

## **BIRCHFIELD COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION – CHARITY NUMBER 287509**

### **TRUSTEES REPORT FOR YEAR ENDED 31<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER 2024**

It has been very much business as usual this year at the Community Centre. The centre has been well maintained and well used by the local community. We started the year by renewing all of the curtains in both halls which has made a big difference in the look of the place. We also upgraded the Urinals in one of our gent's toilets.

At the AGM we decided to start putting together our own website to give us a higher profile and to make it easier for people to find us. Joseph Croker, one of our committee members said he is happy to build it with everyone having an input and hopes to complete it by next year May 2025. (<https://birchfieldcommunity.co.uk>). We also decided to cancel our usual summer meeting. This turned out to be a mistake as we were very busy working with third parties and outside projects.

In August we joined the newly formed Birchfield Action Group. (BAG). BAG is a group of local residents and organisations who are working together for positive change in the Birchfield Community. We have also struck up a relationship with [sparkssomerset.org.uk](https://sparkssomerset.org.uk) who have started running a digital Café in conjunction with [donateit.co.uk](https://donateit.co.uk) and sponsored by ABRI the local social housing group and ourselves. Sparks Somerset have also been helping us with some of our paperwork and updating some of our policies.

At the request of Birchfield Action Group, we set up a uniform rail to supply local children with donated school uniform free of charge, with access to the community every Tuesday. The Centre has also offered free use of one of our halls for uniform swaps/free/sale sessions if required.

We have had a defibrillator next to our entrance for two years now and it has been accessed a couple of times. Hopefully at no loss of life. We hope to add an emergency bleed kit in the near future.

We have recently teamed up with [Able2achieve.org.uk](https://able2achieve.org.uk) who come once a month and do litter picking and weeding. We are grateful for the help they give us and hope to find some more demanding tasks as time goes on. We are also working with [Discovery.org.uk](https://discovery.org.uk) and their STEPS program of work experience clearing a large area of Brambles in the new year, following a request from the school next door.

We look forward to another busy year helping fulfil our community's needs.

Morley Waddleton

TRUSTEE

January 2025.

# BIRCHFIELD COMMUNITY HALL

SUMMARY ACCOUNT FOR 1st January - 31st December 2024

<b><i>INCOME</i></b>	Total
Hall Hire	24532.62
Water Rates Rebate	1246.26
Transfer from Savings Account	7200.00
Total Received	<u>32,978.88</u>

## ***LESS EXPENDITURE***

Water Rates	3726.52
Electricity	1674.00
Hall Maintenance / Repairs	684.54
Cleaning	4160.00
Hall Insurance	1717.68
Gas	2522.00
BT (Broadband / WiFi)	591.80
Window Cleaning	100.00
Booking Clerk Honorarium	700.00
Transfer to Savings Account	10000.00
Decorating	190.00
Rebecca Owens (Curtains)	2030.00
SSDC (Premises Licence)	180.00
Booking Clerk Phone Charges	30.00
Neil Cory	78.00
TPJ Cox	80.00
Westcountry Environment	203.94
SSDC	125.00
PPL / PRS	469.44
Brown and Brown Insurance	70.00
Total Expenditure	<u>29,332.92</u>

Trading Profit / - Loss 3,645.96

## **CASH AT BANK**

### ***Current Account***

Opening Balance	529.88
Closing Balance	4175.84

### ***Savings Account***

Opening Balance	22249.93
Closing Balance	25359.81

Savings Profit / - Loss 3109.88

Total Trading Profit / - Loss 6,755.84

# Birchfield Community Association

## Accounts Examiner Report 2024

We the undersigned confirm that the attached trading accounts for Birchfield Community Association for the period 1<sup>st</sup> January – 31<sup>st</sup> December 2024 are correct as published with no concerns raised regarding financial controls.

A Watkins

D Thomas

J Pinder

(Signed on Original)

1<sup>st</sup> June 2025