

## **Chairman's Report Eaton Bray Village Hall (2024-2025)**

This past year has seen continual activities covering the refurbishment and upgrading of the hall, along with social media and booking systems.

The kitchen refurbishment is working well and now complimented by regular weekly cleaning of all equipment and surfaces to maintain the cleanliness standards expected.

We have, it must be said, had some stability issues with our solar installation, with it tripping out due to voltage and frequency fluctuations. This has now been resolved by the installers and is now proving to be stable with no drop outs over the last two months. In addition we have changed suppliers to Octopus energy for both electricity and gas. Enabling us to sell energy back to the grid. (Spot report for month of June hall generated 90kWh we used 24% of energy and exported 76% to grid). We need to monitor this over the next 12 months to establish true payback of the cost of installation. In addition we are showing considerable reduction paying for imported electricity.

The new roof installation, along with refurbishment of the double glazed windows has improved the look of the building, along with making the building watertight.

We have, for the moment, put on hold the study to extend the existing storeroom to offer additional space for the hall's table and chairs, along with increased cupboard space for the janitor and the stage and office equipment.

The carpark has been replenished with gravel, eliminating the pot holes and greatly improving its appearance. We have also undertaken a review of the contract for maintaining the hedges and grounds on a regular basis. In addition, having reviewed the general fabric of the building, established a list of improvements and refurbishments covering the toilets, along with internal and external walls. This is currently being put out to our local contractors to establish prices to undertake the work.

We also have to act on addressing succession planning. We must diversify the management of casual hirers and booking system, reducing the work load of the existing member responsible, who shall manage regular hirers and general running of the hall. What is paramount, is the need to seek additional volunteers to help with the hall's financial responsibilities and reporting. We also have to establish back-up contacts for each of the functions, such as electrical, hire, etc. as and when key members are not available.

It leaves me to thank everyone for their invaluable support and involvement in both running and developing the hall over the last year.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Steve Burnage', with a stylized, cursive script.

Steve Burnage

Chair of Eaton Bray Village Hall Trustees.

30<sup>th</sup> July 2025

**EATON BRAY HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**  
**INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT**  
**31<sup>st</sup> DECEMBER 2024**

<u>2023</u>				
<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>INCOME</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>
42805		HALL LETTINGS		45668
3222		BANK INTEREST		2279
		INS.CLAIM 2023 – REPYMNT OF EXCESS		250
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46027				48197
		 <u>EXPENDITURE</u>		
	1024	RENT	1092	
	809	WATER	491	
	2446	LIGHTING AND HEATING	2388	
	1775	INSURANCE	1822	
	1399	WINDOW CLEANING & CLEANING SUPPLIES	1042	
	7054	CONTRACT CLEANING	8801	
	4400	BOOKING CLERK	5300	
	1455	CARETAKER	1717	
	430	ADVERTISING	496	
	659	PERFORMING RIGHTS	1551 Credit	
	-	NEW LECTURN	989	
	7059	REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE	11530	
	1116	POSTGS/STNRY/TEL./PHTOCPYNG/BROADBND	1222	
	180	ALCOHOL LICENCE	180	
	6899	NEW GAS BOILERS	-	
	13460	KITCHEN REFURBISHMENT	-	
	2023	WORK RE.STORAGE EXTENSION	-	
		ROOF REPLACEMENT	36300	
		SOLAR PANELS	26486	
<u>52188</u>				<u>98305</u>
 6161		EXCESS OF INCOME OVER EXPENDITURE		 50108

**EATON BRAY HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**  
**STATEMENT OF AFFAIRS AS AT 31<sup>st</sup> DECEMBER 2024**

	<b><u>GENERAL FUND</u></b>	<b><u>DEVELOPMENT FUND</u></b>	<b><u>TOTALS</u></b>
Balance brought forward from 31.12.23	10000	96387	106387
<b><u>ADD</u></b>			
Donations	-	-	-
<b><u>DEDUCT</u></b>			
2024 Excess of Expenditure over Income	50108		50108
	<u>40108</u>	<u>96387</u>	<u>56279</u>
<b><u>ADD</u></b>			
Transfer from Dev.Fund	50108		50108
	<u>10000</u>	<u>96387</u>	<u>106387</u>
<b><u>DEDUCT</u></b>			
Transfer from General Fund		50108	50108
	<u>10000</u>	<u>46279</u>	<u>56279</u>

**REPRESENTED BY:-**

**CO-OPERATIVE BANK:-**

A/Cs. NO. 6511649200/50

**UNIITED TRUST BANK**

14172

42107

56279

**Examiner's Certificate**

I have examined the books and records for the above committee, supplemented by information and explanations given to me. In my opinion the Income and Expenditure Account and Statement of Affairs show a true and fair reflection of the Accounting Year as at 31<sup>st</sup> December 2024

C.Siddons (Examiner) \_(signed C.Siddons )

34 Wallace Drive, Eaton Bray, Dunstable,Beds.

Date 27<sup>th</sup>.June 2025

