

**Comrades Hall Management Committee,
Chairmans Annual Report 2024**

It is with many thanks to all volunteers in the past that we are now fortunate to have an ecofriendly hall with solar panels and an air-source heat pump fitted. The play area has seen additional play equipment and adult exercise equipment added on Bernards' Place. Thus, providing a welcoming and updated community space both indoors and out in the centre of our village.

During the year, we have held two outside working group sessions on Bernards' Place and one inside the Hall. These have been well supported by Committee Members and indeed other villagers have turned up to support our efforts too which has been very much appreciated.

Our running costs for the year have been higher as we have dealt with the following: complying with Health and Safety and Fire regulations, which involved emergency exit signs and emergency lighting updating, gutter cleaning and roof repairs, increased insurance costs, trimming of lime trees and increased electricity charges. A new commercial cooker has also been purchased. On the cosmetic side the Committee agreed that after 38 years of service the Hall curtains should be replaced to give a brighter fresher look.

In support of all the ongoing costs the Committee have been actively working towards supporting the Hall funding by reinstating the 100 Club, thank you Sara Dyke and Margaret Wing. The film Club and Arts Reach also contribute to our funds. A table top Sale and Big Breakfast was organised and well supported. A further table top sale took place in March and a Barn dance will be held on the 11th May.

In view of the increased running costs, it has been necessary to raise the hire charges from the beginning of this month these have not changed in the last two years. There will be continued support for the coffee group and the mobile PO van, the local and discounted charges for the Brownies and Guides and all regular users will still be applied.

Looking forward, there are improvements to be made, the disabled parking area and car park needs to be updated and bins re-sited. Internal decorating works are also due.

Our Village Hall provides a wonderful space for so many different groups and activities and it is important to be proud of this gift. It is not an easy task to manage, maintain and improve within the considerable restraint of rules and regulations that have become necessary in society today. The considerable rise in electricity costs and maintenance bills are indeed onerous. We are therefore very grateful for the ongoing financial support from our Parish Council.

I would like to thank all the committee members for the commitment they have shown this year, particularly with hands on maintenance and fund raising, it has been a pleasure to work with you. I would particularly like to thank Jill for her many hours of support and meticulous attention to detail and Karen who stepped up to take on the Treasurer role for the first time has been a gem. Without the support of these wonderful volunteers who give their time, expertise and enthusiasm to act as Trustees and serve on a Hall Committee it would not be possible.

I also know that we are extremely fortunate to have Kirsty as our Booking Clerk, which has been confirmed with feedback that I have received from Hirers of the hall, and Mandy who has been cleaning our hall for many years. Thank you both.

Finally, without the support of our Village members who book the Hall and those who support and attend all the events, it truly would not be possible.

Megan Jones,

Chair, Comrades Hall Management Committee

Operations		
	Income	Expenditure
Lettings	13,383.92	28,243.31
Artsreach	1,801.45	1,511.80
100 Club	1,320.00	205.00
Film Club	1,095.00	159.00
Bernards' Place	0.00	111.00
Barn Dance	0.00	0.00
Other	1,344.48	3,370.19
Subtotal	<u>18,944.85</u>	<u>33,600.30</u>
- Liabilities		360.00
Current Operating Surplus		<u>-15,015.45</u>
+ Grants and Donations		8,539.15
- Project Expenditure		5,130.00
Total Surplus for Year		<u><u>-11,606.30</u></u>

Lettings Expenditure	
Electricity	5,311.53
Water	334.25
Sewage	205.16
Oil	
Bins	246.13
Bookings Mgt	1,680.00
Cleaning	4,900.50
Maintenance	12,842.72
Administration	70.55
Ins & Lic.	2,155.37
Broadband	417.10
Publicity	80.00
Total	<u>28,243.31</u>

Grants & Donations	
Hall	
Parish Council	2000.00
Other/Private/Fireworks	£4930.15
Bernards' Place	
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Community Hub Project	
Magna	1609.00
Total	<u>8539.15</u>

Assets						
Cash	In hand	TSB Current	TSB Deposit	Investments	Charifund	Total
Balance at 1.4.23		2,414.93	38,035.95	Value at 10/10/23	6,323.23	46,774.11
Banked		0.00				
Unbanked receipts						
Receipts		27,484.00				
Expenditure		-38,705.30		Change in value	79.10	
Interest			378.06			
Sale of Investments		0.00				
Transfers		13,000.00	-13,000.00			
Value Now at 31.3.24	<u>0.00</u>	<u>4,193.63</u>	<u>25,414.01</u>	Value Now 14/3/24	<u>6,402.33</u>	<u>36,009.97</u>

Karen Farley Hon. Treasurer.

Projects	
Community Hub	5130.00
Total	<u>5130.00</u>

Liabilities	
100 Club	360
Film Club	
Hub	
Total	<u>360</u>

I confirm that this statement is supported by the vouchers and records of the charity.

Signature:

Name:

Date:

INCOME												
Source	Paying in book no.	Date	Lettings	Bernards Place	£100.00 Club	Artsreach	Grants & Donations	Barn Dance	Film Club	Comrades Arms	Other	Total
				£		£	£				£	£
Leon Lord	BACS	02/04/2023	£188.00									188.00
REF 2023-04-03	BACS	03/04/2023									244.00	432.00
Lettings	500050	04/04/2023	£467.52									899.52
Rural Papers	BACS	02/04/2023	£180.00									1,079.52
Conservative SE086	BACS	05/04/2023	£35.00									1,114.52
Parish Council	BACS	12/04/2023					£2000.00					3,114.52
Magna	BACS	24/04/2023					£1609.00					4,723.52
Ian Brown SE088	BACS	24/04/2023	£15.00									4,738.52
Broadwindsor CLT	BACS	29/04/2023	£28.00									4,766.52
Leon Lord	BACS	29/04/2023	£198.00									4,964.52
Rural Papers	BACS	02/05/2023	£180.00									5,144.52
Lettings	500052	03/05/2023	£192.00									5,336.52
Film Club	500052	03/05/2023							150.00			5,486.52
Helen Carless SE089	BACS	08/05/2023	£20.00									5,506.52
Short Mat Bowls	BACS	08/05/2023	£100.00									5,606.52
Walely & Sons ltd SE087	BACS	12/05/2023	£50.00									5,656.52
Ian Brown SE088	BACS	15/05/2023	£2.00									5,658.52
MJ Wright SE092	BACS	18/05/2023	£15.00									5,673.52
Lettings	500053	31/05/2023	£391.00									6,064.52
Rural Papers	BACS	01/06/2023	£180.00									6,244.52
Leon Lord	BACS	02/06/2023	£202.00									6,446.52
Short Mat Bowls	BACS	11/06/2023	£100.00									6,546.52
Parish Council	BACS	13/06/2023	£28.00									6,574.52
KL White SE093	BACS	13/06/2023	£50.00									6,624.52
BFG	BACS	16/06/2023	£231.00									6,855.52
Ian Rae SE074	BACS	21/06/2023	-£35.00	Partial refund								6,820.52
BADC	BACS	24/06/2023	£28.00									6,848.52
White Lion	BACS	24/06/2023	£28.00									6,876.52
Lettings	500054	30/06/2023	£98.00									6,974.52
Lettings	500055	30/06/2023	£111.00									7,085.52
PO Coffee Club	500055	30/06/2023	£50.00									7,135.52
Leon Lord	BACS	30/06/2023	£184.00									7,319.52
Sally Sarling SE095	BACS	02/07/2023	£35.00									7,354.52
Rural Papers	BACS	03/07/2023	£180.00									7,534.52
R Bennett SE094	BACS	05/07/2023	£58.00									7,592.52
Jukes Art Day	BACS	06/07/2023	£35.00									7,627.52
Rural Papers	SO	31/07/2023	£154.00									7,781.52
A Duffy	BACS	26/07/2023	£55.00									7,836.52
M Jones	BACS	26/07/2023					£700.00					8,536.52
BADCE LTD	BACS	19/07/2023	£28.00									8,564.52
Sara Dyke	BACS	18/07/2023			£30.00							8,594.52
Dorothy Rowe	BACS	17/07/2023			£30.00							8,624.52
William Dommett	BACS	16/07/2023			£15.00							8,639.52
MJ Wright SE092	BACS	16/07/2023	£43.00									8,682.52
Hookings 100 club	BACS	15/07/2023			£30.00							8,712.52
T and G Small 100 Club	BACS	12/07/2023			£15.00							8,727.52
Myers 100 club	BACS	12/07/2021			£15.00							8,742.52
Linda Clarke	BACS	25/08/2023	£20.00									8,762.52
Sue Hill	500063	23/08/2023	£218.00									8,980.52
L Staff SE104	BACS	21/08/2023	£111.00									9,091.52
Sarah Cross SE107	BACS	13/08/2023	£100.00									9,191.52
A Duffy 100 club	BACS	14/08/2023			£30.00							9,221.52
J Chumbley SE106	BACS	07/08/2023	£50.00									9,271.52
Rural Papers refund	BACS	12/08/2023	-£180.00									9,091.52
Benjamin Sankey	BACS	07/08/2023	£100.00									9,191.52
Michael J Vaughan Antiques SE101	BACS	07/08/2023	£29.00									9,220.52
Lettings	CHQ 500062	03/08/2023	£12.00									9,232.52
lettings 91263067890001	500062	03/08/2023	£265.00									9,497.52
Short Mat Bowls	BACS	02/08/2023	£325.00									9,822.52
Leon Lord LL022	BACS	01/08/2023	£198.00									10,020.52
Rural Papers	SO	01/08/2023	£180.00									10,200.52
Rural Papers	BACS	31/08/2023	£154.00									10,354.52
Jukes Art Day	BACS	31/08/2023	£35.00									10,389.52
C and S Edgerley 100 club	BACS	01/09/2023			£30.00							10,419.52
Rural Papers 180	SO	01/09/2023	£180.00									10,599.52
EAM Constantine	SO	01/09/2023	£100.00									10,699.52
GG013 Brownies	Cheque	05/09/2023	£42.00									10,741.52
GG014 Rainbows	Cheque	05/09/2023	£30.00									10,771.52
GG015 Rainbows	Cheque	05/09/2023	£50.00									10,821.52
GG016 Guides	Cheque	05/09/2023	£50.00									10,871.52
Horticultural Society	Cheque	05/09/2023	£177.00									11,048.52
100 Club	Cheques	05/09/2023			£75.00							11,123.52
100 Club Cash	500065	04/09/2023			£1050.00							12,173.52
PO Coffee Sally Sarling	500064	04/09/2023	£50.00									12,223.52
Leon Lord LL022	FPI	04/09/2023	£124.00									12,347.52
East Devon Ramblers	500064	04/09/2023	£7.00									12,354.52
Silver Linings	500064	04/09/2023	£22.00									12,376.52
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Over 60's (July meet)	500064	04/09/2023	£23.00									12,421.52
Tina Samways	500064	04/09/2023	£46.00									12,467.52
Rural Papers refund	BACS	06/09/2023	-£180.00									12,287.52
Lettings SE111	BACS	08/09/2023	£45.00									12,332.52
Lettings SE096	BACS	10/09/2023	£35.00									12,367.52
Table top sale	500066	18/09/2023					£377.00					12,744.52
broadwindsor.org (Steve Knightly)	BACS	25/09/2023	£108.00									12,852.52
Lettings SE113	BACS	26/09/2023	£12.00									12,864.52
Short Mat Bowls	BACS	28/09/2023	£200.00									13,064.52
Rural Papers	SO	02/10/2023	£154.00									13,218.52
Leon Lord LL024	BACS	02/10/2023	£198.00									13,416.52
Jukes Art Day	BACS	03/10/2023	£35.00									13,451.52
broadwindsor.org (Steve Knightly)	BACS	05/10/2023					£300.00					13,751.52
Lettings SE112	BACS	06/10/2023	£23.00									13,774.52
3 Church 009	Cheque	11/10/2023	£62.00									13,836.52
A Frampton	Cheque	11/10/2023					£25.00					13,861.52
WI 018/019	Cheque	11/10/2023	£40.00									13,901.52
BDHS 012	Cheque	11/10/2023	£12.00									13,913.52
3 Church 008	Cheque	11/10/2023	£12.00									13,925.52
Sixty 016	500067	11/10/2023	£23.00									13,948.52
Silver Lining	500067	11/10/2023	£22.00									13,970.52
Sixty 017	500067	11/10/2023	£23.00									13,993.52
Sue Hill craft	500067	11/10/2023	£46.00									14,039.52
LDWA Lettings SE114	BACS	16/10/2023	£15.00									14,054.52
HMRC TAX REBATE	BACS	20/10/2023									921.50	14,976.02
Rural Papers	SO	31/10/2023	£154.00									15,130.02
Letting SE118	BACS	31/10/2023	£30.00									15,160.02
Jukes Art Day	BACS	31/10/2023	£35.00									15,195.02
Leon Lord LL025	BACS	31/10/2023	£198.00									15,393.02
3 Church 010	Cheque 500069	03/11/2023	£98.00									15,491.02
BYF 010	Cheque 500069	03/11/2023	£88.00									15,579.02
WI 020	Cheque 500069	03/11/2023	£20.00									15,599.02
Silver Linings	500068	03/11/2023	£22.00									15,621.02
SE 115	500068	03/11/2023	£7.00									15,628.02
Sixty 018	500068	03/11/2023	£23.00									15,651.02
Silver Linings	500068	03/11/2023	£22.00									15,673.02
Sue Hillcraft	500068	03/11/2023	£46.00									15,719.02
Fireworks donation	500070	07/11/2023										16,400.67
Broadwindsor Group PC	BACS	14/11/2023	£44.00									16,444.67
Short Mat Bowls	BACS	19/11/2023	£100.00									16,544.67
Lettings SE121	BACS	21/11/2023	£29.00									16,573.67
Big Breakfast profit	500071	28/11/2023										17,076.17
Big Breakfast raffle profit	500071	28/11/2023					£502.50					17,203.17
Artsreach (to be paid out)	500071	28/11/2023				£127.00						17,203.17
Artsreach donation (minus £205 cash for 100 club)	500071	28/11/2023	£516.00									17,719.17
Lettings C Booth Circus	FPI	28/11/2023	£116.00			105.19						17,824.36
Rural Paper	SO	30/11/2023	£154.00									17,940.36
Lettings Pattermores	DC	01/12/2023	£210.00									18,094.36
Leon Lord LL026	FPI	05/12/2023	£202.00									18,304.36
Short Mat Bowls	FPI	05/12/2023	£125.00									18,506.36
Lettings Annette Nunn	FPI	08/12/2023	£23.00									18,631.36
Irving Bell	FPI	10/12/2023	£20.00									

EXPENDITURE																						
Paid to	Cheque no.	Date	Elect'y	Sewage	Water	Oil	Bins	Bookings	Cleaning	Maint'ce & Repair	Admin.	Broadband	Publicity	100 Club	Bernards Place	Insurance & licences	Artsreach	Barn Dance	Film Club	Other	Community Hub Project	Total
			£	£	£	£		£	£	£	£	£			£	£	£				£	£
Terry Clarke	BACS	14/04/23								48.44												48.44
Kirsty	BACS	17/04/23						120.00														120.00
Dorset Council	BACS	19/04/23					18.66															18.66
Hugh Harris Ltd	BACS	20/04/23																			2565.00	2,565.00
Mandy	BACS	25/04/23							360.00													360.00
British Gas	BACS	26/04/23	281.41																			281.41
FilmBankMedia	BACS	26/04/23																159.00				159.00
Sheila	BACS	27/04/23									70.55											70.55
Dorset Council	BACS	05/05/23					9.89															9.89
Acorn Stairlifts	BACS	08/05/23								435.00												435.00
Hugh Harris Ltd	BACS	11/05/23																			2565.00	2,565.00
Kirsty	BACS	15/05/23						120.00														120.00
ROSPA	BACS	19/05/23													111.00							111.00
Mandy	BACS	25/05/23							360.00													360.00
British Gas	BACS	26/05/23	308.12																			308.12
M Heaver	BACS	31/05/23								16.44												16.44
A Hookings	BACS	31/05/23										122.20										122.20
Kirsty	BACS	12/06/23						120.00														120.00
Dorset Council	BACS	12/06/23					29.67															29.67
Mandy	BACS	26/06/23							360.00													360.00
British Gas	BACS	26/06/23	191.38																			191.38
Mandy	BACS	26/06/23							54.91													54.91
Water 2 Business	BACS	30/06/23			96.83																	96.83
Pennon Water Services	BACS	30/06/23		98.54																		98.54
Kirsty	BACS	10/07/23						120.00														120.00
Pennon Water Services	BACS	10/07/23		39.94																		39.94
Dorset Council	BACS	10/07/23					19.78															19.78
Firecheck 4286	BACS	14/07/21																		136.20		136.20
GR Edward LTD HP25279	BACS	20/07/23																		360.00		360.00
Mandy	SO	25/07/23							360.00													360.00
British Gas	DD	26/07/23	113.34																			113.34
Advisory Insurance 25490611	BACS	26/07/23														1424.02						1,424.02
Advisory Insurance 25490611	BACS	26/07/23														75.00						75.00
Terry Clarke	BACS	27/07/23								18.00												18.00
JJ Martin 366368 New Cooker	BACS	28/07/23																		2861.99		2,861.99
Mrs SJ Smith SE076	BACS	31/07/23						120.00														120.00
Dorset Council 305801	BACS	03/08/23					19.78															19.78
Mr GC Ponton	BACS	03/08/23								275.00												275.00
Kirsty Moore	BACS	07/08/23						120.00														120.00
Andrew Hookings	BACS	29/08/23										97.80										97.80
RN Stephenson	BACS	29/08/23								533.10												533.10
British Gas	BACS	29/08/23	123.67																			123.67
Mandy	SO	25/08/23							360.00													360.00
Towergate Underwriting	BACS	23/08/23														201.10						201.10
Towergate Underwriting	BACS	18/08/23														63.00						63.00
RN Stephenson	BACS	18/08/23								117.00												117.00
RN Stephenson	BACS	15/08/23								192.00												192.00
Bowditch Tree Maintenance	BACS	01/09/23								300.00												300.00
Kirsty Moore	SO	04/09/23						120.00														120.00
RN Stephenson	BACS	07/09/23								568.80												568.80
Dorset Council 305801	BACS	08/09/23					19.78															19.78
ABC Blinds	BACS	15/09/23								325.00												325.00
Pennon Water Services	BACS	16/09/23		66.68																		66.68
Mandy	BACS	20/09/23							74.02													74.02
Mandy	BACS	25/09/23							360.00													360.00
British Gas	BACS	26/09/23	147.27																			147.27
Kirsty Moore	SO	02/10/23						120.00														120.00
Dorset Council 305801	BACS	09/10/23					19.78															19.78
Terry Clarke	BACS	31/10/23								170.00												170.00
Mandy	BACS	25/10/23							360.00													360.00
British Gas	DD	26/10/23	167.75																			167.75
Kirsty Moore	SO	30/10/23						120.00														120.00
O'Brien Roofing Ltd	BACS	02/11/23								995.23												995.23
Dorset Council	FPO	6/11/23					29.67															29.67
Terry Clarke	FPO	23/11/23								25.79												25.79
Dorset Council 1801330933	FPO	23/11/23														180.00						180.00
Mandy	SO	27/11/23							360.00													360.00
Kirsty Moore	SO	27/11/23						120.00														120.00
British Gas	DD	27/11/23	439.92																			439.92
Arts Reach	BACS	28/11/23															516.00					516.00
GR Edward LTD HP25545	BACS	28/11/23								54.00												54.00
Dorset Council 1801331292	BACS	28/11/23														20.00						20.00
Huck Tek	BACs	28/11/23								332.40												332.40
RN Stephenson	BACS	05/12/23								158.40												158.40
Chris Ponton (grass cutting)	BACS	05/12/23								240.00												240.00
Dorset Council 2800373353	BACS	09/12/23					19.78															19.78
Mandy 13th Month	BACS	18/12/23							360.00													360.00
Mandy Cleaning Expenses	BACS	21/12/23							60.44													60.44
Broadwindsor News Advertising	BACS	21/12/23											80.00									80.00
Andrew Hookings Broadband	BACS	21/12/23										97.80										97.80
Mandy	SO	27/12/23						120.00	360.00													360.00
Kirsty Moore	SO	27/12/23																				120.00
British Gas	DD	27/12/23	919.00																			919.00
Rural Papers (refund)	BACS	08/01/24																		12.00		12.00
Dorset Council 2800380290	BACS	08/01/24					19.78															19.78
Pennon Water Services	BACS	10/01/24			71.42																	71.42
Water 2 Business	BACS	10/01/24			110.59																	110.59
Kirsty Moore	SO	22/01/24						120.00														120.00
Mandy	SO	25/01/24							360.00													360.00
Music Licence	BACS	22/01/24														192.25						192.25
British Gas	DD	26/01/24	739.91																			739.91
Country Seats Curtains	FPO	29/01/24								6796.15												6,796.15
Artsreach Payment	BACS	31/01/24															643.80					643.80
Dorset Council 2800387147	BACS	09/02/24					19.78															19.78
Country Seats Curtains	BACS	12/02/24								1200.00												1,200.00
Andrew Hookings Broadband (Dec&Jan)																						

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of The Comrades Hall

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Comrades Hall (the Trust) for the year ended 31 March 2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust 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

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records.

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.

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