

THE BARTON ST DAVID VILLAGE HALL AND PLAYING FIELD CHARITY

England & Wales · Charity number 304475

Details

Other names	VILLAGE HALL
Status	Registered
Legal form	Other
Registered	1962-06-04
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

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Activities

Objects: PROVISION OF MAINTENANCE OF THE VILLAGE HALL AND PLAYING FIELD AND FACILITIES FOR THE USE OF THE INHABITANTS OF THE PARISH OF BARTON ST DAVID AND ITS IMMEDIATE VICINITY.

Activities: To maintain the village hall and playing field to a high standard and promote the use of all available facilities

Classification

- **How:** Provides Human Resources, Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space
- **What:** Religious Activities, Arts/culture/heritage/science, Amateur Sport, Economic/community Development/employment
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, People With Disabilities, Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** BARTON ST. DAVID AND ITS IMMEDIATE VICINITY.
- Somerset

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£24,765	£22,753	-	-
2024-03-31	£35,535	£36,373	-	-
2023-03-31	£26,142	£27,136	-	-
2022-03-31	£18,313	£13,685	-	-
2021-03-31	£14,411	£12,886	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Christine Calcutt	Chair	2021-06-07
David John Rowley		2021-10-04
Douglas Barry Hooks		2020-07-06
Elaine Balcombe		2023-02-07
Elizabeth Claire Gosden		2022-07-04
NICOLA DE COURCY WHEELER		
PETER ROBERT FARRANT		
SUSAN FORBES		2012-11-25
Sam Landrigan		2017-12-04
VALERIE SOUTHWELL-SANDER		

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ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES

AND ACCOUNTS

For the year ended

31st MARCH 2024



The Village Hall, Barton St David

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ANNUAL REPORT 2023 – 2024

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Management of Barton St David Village Hall and Playing Field Charity is provided by a committee made up of Trustees.

Names of Trustees for the year 2023/2024

Chair - Sam Landrigan
Vice Chair - Peter Farrant
Treasurer - Claire Gosden
Secretary - Sue Forbes
Bookings Secretary - Nicky Wheeler
Representing the Parish Council - Dave Rowley
Representing the Parochial Church Council - Val Southwell-Sander
Representing the Tennis Club - Nicky Wheeler
Representing the Carnival Committee - Sam Landrigan
Representing the Scouts - Vacancy
Representing the Pre-School - Chris Calcutt
Elected – Barry Hooks
Elected - Elaine Balcombe
Elected – Edward Rice

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There are several ways communication is encouraged within the village:

Village Website – www.bartonstdavid.org.uk

A Newsletter is published six times a year

The Editor can be contacted on – newsletter@bartonstdavid.org.uk

An email distribution list gets information around the village quickly.

Email Nicky to be put on the list - nicky.wheeler21@yahoo.co.uk.

We are also on Facebook - www.facebook.com/BSDVH.

This year we have continued upgrading the Village Hall. We have completed the redecoration of the Village Hall and the old fluorescent ceiling tubes have been replaced by LED panel lighting.

The ageing wooden walkway in the playground has been replaced with a newer version.

An old shed was repurposed to become a shelter near the tennis court for those players caught out in a sudden storm!

A major undertaking this year has been a review of all our Policies, Procedures and Risk Assessments, as required by the Charity Commission. These are now available to be seen on the Barton St David website.

Pre-School education has been provided in the Village Hall for nearly half a century. It started in the Village Hall on January 10th 1977 operating on five mornings a week.

In an exciting new step for the Pre-School, they are moving to new purpose-built premises at Keinton Mandeville Primary School.

The Village Hall Committee have every confidence that the Pre-School will continue to thrive and wish them success for the future.

Our Treasurer applied for and obtained several grants with the final amounts coming through early this financial year. She sourced £5,000 from a Local Charitable Trust; £9,000 from the Lottery Fund; £3,000 from the Parish Council and £300 from Higos Insurance Services Ltd to go towards the fencing, new play equipment and the purchase of another storage container for the Scouts to use jointly with the Carnival. The Scouts gave £1,000 towards the cost of the container.

The Treasurer has increased our Reserve Fund by a further £5,000 to ensure we have approximately a year's funds ring fenced.

Due to a rise in gas and electricity costs over the year, a small increase to the charge paid by hirers was applied but this is still subsidised by the revenue from the solar panels.

As in previous years the 2023 Carnival was our biggest fund raising occasion, generating a total of £3,726.00 to our funds. Under the direction of Ed Powell, who took on the role of Carnival Chairman earlier in the year, the Committee delivered an excellent event despite some very challenging weather conditions. High winds severely tested the tents and marquees but did not dent the enthusiasm of those attending. The bar, which for many years has been set up and operated by members of the committee, was passed over to the very capable hands of Damon

Brooke, releasing valuable time for Committee Members and volunteers to run other aspects of the event.

Shrubs were planted in the meadow area of the **Diamond Jubilee Wood** to create further biodiversity with members of the Reimagining the Levels Tree Group helping with the planting. New hedging has been planted at the top of the wood along the track to the farm. Volunteers were involved in a daunting dock removing session. In a section of the meadow area the ground was prepared and sown in an effort to establish a wildflower meadow.

A very enjoyable event was organised to celebrate the King's Coronation on the 6th May 2023. There was a live stream of the evening concert at Windsor Castle into the Village Hall with guests bringing their own picnic to eat while enjoying the event.

The Village Hall has pretty much run at full capacity this year. We are proud of the variety of regular activities on offer to our community. These are:-

Barton St David Pre-School

Barton St David Scout Group - Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Explorers.

Children's Yoga

Barton St David History Club

Keinton Mandeville and District Women's Institute

Pilates

Barton St David Table Tennis

The Hall can be booked for private events at the weekends.

There follows a summary provided by each of our regular users.

Barton St David Pre-School

Our children have enjoyed learning inside the Village Hall with its new lighting and decoration and in the lovely outdoor space. The adjacent recreation ground is always a major highlight with such a large safe play space. Over the year we have visited the church (together with parents collecting food donations for Glastonbury food bank), the Diamond Jubilee Wood and stream - such wonderful places to explore and learn.

We would like to thank the Parish Council, the Village Hall Committee and Peter for all their terrific support over the year.

Barton St David Scout Group

A real high was the joint work with the hall committee to get some dry and rodent free storage. This has made an immeasurable difference to everyone in our group. Leaders know that the equipment stored there will emerge in the same condition as when it was returned. This means preparation for camps is much quicker and, given that Leaders have so much to do to arrange any camp, it is a real bonus for us all.

The (half of a) container has also given us confidence to apply for a range of grants and we have now updated our tents, camp kitchen facilities and shelters. This will mean that we will never repeat the depressing incident of having to send one group home because their 30 year old tent was leaking.

Our young people numbers are steady and the range of activities they enjoy is incredible, making

memories that they won't forget. We have run many sessions in the hall from first aid, map work and photography to games and crafts. This groundwork in the hall enables all ages to stretch their comfort zones. Explorers have done another London Monopoly Run (just like the board game but at speed in real life), camps and D of E work. Scouts have done an activity camp, hikes and letterboxing on Dartmoor, shooting and caving. Cubs have done a camp, box car racing, hikes and caving. Beavers went to see new lambs on a farm and have done hikes, first aid and much more.

Barton St David History Club

Thanks to the efforts of our Steering Group and the support of the Village Hall Committee 2023-24 has proved to be another good year for the club. The meetings are open to all for a small fee on the door, and our paid-up members now number over 50, with attendances at the ten meetings held during the year averaging around 40. We have enjoyed talks covering a wide range of topics and reports of all the meetings can be read on the History Club section of the BStD website. A chance to socialise with the speakers and each other over refreshments after the talks is always popular and is a very important part of the club's role in the village community - evidenced by the fact that at our Christmas event a collection raised over £100 for a local food bank.

Keinton Mandeville and District Women's Institute

Our group of Ladies consists of around 20 members and we find Barton St David Village Hall is the perfect size for our meetings. It is spacious enough for our more active meetings but also small enough to be ideal when we are listening to a speaker. The built-in projector and screen are really helpful and the car park is ideal and plenty big enough for our membership.

We have met at the Hall ten times during the year and most of our meetings involve interesting, invited speakers. We recently had a professional singing instructor come to help us improve our musical voices and have enjoyed line dancing. The hall opens out into a lovely lawn so we can enjoy an outdoor picnic in the summer months.

The W.I. Committee members also reserved a table for the evening of the King's Coronation. The Hall was really nicely decorated to celebrate the event and we enjoyed the live streaming of the evening festivities; a lovely community get together and much comfier than standing in the Mall!!!!!!

Pilates

Lena continued to run her classes 3 times a week in the hall, with an average of 45 people attending each week. The daytime classes proved most popular with the evening classes dropping from two to one session per week. The new Seated Pilates class on Friday mornings has proved quite popular and has now established steady numbers.

Barton St David Friday Afternoon Table Tennis

We began our 6th year of playing table tennis in the Village Hall on April 21st 2023. Our sessions run for two hours each Friday, stopping for homemade refreshments at half time. This year we played for 35 weeks up to March 22nd 2024 with breaks in between for some school half terms, school summer holidays, Christmas and Easter. There have been a few cancellations of play during the year to allow for special hall bookings on Fridays and hall maintenance. We have 20 people registered with us and have anything between 4 to 14 players who regularly attend. Competition is rife amongst many players but play is amicably enjoyed by all, exercise and laughter being our priority! Since the departure of Pre-school we have the use of more hall area and more

convenient table storage space too, which is very welcome. Also, it will be nice to make use of the now available wall display area for photos.

The **Playing Field** is regularly used by Cary Valley Croquet Club, by village croquet players and the Tennis Club. They report as follows:-

Cary Valley Croquet Club, who came to us from Lytes Cary after Covid, play most Wednesday and Saturday afternoons. They are a formal club and play dressed in "whites". Very enthusiastic, they have been known to have sixteen players turn up to play.

Village Croquet

There is an informal session for villagers on Tuesday afternoons; we do not dress up and there are 6 to 8 regular players. If you wish to have a go, just turn up at 2pm on a Tuesday afternoon; £2 per person per session but a newcomer can have a free trial. Equipment is provided. Depending on the weather, we are generally able to start in late March and continue as late as early November in a good autumn.

Barton St David Tennis Club

The Barton St David Tennis Club (chaired by Duncan Forbes) is run by Nicky Wheeler (Bookings) and Rosalie Odgers (Treasurer and Membership). Early this year the court was treated to remove any moss.

The membership numbers of the Club have remained steady this year with 24 subscriptions in total: 15 family (residing in Barton), 7 family (residing outside the village), and 2 individual members. Membership fees have not been increased - Family membership costs £45.00 pa for residents of the village, and £50.00 pa for families living outside the village. Individual membership is £30.00 pa for members within the village. Junior members are charged at £12.00 pa (within the village) and £15.00 pa (outside the village) – sadly we have no junior members at present.

During the past financial year membership fees amounted to £1085.00 of which £500.00 was paid to the Village Hall.


The Village Hall Committee continue to work hard to ensure the Village Hall, Playing Fields and Diamond Jubilee Wood remain attractive assets for the benefit of the villagers of Barton.

Susan Forbes

Secretary

On behalf of Barton St David Village Hall and Playing Field Committee

Secretary S Forbes 3.6.24

 SAM LANDRIGAN (CHAIR) 3.6.24

 C. GOSDEN TREASURER 3/6/24

Barton St David Village Hall & Playing Field Charity

Financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2024

Statement of Assets (As Insured)

Village Hall Buildings	1,289,316
Contents	41,581
Playground Equipment	58,856
Mowers	17,845
Marquees	9,544
Carnival Storage Container	4,474
Tennis Court	31,470
Outdoor Gym Equipment	6,263

General (Unrestricted) Fund

	<u>Mar-24</u>		<u>Mar-23</u>	
<u>Receipts:</u>	£	£	£	£
Private Hall Hire	1,615.00		1,387.00	
Tennis Club	500.00		450.00	
Pre-School	2,184.00		1,603.00	
Scouts, Beavers & Cubs	615.00		752.00	
Table Tennis	380.00		360.00	
History Club	80.00		105.00	
Yoga	280.00		-	
Pilates/Silvercise	1,136.00		1,704.00	
Croquet Club	857.00		1,187.00	
<i>Total Hall Hire Receipts</i>	<hr/>	7,647.00	<hr/>	7,548.00
Carnival	7,265.81		9,334.81	
Village Croquet	335.00		417.00	
<i>Total Fundraising Receipts</i>	<hr/>	7,600.81	<hr/>	9,751.81
Donations - General		15,702.34		2,133.82
Barton St David PC Donation - Playground equipment				3,000.00
Utility Meters		783.50		1,034.50
EDF PV Feed		2,489.12		2,039.18
Sundry		300.00		272.00
Deposit Interest		1,012.32		362.75
Total General Fund Receipts		<hr/> <hr/> 35,535.09		<hr/> <hr/> 26,142.06

General (Unrestricted) Fund Cont.

	<u>Mar-24</u>		<u>Mar-23</u>	
<i>Payments:</i>	£	£	£	£
Gas	941.15		722.04	
Electricity	1,113.00		114.70	
Hall Water	560.52		432.57	
Waste & Recycling Collection	758.06		702.26	
Broadband	397.92		373.92	
Maintenance	5,392.93		1,661.26	
Cleaning	2,169.07		2,025.50	
<i>Total Hall Costs</i>		11,332.65		6,032.25
Field Maintenance		5,212.13		2,860.21
Insurance, Memb & Subs		2,922.66		2,484.32
Sundry		129.72		764.98
Newsletter Printing		150.00		400.00
Carnival	3,124.88		4,984.50	
<i>Total Fundraising Costs</i>		3,124.88		4,984.50
Play Equipment	13,500.86		9,609.78	
<i>Total Exceptional Items</i>		13,500.86		9,609.78
Total General Fund Payments		36,372.90		27,136.04

General (Unrestricted) Fund Balance:

General Fund Balance b/f 1st April	21,031.44	27,025.42
Excess of Receipts over Payments	- 837.81	- 993.98
Less Transferred to Restricted Fund	- 5,000.00	- 5,000.00
General Fund at 31st March	15,193.63	21,031.44

Mar-24

Mar-23

Jubilee Wood (Restricted) Fund

Restricted Fund Balance b/f 1st April	1,051.84	859.02
<i>Total Receipts</i>	1,080.00	1,000.00
<i>Total Payments</i>	1,646.79	807.18
	- 566.79	192.82
Restricted Fund at 31st March	<u>485.05</u>	<u>1,051.84</u>

New Playground Maintenance (Restricted) Fund

Restricted Fund Balance b/f 1st April	2,284.72	2,284.72
Less Payments	-	-
Restricted Fund at 31st March	<u>2,284.72</u>	<u>2,284.72</u>

Total Charity Funds at 31st March 2024

Unrestricted: General Funds	15,193.63	20,668.69
Restricted: Jubilee Wood Fund	485.05	1,051.84
Restricted: Playground Maintenance	2,284.72	2,284.72
Exceptional Reserves Fund	15,000.00	10,000.00
	<u>32,963.40</u>	<u>34,005.25</u>

Total Charity Funds Represented by

Cash Balance	79.00	177.50
Main Bank Account	9,048.70	11,867.12
Deposit Account	21,835.70	20,460.63
Carnival Committee Account	2,000.00	1,500.00
	<u>32,963.40</u>	<u>34,005.25</u>



Mrs E C Gosden (Treasurer)

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of The Barton St David Village Hall and Playing Field Charity

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31 March 2024, which are set out on the pages 1 to 3 of the Financial Statements.

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act: and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to me attention:

(1) Which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirement:

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act: and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act have not been met.

or

(2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Helen Hashmi H. Hashmi ACA . 10/5/24

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Elected - Lena Oliver

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Co-opted February 2023 - Elaine Balcombe

In October 2022, the Village Hall Committee lost one of its most active and committed Trustees. The death of Penny Robinson leaves the village without one of its strongest advocates.

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This past year has very much been focused on prioritising the upgrades that we feel the village hall and playing field need to be an attractive venue to hire and a safe outdoor space to hold community events.

The hall is currently being redecorated throughout and the wooden floor being renovated.

The ageing wooden walkway in the playground is being replaced with a new version to be fitted shortly.

New fencing has been installed down the western boundary of the playing field to stop dogs getting onto the playing field.

There is wifi coverage available over the whole of the playing field area now.

A new container for storage, which will be shared by the Carnival and the Scouts, is being positioned behind the village hall.

With all the above expense in mind, our Treasurer applied for and obtained several grants. We are in receipt of £5,000 from a Local Charitable Trust, £300 from Higos Insurance Services Ltd and £9,000 from the Lottery Fund. The Parish Council has generously donated a further £3,000. The Scouts have also raised £1,000 to go towards the cost of purchasing the storage container.

With the rise in the cost of living, we have been carefully monitoring the village hall gas and electricity costs. We have had to slightly increase the charges to our hirers but still subsidise them.

The **Carnival** is our biggest and most significant fund raising event of the year. A dedicated committee meets every month through the year to plan the event. Individual members take responsibility for particular aspects and draw on the expertise of other villagers to ensure each year's event retains important traditions but also introduces fresh new initiatives. The 2022 Carnival celebrated the emergence from the dark days of the pandemic by providing an occasion for all to enjoy.

Our tree warden reports that the **Diamond Jubilee Wood** was planted nearly ten years ago (Nov 2013) with eight hundred native trees and shrubs provided by the Woodland Trust; it continues to flourish. It was decided earlier in the year to upgrade the top hedge, which was mainly bramble, so eighty metres of native hedge were planted with spiral guards and mulched to

suppress weed growth. We had an expert from Reimagining the Levels (Somerset Tree Planting Group) to have a look and make suggestions. He suggested, to encourage more biodiversity in the main body of woodland, we needed to plant a range of different native shrubs. Previously planted shrubs included hawthorn, hazel, dogwood and dogrose. To broaden the range of species, eighty shrubs have now been planted either side of the main tree plantings including spindle, wayfaring, alder buckthorn, common buckthorn, guelder rose, honeysuckle, holly and elder. With the recent rains, we are hoping these will establish well and encourage further biodiversity. A big 'thank you' must go to the Reimagining the Levels team and a group of volunteers from the village who planted the shrubs earlier in March.

The village turned out in numbers for the late Queen's Platinum Jubilee Barton Picnic on the 5th June 2022. After the Loyal Toast we were entertained by the Benefice Choir and there were races and crafts to keep the children busy. Barton St David Platinum Jubilee mugs were available to purchase and a poster with the signatures of all the villagers who came to the picnic is now displayed in the village hall.

We also planted a Tulip tree on the playing field as part of the late Queen's Green Canopy initiative.

The following are short reports from the organisations that regularly use the village hall and playing field.

Barton St David Pre-School. We very much appreciate the support and commitment of Barton St. David Village Hall Committee over the years, which has provided the Pre-School with the opportunity to assist children and families across the local area.

This year we have enjoyed another exciting and successful year with the village hall hosting our activities in a safe, clean and well organised manner. The additional maintenance, deep cleaning and decoration of the hall have been especially welcome.

It has been a good year for the **Barton St David Scout Group.** We meet on Monday and Tuesday evenings at Barton St David Hall. There are three sections: Beavers (6-8 years); Cubs (8 - 10.5 years) and Scouts (10.5 - 14 years old). In partnership with the East Somerset Scout District, we run an Explorer Unit (14-18 years).

This year we owe a special vote of thanks to the Hall and its committee. I attended a committee meeting in the spring of 2022 almost in despair about the parlous state of our tents and the lack of suitable storage to keep tents in top class condition. That meeting was so supportive in an immediate promise to help with container storage that it provided the morale boost and impetus for a major fundraising campaign for new tents, camping equipment and a contribution towards the shared container.

All manner of activities take place in the hall including science workshops, navigation skills, beaver sleepovers, first aid, pioneering, crafts, money skills, leadership activities and more. So, in summary, we are forging forwards and truly looking forward to a positive future.

Six **Pilates** classes on a Monday afternoon, a Wednesday evening and a Friday morning cater for over sixty local adult members of the community. Participants includes people from the surrounding local villages as well as Street, Somerton and Lydford. The introduction of a seated class for people with mobility issues or underlying health conditions has been a great addition to the programme, allowing Lena to cater to a wider group and offer options for people who may

have injuries, be recovering from surgery or looking for a gentler class and encourages people to continue to exercise.

2022 to 2023 has been a year of consolidation for the **History Club**. Thanks to the efforts of our Members and Steering Group, the support of the Village Hall Committee and Booking Secretary, we have managed to hold meetings every month throughout the year with the exception of the high summer months (which themselves featured the Carnival and a guided tour of Wells Cathedral). Our speakers have covered a really diverse range of topics, one highlight being our first Robinson Memorial Lecture delivered in October by the well-known Historian and writer Ian Mortimer with an attendance of over 60 people. (Reports of all our meetings are posted on the Village Website). Our membership has since grown to over 40, a sign, we believe, of the value to the community of this opportunity for a chance to learn and socialise in a friendly relaxed environment.

Village Hall **Table Tennis** sessions began after the summer holidays on September 2nd 2022 and ran until March 31st 2023 when we stopped for the Easter break. There was no play during the week 13th-17th February as the hall was being redecorated. During our 27 week period we had several new players join us and at one stage another table would have been useful. However, not all the 20 players we have listed come at once! We have a number of competitive players but we all laugh a lot, allowing us to have plenty of fun whilst exercising.

This has been a good year for **Keinton Mandeville and District WI** which has members in Barton St David, Keinton Mandeville, West Pennard, Lottisham and Baltonsborough. We have used several venues in recent years but I am delighted to report that members say that they 'feel at home' in Barton's village hall and it is always warm and comfortable. Other users of the hall keep it clean and welcoming. The ease of parking is welcomed as are all the extra facilities that the hall offers such as disabled access, good external lighting, wifi and audio visual provision. Some may take these things for granted but our WI knows that it is not the case elsewhere where dark exteriors, cold and damp interiors and difficult kitchen facilities are more the norm.

This year in the hall, our meetings have included Deaf Awareness, Service Dogs UK, Zorba dancing, crafts, parties, photo treasure hunt, settling in the Wild West as well as debate on national issues in helping set the National WI Resolution for 2023-24. (Clean Rivers for People and Wildlife was the winner).

We would dearly like more new members but although we are active, lively and innovative we struggle with a perception of the normal WI member being rather sedentary and into jam, baking and knitting!

The Barton St David **Tennis Club** (chaired by Duncan Forbes) is run by Nicky Wheeler (Bookings) and Rosalie Odgers (Treasurer and Membership). The membership numbers of the Club have remained steady this year with 25 subscriptions in total: 18 family (residing in Barton), 6 family (residing outside the village), and 1 individual member.

Family membership costs £45.00 pa for residents of the village, and £50.00 pa for families living outside the village. Individual membership is £30.00 pa for members within the village. Junior members are charged at £12.00 pa (within the village) and £15.00pa (outside the village). The court is available to non members at an hourly charge.

During the past financial year membership fees amounted to £1140.00 of which £450.00 was paid to the Village Hall.

Cary Valley Croquet Club play at Barton every Wednesday and Saturday during the season. When they host a visiting team, they hire the hall for the afternoon as well and their activity justifies the effort of maintaining two courts.

Village Croquet games are played every Tuesday weather permitting. We have six regular village players but there are often eight or more on a fine afternoon.

In finishing, the Village Hall Committee would like to thank all those who support us in our efforts to provide an attractive village facility for the benefit of the Barton community.

Susan Forbes

Secretary

On behalf of Barton St David Village Hall and Playing Field Committee

Financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2023

Statement of Assets (As Insured)

Village Hall Buildings	1,199,544
Contents	38,680
Playground Equipment	54,750
Mowers	16,600
Marquees	7,590
Carnival Storage Container	4,162
Playing Field and Jubilee Wood	-
Outdoor Gym Equipment	5,826

	March 2023		March 2022	
Receipts:	£	£	£	£
Private Hall Hire	1,387.00		600.00	
Tennis Club	450.00		850.00	
Pre-School	1,603.00		-	
Scouts, Beavers & Cubs	752.00		-	
Table Tennis	360.00		190.00	
History Club	105.00		60.00	
Pilates/Silvercise	1,704.00		336.00	
Croquet Club	1,187.00		1,529.20	
Total Hall Hire Receipts		7,548.00		3,565.20
Carnival	9,334.81		6,810.52	
Village Croquet (Wine Tasting)	417.00		253.00	
Total Fundraising Receipts		9,751.81		7,063.52
Donations - General		2,133.82		1,011.00
Barton St David PC Donation - Playground equipment		3,000.00		3,765.00
Utility Meters		1,034.50		811.00
EDF PV Feed		2,039.18		2,068.10
Sundry		272.00		21.02
Deposit Interest		362.75		8.70
Total General Fund Receipts		26,142.06		18,313.54

	March 2023		March 2022	
Payments:	£	£	£	£
Gas		722.04		559.10
Electricity		114.70		510.00
Hall Water		432.57		400.58
Waste & Recycling Collection		702.26		673.37
Broadband		373.92		557.84
Maintenance		1,661.26		484.10
Cleaning		2,025.50		1,462.85
Total Hall Costs		6,032.25		4,647.84
Field Maintenance		2,860.21		1,149.77
Insurance, Memb & Subs		2,484.32		2,323.20
Sundry		764.98		462.37
Newsletter Printing		400.00		301.00
Carnival		4,984.50		4,243.55
Total Fundraising Costs		4,984.50		4,243.55
Play Equipment		9,609.78		557.28
Total Exceptional Items		9,609.78		557.28
Total General Fund Payments		<u>27,136.04</u>		<u>13,685.01</u>

General (Unrestricted) Fund Balance:

General Fund Balance b/f 1st April		27,025.42		22,396.89
Excess of Receipts over Payments		- 993.98		4,628.53
Less Transferred to Restricted Fund		- 5,000.00		-
General Fund at 31st March		<u>21,031.44</u>		<u>27,025.42</u>

	March 2023	March 2022
Jubilee Wood (Restricted) Fund		
Restricted Fund Balance b/f 1st April	859.02	802.02
Total Receipts	1,000.00	1,000.00
Total Payments	807.18	943.00
	192.82	57.00
Restricted Fund at 31st March	<u><u>1,051.84</u></u>	<u><u>859.02</u></u>

New Playground Maintenance (Restricted) Fund		
Restricted Fund Balance b/f 1st April	2,284.72	2,449.12
Less Payments	-	164.40
Restricted Fund at 31st March	<u><u>2,284.72</u></u>	<u><u>2,284.72</u></u>

Total Charity Funds at 31st March 2023

Unrestricted: General Funds	21,031.44	27,025.42
Restricted: Jubilee Wood Fund	1,051.84	859.02
Restricted: Playground Maintenance	2,284.72	2,284.72
Exceptional Reserves Fund	10,000.00	5,000.00
	<u><u>34,368.00</u></u>	<u><u>35,169.16</u></u>

Total Charity Funds Represented by

Cash Balance	177.50	189.00
Main Bank Account	11,867.12	13,019.53
Deposit Account	20,823.38	20,460.63
Carnival Committee Account	1,500.00	1,500.00
	<u><u>34,368.00</u></u>	<u><u>35,169.16</u></u>

Mrs E C Gosden (Treasurer)

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of The Barton St David Village Hall and Playing Field Charity

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31 March 2023, which are set out on the pages 1 to 3 of the Financial Statements.

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to me attention:

(1) Which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirement:

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act: and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act have not been met.

or

(2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Helen Hashmi ACA *9/5/23*

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