have already made a start on Hallmark 2.

The small band of handymen have continued their good work throughout the year:

- The lighting in the hall for events has changed with the lights for the artistes and the lights for dancing being separated and controlled more easily.
- Up and downlighters have been added to the back wall to provide low-level light for the audience when an event is taking place.
- The Christmas wreaths have been refurbished with LED lighting.
- Outdoor woodwork has been re-stained

In addition, we have added a number of technological changes to the hall:

- The hall now makes use of the Hallmaster booking system for hiring the hall. Users can see when the hall is in use and when it is available and if they wish to they can make a provisional booking. The existing recurring bookings have been transferred and users are now making their own bookings for the hall.
- We have added to the variety of outdoor fitness equipment by having chin-up bars installed.
- The hall has its own website meresidevillagehall.co.uk which has information about the hall as well as the link to the Hallmaster page and the Hallmark Certificate. If anyone has content that they would like to add to the website, please contact a committee member.

Most importantly a new draught beer, Digfield's Fool's Nook, has been added to the range of fine ales and beers available at the bar.

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Future Plans

The committee wishes to build on the existing success of the hall and use Hallmark 2 to ensure the continued development of the hall, the health and safety of its users, security and licenses.

The committee has identified the following maintenance and safety related projects:

- Replacing the soffits and fascias where necessary on the gable walls of the hall.
- Refurbishing the other soffits and fascias.
- Resolving the issue with the hall apron being unsafe; hence the yellow paint warning of uneven surfaces.
- Provide additional solar lighting to the car park and paths.
- Providing timed solar lighting on the MUGA.
- Providing lighting for football training in the winter.
- Replacing the container used as storage.

I wish to thank all of the committee and the other volunteers for their cheerful contributions to the running of the hall whilst it had been closed and now as it opens up for their support for the various events and activities that are run at the hall.

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COIF ACCOUNTS YEAR ENDING 31ST DECEMBER 2021

COIF DEPOSIT ACCOUNT - 977640001C

Balance b/f as at 1/1/21	11,642.11
Dividend from Investment Fund	668.52
Interest	1.39
Closing Balance as at 31/12/21	12,312.02

COIF INVESTMENT FUND - 977640001T

Balance b/f as at 1/1/21	3,108.90	172.95 units @1797.57 per unit
Closing Balance as at 31/12/21	3,551.84	172.95 units @2053.68 per unit
TOTAL COIF BALANCES AS AT 31/12/21	15,863.86	

Mereside Village Association
Receipts and Payments Year Ending 31st December 2021

<u>Receipts</u>	COIF	Cash	Bank	Total
Adverts		0.00	261.50	261.50
Bingo		0.00	0.00	0.00
Donations To Gift A/C		294.35	4844.40	5138.75
Entertainment		312.06	0.00	312.06
Grants		0.00	75617.00	75617.00
Hall Hire		644.00	2093.00	2737.00
Loan Drivers Rest		0.00	125.00	125.00
Misc		0.00	991.00	991.00
Rent Drivers Rest		0.00	5700.00	5700.00
Cash To Bank		0.00	0.00	0.00
Bank Interest	1.39	0.00	0.00	1.39
Dividend from Investment Fund	668.52	0.00	0.00	668.52
Revaluation of COIF Units	442.94	0.00	0.00	442.94
	1112.85	1250.41	89631.90	91995.16

Payments

Bank Charges		0.00	0.00	0.00
Bingo		0.00	0.00	0.00
Carpet Cleaning		0.00	0.00	0.00
Cleaning		0.00	0.00	0.00
Donations		0.00	0.00	0.00
Drainage Board		0.00	119.40	119.40
Electricity		0.00	1023.00	1023.00
Entertainment		0.00	0.00	0.00
Fire Equipment		0.00	344.65	344.65
Handyman		256.25	0.00	256.25
HMRC		0.00	30.20	30.20
Licences		0.00	585.68	585.68
Maintenance		0.00	1301.44	1301.44
Meresider Printing		0.00	923.50	923.50
Misc		400.00	476.00	876.00
Oil		0.00	0.00	0.00
Phone & Broadband		0.00	411.24	411.24
Purchases For Hall		117.80	62204.03	62321.83
Rates		0.00	289.88	289.88
Rubbish Collection		0.00	376.53	376.53
Training		0.00	0.00	0.00
TV Licence		0.00	159.00	159.00
Wages		0.00	677.08	677.08
Water		0.00	0.00	0.00
Window Cleaning		140.00	0.00	140.00
Hall Hire		0.00	0.00	0.00
To Bank		0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL	0.00	914.05	68921.63	69835.68
Receipt over Payments	1112.85	336.36	20710.27	22159.48

**MERESIDE VILLAGE ASSOCIATION
FINANCIAL STATEMENT - YEAR ENDING 31ST DECEMBER 2021**

OPENING FUND 1ST JANUARY 2021

INVESTMENTS	14,751
BANK TSB	27,554
CASH IN HAND	924
	43,229

CLOSING FUNDS 31ST DECEMBER 2021

INVESTMENTS	15,864
BANK TSB	48,264
CASH IN HAND	1,261
	65,388

NETT MOVEMENT IN YEAR **22,159**

INCOME 91,995
As per attached sheet

EXPENDITURE 69,836
As per attached sheet

INCOME OVER EXPENDITURE **22,159**

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AUDIT CERTIFICATE

I certify that I have carried out an audit of the records of Ramsey Mereside Village Association. I am satisfied that these have been accurately produced and maintained and form an accurate basis for the accounts for the year ended 31st December 2021.

I have also verified that the income and expenditure, assets and liabilities of the said Ramsey Mereside Village Association are correctly stated in the said accounts, which portray a correct and fair statement of the said Association's finances.

Yvonne Goodman
Independent Auditor

24th January 2022

MERESIDE VILLAGE ASSOCIATION

England & Wales - Charity number 281945

Accounts

The future sees us having installed another piece of keep fit equipment in the form chin up bars, which are planned to be go between the trim trail and the MUGA.

I would like to extend a big 'thank you' to all the individuals who organise and run events regularly throughout the year for no financial gain, this I feel helps massively towards promoting a good community spirit.

I joined as a committee member in 2006, enticed by a modern building and some lovely people. Since then every committee over the years has supported the development / upgrading of these facilities, I sincerely hope this carries on. We do require new changing rooms for the sports field, which hopefully should encourage more team sports, a small purpose built meeting room and the one thing we all suffer from at some time in our life ... more storage space.

We urgently require new committee members who would like to help and drive forward these projects, so if you feel you would like to get involved please let us know in AOB.

Thank you very much for attending!


(CHAIRMAN)

MENESIDE VILLAGE ASSOCIATION

via Outlook 2021.

27th September 2021.

**MERESIDE VILLAGE ASSOCIATION
FINANCIAL STATEMENT - YEAR ENDING 31ST DECEMBER 2020**

OPENING FUND 1ST JANUARY 2020

INVESTMENTS	13,879
BANK TSB	30,960
CASH IN HAND	1,483
	46,322

CLOSING FUNDS 31ST DECEMBER 2020

INVESTMENTS	14,751
BANK TSB	27,554
CASH IN HAND	924
	43,229

NETT MOVEMENT IN YEAR **(-3,093)**

INCOME 37,003
As per attached sheet

EXPENDITURE 40,097
As per attached sheet

INCOME OVER EXPENDITURE **(-3,093)**

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Y Goodman ACMA, CGMA

21st January 2021