

Abington Village Institute

Chairman's report April 2024

The year to March 2024 has been a little less challenging than the previous year, now that the pandemic is behind us. One major change during the year has been in the post of senior administrator. Dianne Dawson has stepped down from this key role and handed over to Fiona Snell. A hard act to follow but Fiona has slotted in well, while Dianne continues to offer valuable back up as well as, temporarily, covering the invoicing role.

In September John Ellis withdrew from his involvement in the Institute as he is now living in France. John had created a computer system that handled the bookings, managed the heating system and did the invoicing. Iain Sainsbury agreed to come onboard as a new volunteer with expertise in such technologies, and efforts to replace the system have continued. Whilst such systems do exist it has proved difficult to make progress with suppliers, however, efforts will continue.

The failing substructure under the decking at the rear of the building was replaced during the year with structural recycled plastic. This was quite an expensive project at £13K in total. Funding support was received from GAPC £9K and SCDC Community Chest £2K with the balance coming from Institute reserves. This plastic material used should last for many years.

Work was done to bring about the proposed Coronation bench suggested early in the year. Richard Smith identified a suitable bench and then put together a funding proposal to both Parish Councils, but this did not gain support. As a result the project was not proceeded with.

Another improvement project worked on during the year was book shelving for the foyer. Richard carried this through to the point where a design and shelving system was agreed on. We will proceed with this project when funds are identified.

As the owners of theabingtons.org.uk website, we have agreed to the suggestion from John Rivers and Richard Rogers that the site should be moved to another platform and system to make it easier to use, and it will be then significantly updated.

Without volunteers the Institute would not function. There are far too many to try to mention everyone here. Some are very visible in their roles and others far less so. Each and every one contributes to making the Institute the success that it is for our community. My thanks go out to you all.

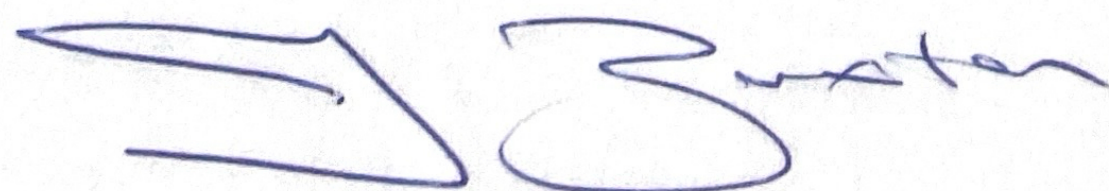
Bernie Talbot – Institute Management Committee Chairman

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Financial Statement For Year Ended 31 March 2024

		Year Ended 31.03.2024	Year Ended 31.03.2023	
		£	£	
Income and Expenses Statement				
Income				
Hall Hire		10,067	11,855	Note 1
Café		7,071	6,763	Note 2
Abington Lunch		1,846	1,642	Note 2
Film Night		612	661	Note 2
Walking Group		0	0	
Electricity Refund/Solar		734	698	
Bank Interest		680	182	Note 3
Other		11,147	21,879	Note 4
Total Income		32,157	43,680	
Expenses				
Café		4,017	3,741	Note 2
Abington Lunch		1,393	1,150	Note 2
Film Night		328	530	Note 2
Utilities		6,529	6,171	
Cleaning & Cleaners		5,345	5,334	
Rubbish Collection		0	0	
Maintenance		16,321	26,808	Note 4
Licence		537	515	Note 5
BT		877	720	Note 6
Car Park Rent		1,001	1,001	Note 7
Subscriptions & Training		65	166	Note 8
Sundries		510	562	Note 9
Depreciation - Furniture & Fittings		455	455	
Total Expenses		37,377	47,153	
Surplus Income Over Expenditure		(5,220)	(3,473)	
New & Replacement Equipment		0	0	
Profit/(Loss) For The Year		(5,220)	(3,473)	Note 10
Balance Sheet Reserves				
Reserves B/Fwd		48,972	52,445	
Profit/(Loss) For The Year		(5,220)	(3,473)	
Reserves C/Fwd		43,752	48,972	
Represented by:				
Furniture & Fittings -	Chairs	829	829	
	Door Blinds	1,300	1,300	
	Curtain	819	819	
Accumulative Deprn -	Chairs	(258)	(129)	
	Door Blinds	(400)	(200)	
	Curtain	(252)	(126)	
Lloyds Bank Current Account		11,080	15,366	Note 11
Cambs BS		29,552	28,872	Note 3
Cash in Hand		0	0	
Cash Floats		75	75	
Debtors	Unpaid Hall Hire Invoices & Café March Income	2,747	3,201	
Debtors	Advance Receipt	(390)		
	Suppliers Invoice not Received but Costs Incurred	(1,348)	(1,034)	
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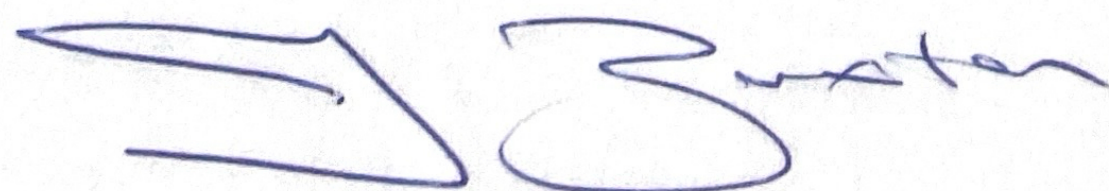
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