

BLABY & DISTRICT SOCIAL CENTRE  
**ANNUAL REPORT**  
DECEMBER 2022-----NOVEMBER 2023

Another year has passed and once again it is time for our annual report. In late November and December a problem with the Main Hall floor had manifested itself yet again and a consulting engineer was contracted to examine the situation and to advise on any remedial work. His advice was inconclusive and the decision was made to continue with local repairs as and when necessary. During this period we had a Leicestershire Fire Service inspection resulting in a Deficiency Notice and a seven page report issued to us. This was acted upon and all identified problems corrected. As is usual at this time of year, honorariums were reviewed and increased by 5% whilst it was agreed other charges remain at their present level.

Early in the New Year a complaint was made by hiring group Silver Swans about workmen being in the hall during their hire. Following lengthy discussions it became obvious this matter could not be resolved and the group eventually terminated their hire.

Later, a dispute with Blaby Parish Council arose over the reception given to their representative on our committee. Your chairman put the details of the alleged situation to the committee who then voted unanimously that he should remain in position. Problems with key access to the notice boards developed and, to a degree, still remain. Comments had been made over parked cars blocking the roadway past the Social Centre building, solutions were proposed and acted upon.

In early Spring, the Tennis Club expressed concern over the quality of their water supply and an inspection revealed changes needed to be made and a plumber was duly engaged to modify the piping arrangement. The wall fronting the car park adjacent to the bus shelter has suffered damage due to an unidentified collision and an investigation has been undertaken to determine who is responsible for the repair. Leicestershire County Council Highways dept. has been consulted but as yet no answers given.

In May, quotations were sought for the replacement of the ceiling lights by LED units throughout followed by replacement of the ceiling panels, described as being shabby. Discussion between the Bowls Club and ourselves resulted in agreement to share equally the costs of repairing the pot-holed main entrance roadway.

As we entered the Summer period, pressures on maintenance and renovation began to ease a little. There was discussion relating to on-line banking and it was agreed our Treasurer investigate further. Later, the decision was taken to adopt these procedures. Additionally, it was noted we have a substantial sum of money in our non-interest bearing current account and that it would be sensible to transfer some of this into an appropriate savings account. As a result of research amongst reasonably local institutions, it was decided to allocate the sum of £50,000.00 each to the Hinckley & Rugby Building Society and the Loughborough Building Society in their accounts denoted as charity accounts. As yet this transaction has not taken place due to personal circumstances but will conclude before the end of this current year.

Toward the end of this period a complaint was made to Blaby District Council, who in turn contacted ourselves, with respect to the impact on an adjacent property of our improved security lighting. This was attended to and B.D.C. have notified us the complaint has been satisfactorily resolved.

Autumn descended upon us and routine matters continued to be attended to with, at the time of writing, only one major activity still to be actioned, that of the pot-hole repairs previously mentioned. We have been given the contact details, by the Parish Council, of a potential contractor for this work and are now in the process of obtaining a detailed quotation.

Our committee at present consists of seventeen members, both elected and appointed, with average attendance at our meetings of thirteen. Despite continuous and widespread advertising, there has been no expressions of interest in joining us, either from the general public or any of our hiring groups.

This report presents a brief overview of the year just passed which was a busy one indeed. I wish to take this opportunity to offer my thanks to all of you for your continued input to the smooth running of our Social Centre, in particular to Mrs. Gina Barnett, who in addition to her duties as Vice- Chairman and our On-line Functionary, lends her hand as secretary, kitchen helper and now this year, table shifter! Also to Mrs. Ann Lowther who has struggled with her health this year but has nevertheless managed her secretarial activities with effort and enthusiasm. Thanks also to Roger Allsopp and Steve Allen for displaying our Blaby Bazaar banners but sadly Steve has had to give up on this action.

Thankyou  
Terence Orton  
29 /10 /2023

**BLABY AND DISTRICT SOCIAL CENTRE**  
**Income and Expenditure Account for year ended 30th September 2023**

2022		2023	
Income	Expenditure	Income	Expenditure
£	£	£	£
<b>INCOME</b>			
	<u>Rent and hire charges, Other Income</u>		
17888	Hire Charges	19514.05	
3971	Rent, parking	3176.87	
2781	Bazaar receipts	2580.52	
	Whist Drives	923.34	
-214	Film Nights	209.32	
200	Compensation		
<u>24625</u>	<u>Sub - Total</u>	<u>26404.10</u>	
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>			
	<u>Establishment Expenses</u>		
6550	Caretakers Wages and Expenses		5861.05
781	Cleaning, Materials, Toilet tissue etc. and Covid-19 supplies		1028.75
1035	Gardening		4246.20
6945	Gas / Electricity		4890.22
9038	Honoraria (Office Holders)		8914.31
1405	Insurance		1538.06
699	Water		1118.88
<u>26454</u>	<u>Sub - Total</u>		<u>27597.47</u>
	<u>Repairs and Renewals</u>		
	Refurnishment of toilets		15624.30
	Replacing internal lighting with LEDs		2995.20
	Install smoke and heat detectors		2268.00
	Gas boiler annual service and parts		1530.98
	Painting the hall		1080.00
	Internal redecoration		1015.00
	Replacement of corded curtain tracks		982.22
	Replacing Emergency Lighting		828.00
	Line Painting		616.86
	Lighting check, repair. Floodlight		597.60
	Parquet Flooring investigation		540.00
	Replace 6x outside lights		540.00
	Replace various doors, frames and locks		502.50
	Tree Survey		282.00
	Blanking pipes to paddock		270.00
	Pipework to Tennis club		200.00
7722	Kitchen Re-furnishment		
2590	New uPVC front entrance door & side frames		
1350	New main Signs		
984	Electrical testing and repair/replacement lights; PAT testing		
547	Laptop		
201	Tennis Club toilets painted		
863	11 (9) items under £200		1631.26
<u>14257</u>	<u>Sub - Total</u>		<u>31503.92</u>
	<u>Administration Expenses</u>		
546	Advertising, Stationery, Postage etc		854.67
326	Telephone		375.37
132	Bank Charges		177.54
60	RCC Village Hall Service		9.37
55	Gift to M. Firth		
<u>1119</u>	<u>Sub - Total</u>		<u>1416.95</u>
41830	<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>		60518.34
24625	<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	26404.10	
<u>-17205</u>	<b>DEFICIT (2022 Deficit) FOR THE YEAR</b>		<u>-£34,114.24</u>



**BLABY AND DISTRICT SOCIAL CENTRE**  
**Balance Sheet as at 30th September 2023**

2022 £		2023 £
<u>34454</u>	<b>Fixed Assets</b> (at written-down value)	34,453.50
	<b>Current Assets</b>	
3264	Sundry Debtors and Hire invoices not yet paid	3,588.00
<u>190722</u>	Bank Accounts: HSBC	<u>157,173.17</u>
<u>193986</u>	<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<u>160,761.17</u>
	<b>Current Liabilities</b>	
<u>5239</u>	Sundry Creditors and Rent & Hire paid in advance	<u>6,128.60</u>
<u>5239</u>	<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>	<u>6,128.60</u>
188747	<b>Net Current Assets</b> (Assets less liabilities)	154,632.57
<u>223200</u>	<b>TOTAL NET ASSETS</b>	<u>£189,086.07</u>
	<b>Represented by:</b>	
	<b>Accumulated Fund</b>	
240405	Balance brought forward from last year	223,200.31
<u>-17205</u>	Deficit (2022 - deficit) for the year	<u>-34,114.24</u>
<u>223200</u>	<b>Balance carried forward to next year</b>	<u>£189,086.07</u>

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2022 £	Note 1 - Schedule of Fixed Assets	2023 £
1151	Freehold Land (at cost less sales)	1151.00
0	Freehold Land donated by Viscountess Hall	0.00
33299	Buildings at cost less grants	33298.50
	Additions at cost	
1	Tennis Pavilion (written-down value)	1.00
1	Tennis Courts (written-down value)	1.00
1	Central heating (written-down value)	1.00
1	Equipment and Furniture (written-down value)	1.00
<u>34454</u>	<b>TOTAL per Balance Sheet above</b>	<u>34453.50</u>

**Independent Examiner's Report to the  
Trustees of Blaby and District Social Centre**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Blaby and District Social Centre for the year ended 30 September 2023.

**Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner**

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.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Accounting Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities (SORP 2005), issued in May 2008, UK Accounting Standards and the Charities Act 2011.

**Basis of independent examiner's report**

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. 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 I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

**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;  
or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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.

*J. W. Denney.*

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14 November 2023