



Chillerton & Gatcombe Community Association Chair's Report 2023-2024

At the end of this year I am pleased to reflect on strengthening links between the Parish Council, the CGCA, St.O's and the Horticultural Society. I am pleased to thank my fellow Committee members for their hard work and interest

throughout the year. Whilst the GGCA has done its best to stimulate activities in the Villages the organisations jointly have ensured that the environment we so enjoy living in has been maintained to a high standard and there have been plenty of activities to get involved with for those who have wished to do so. Recent events as for example the Flower Show and the Scarecrow Festival have been particularly successful this year and help to show our positive community spirit. They have been well publicised and widely approved across the Island. Perhaps, as there have been these large events this year, we have been a little disappointed that not more villagers have chosen to take part in the regular programme of quizzes, folk events, whist, craft, bingo, snooker and billiards. We have seen many more people from outside the villages attending these so they have kept us going. We have well maintained, safe and attractive premises in the Village Hall and the Gallybagger Inn and the Gardening Group, coordinated by Debs Goodenough, has made a very positive contribution to our planting and maintenance. Visitors to our Villages often comment on how much goes on here. Regular events are now scheduled for both the Village Hall and the Gallybagger Inn and we have kept the hire charges as low as possible to enable our parishioners to take advantage of these two super facilities. It is good to note also that the Association still remains financially solvent despite recent setbacks as regards energy costs and pricings and we still are able to reinvest any profits back into the community as we develop. We are also able to host outside charity events which directly benefit those worthy causes.

The Village Hall

The Hall is now a well used and well equipped space for those who use it. The kitchen is well equipped and the increasing number of hires show that it is valued. There are regular bookings on Mondays, Tuesdays, Fridays and Sundays and the Village Market, each month, is managed by different groups to both fund the Hall and to contribute to other charities we support. I would like to thank Zoe Rhind, who now has taken on a watching and helping brief to keep the Hall in tip top condition. The new war memorial is now in place on the wall of the Hall made from recycled slate and new chairs are now in place.

The Gallybagger Inn

Facilities and equipment at The Gallybagger Inn continue to be improved. The bar area has been further improved. We now have draught lager on tap, there are extra chairs and umbrellas. The bin store and the shed help to keep the area tidy. There are regular opening times and hirings which, in addition to Snooker and Billiards, include Monday Whist and Craft afternoons, monthly Quizzes, Bingo and Folk nights. The Inn is well equipped and hosts Wight Ukers on a Saturday morning. We can show films when there is a demand for this. We also respond to requests for other one off events as for example, charity fundraising events, birthday parties and anniversaries. Clearly these activities rely on our volunteer base to run events or to staff the bar and we are grateful to those villagers who will do this as well as encouraging more to join us. We are presently exploring access to make it more accessible for residents here.

Communication and Publicity

The Committee has been grateful to Jill Webster who, via "Your Parish Matters", has helped us to circulate our programme of events as well as to our Facebook pages, local publications and the banners and posters we erect from time to time. We are always looking for good ways to broadcast our events throughout the Island.

Events

Several high profile events spring to mind, The Scarecrow Festival was a huge event with

over 100 scarecrows and a brilliant supporting programme of music and refreshments throughout the week managed by a dedicated team of volunteers. The Halloween Party last autumn, the Christmas parties and the Village Fete staged by the Horticultural Society which was blessed by good weather and enjoyed by more visitors than ever. The Christmas Carols at the Village Hall were also memorable with brass band music and where the Reverend Steve entertained us as an elf. Village markets, coffee mornings and pleasant nights with friends in the Gallybagger Inn have all been possible.

In closing I would add that, as last year, we look for new volunteers to join the Committee or to help with particular activities and the bar and hope that, in growing, we can continue to provide a widening range of activities to our community.

Please Note: Our AGM is at the Gallybagger Inn on Thursday 17th October at 7pm. We hope you can join us there.

Ian Poulter

Chair of the Chillerton and Gatcombe Community Association

Cillerton and Gatcombe Community Association - Charity No. 286944

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2024

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
		£	£
<u>Income</u>			
Meters	0	323	277
Functions and raffles	5,126	2,290	1,029
Hires	2,705	2,098	1,529
Donations	64	75	2,207
Chillerton Bar	18,381	17,293	15,177
Grants received and sundry income	10	309	6,174
	26,286	22,388	26,393
<u>Expenditure</u>		£	£
Honoraria	0	1,300	1,325
Rates and water	385	417	330
Insurance	1,619	1,416	1,555
Light and heat	10,419	4,425	2,784
Repairs and renewals	1,372	2,200	8,268
Gardening	640	675	1,131
Postage, printing and stationery	925	720	1,030
Cleaning	1,187	510	434
Licences	455	389	1,059
Sundry	269	156	944
Bar purchases (allowing for stock movement)	8,909	10,034	10,994
Snooker expenses	128	220	215
Equipment and improvement	543	2,320	5,141
Functions	1,424	2,238	2,605
Depreciation	0	0	0
	28,275	27,020	37,815
<u>Net Surplus / (Deficit) for the Year</u>	<u>-1,989</u>	<u>-4,632</u>	<u>-11,422</u>



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

GATCOMBE+CHILLERTON VILLAGE HALL
AND READING ROOM

On accounts for the year
ended

JUNE 2024

Charity no
(if any)

286944

Set out on pages

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended

Responsibilities and
basis of report

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:

Phillipa Veitch

Date:

14/02/2025

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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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