

BLABY & DISTRICT SOCIAL CENTRE

ANNUAL REPORT

DECEMBER 2023-----NOVEMBER 2024

Once again another year has passed and the AGM is upon us. Our year commenced in December with the re-election of all committee members including the Executive Committee and appointed officials. The honorariums were raised by 5% but all other charges were kept to their existing level. Building Society Charity Accounts were established with the Hinckley & Rugby BS and the Loughborough BS early in the New Year. We were reminded that the Blaby Victoria Tennis Club's lease would need to be renewed in February and inquiries were made with our solicitors Dixon, Coles & Goddard. (Mr. J Webb). At this stage both parties (B&DSC and BVTC) assumed a simple renewal of the existing lease, ie. a date change and new signatures, this was not to be!

The damage to the front wall by persons unknown remained with responsibility being denied by all contacted institutions. Major potholes on the entrance roadway were repaired but further work was required. Agreement was reached with the Bowls Club to share the cost of this, all work completing by the end of March. Arrangements were made to remove a leaking and redundant water tank and associated pipework from an area above the stage. Carpets in the Committee Room Lobby and curtains in the Committee Room were replaced. Following unreliability investigations, we were advised the gas-fired central heating system should be replaced but at a potential cost of £20,000 plus!

Being springtime, some enterprising gardener stole the shrubs from our parking prevention box.

Declining customer footfall at the Bazaar was causing concern and discussion took place on how to grow attendance. Unfortunately most of the ideas put forward were deemed impractical or unsuitable and unlikely to achieve the objective.

Blaby District Council's spring time decision to reduce our rubbish collection from weekly to fortnightly had caused problems and the solution seemed to be either pay extra for a weekly collection or to purchase new larger bins. The latter option was accepted. It was agreed that pursuing further investigations into the front wall damage would achieve nothing and we would have to accept the repair cost of £750. Resurfacing the Main Hall Floor was delayed until the Christmas shutdown to minimise disruption.

By the middle of summer further concern was expressed over the continuing decline of footfall at the Bazaar but again with no resolution. Our secretary reported increasingly frequent e-mails offering all sorts of expertise to help us manage our responsibilities. The Tennis Club were expressing increasing concern over the time being taken to prepare the lease. It was explained that the requested 25 year lease is treated the same as an outright sale and, as such, the Charity Commission insist on all manner of procedures being followed. Security checks had to be performed on all trustees party to the lease documentation, this had caused delay.

In August, yet again, comment was made over footfall at the Bazaar, although we were maintaining a high level of stallholder attendance. Concern was also noted with respect to Film Show declining audiences and difficulty in obtaining films. A proposal by a company to install electric charging points in our car park was unanimously rejected. Discussion took place

referring to unauthorised parking on our premises but monitoring and controlling this would present many problems.

Early in the Autumn, the draft copy of the Tennis Club lease was received from DCG(JW) together with their Terms of Business, Form of Engagement and Charity Commission Guidance Notes. Following Executive Committee perusal, presentation and discussion by full committee and their approval, your chairman instructed the solicitors to go ahead. We are now waiting for the Land Valuation Report (at time of writing) which has to be reviewed and accepted by all concerned.

As can be seen, there have been no major disruptions to our activities, no major financial obligations but a steady continuous progression of small to medium sized projects.

Needless to say, none of the above could have been achieved without the effort of all of our committee members at various levels of responsibility and to you all, I would like to offer a sincere and heartfelt thankyou.

To conclude, our committee at present is listed at 17 members of which 2 cannot attend our meetings due to personal circumstances. The average meeting attendance is 10

Terence Orton

Chairman of the Management Committee

08/11/24

**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 2024.

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

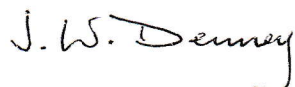
My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items 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;
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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.



John Denney
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17 November 2024

BLABY AND DISTRICT SOCIAL CENTRE
Income and Expenditure Account for year ended 30th September 2024

2023		2024	
Income	Expenditure	Income	Expenditure
£	£	£	£
INCOME			
	<u>Rent and hire charges, Other Income</u>		
19514	Hire Charges	28651.09	
3177	Rent, parking	4106.87	
2581	Bazaar net receipts	2458.44	
923	Whist Drives	1183.20	
209	Film Nights	95.20	
	Interest Received	122.05	
<u>26404</u>	<u>Sub - Total</u>	<u>36616.85</u>	
EXPENDITURE			
	<u>Establishment Expenses</u>		
5861	Caretakers Wages and Expenses	7313.35	
1029	Cleaning, Materials, Toilet tissue etc. and Covid-19 supplies	1131.44	
4246	Gardening	1575.00	
4890	Gas / Electricity	6079.13	
8914	Honoraria (Office Holders)	9695.39	
1538	Insurance	1543.10	
1119	Water & Rates	2655.75	
<u>27597</u>	<u>Sub - Total</u>		<u>29993.16</u>
	<u>Repairs and Renewals</u>		
	Curtains and fittings	1987.00	
	Car Park repairs	1798.20	
	Painting	1655.00	
	Boilers/heating system repairs	1153.08	
	External Lighting	858.00	
	Wall	770.00	
	Carpet	420.92	
15624	Refurnishment of toilets		
2995	Replacing internal lighting with LEDs		
2268	Install smoke and heat detectors		
1531	Gas boiler annual service and parts		
1080	Painting the hall		
1015	Internal redecoration		
982	Replacement of corded curtain tracks		
828	Replacing Emergency Lighting		
617	Line Painting		
598	Lighting check, repair. Floodlight		
540	Parquet Flooring investigation		
540	Replace 6x outside lights		
503	Replace various doors, frames and locks		
282	Tree Survey		
270	Blanking pipes to paddock		
200	Pipework to Tennis club		
1631	12 (2023 - 11) items under £200	1014.67	
<u>31504</u>	<u>Sub - Total</u>		<u>9656.87</u>
	<u>Administration Expenses</u>		
855	Advertising, Stationery, Postage etc	831.59	
375	Telephone	403.82	
178	Bank Charges	156.48	
9	RCC Village Hall Service		
<u>1417</u>	<u>Sub - Total</u>		<u>1391.89</u>
60518	TOTAL EXPENDITURE		41041.92
26404	TOTAL INCOME	36616.85	
<u>-34114</u>	DEFICIT (2023 Deficit) FOR THE YEAR		<u>-£4,425.07</u>

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Balance Sheet as at 30th September 2024

2023 £		2024 £
34454	Fixed Assets (at written-down value)	Note 1 34,453.50
Current Assets		
	3588 Sundry Debtors and Hire invoices not yet paid	7,163.65
	157173 Bank Accounts: HSBC	48,613.29
	Hinckley & Rugby Building Society	50,122.05
	Loughborough Building Society	Note 2 50,000.00
160761	Total Current Assets	155,898.99
Current Liabilities		
	6129 Sundry Creditors and Rent & Hire paid in advance	5,691.49
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	154633 Net Current Assets (Assets less liabilities)	150,207.50
189086	TOTAL NET ASSETS	£184,661.00
Represented by:		
Accumulated Fund		
	223200 Balance brought forward from last year	189,086.07
	-34114 Deficit (2023 - deficit) for the year	-4,425.07
189086	Balance carried forward to next year	£184,661.00

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
34454	TOTAL per Balance Sheet above	34453.50

Note 2 - Invested Funds

The interest on the Loughborough Building Society 60 Day notice account is payable annually on 12 January. The first interest receivable will therefore be on 12 January 2025.

Film Nights											
Date screened	Film	Ticket Sales	Raffle	Refreshment Receipts	Total receipts	Film Hire	Adverts	Total expenses	Net Profit		
		£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£		
28/09/2023	The unlikely pilgrimage of Harold Fry	165.00	35.00	8.70	208.70	175.00		175.00	33.70		
26/10/2023	The Lost King	130.00	18.00	8.00	156.00	175.00		175.00	-19.00		
23/11/2023	A Man called Otto	145.00	40.00	5.50	190.50	175.00	5.00	180.00	10.50		
25/04/2024	The Great Escaper	220.00	40.00	5.00	265.00	175.00		175.00	90.00		
23/05/2024	Book Club Next Chapter	161.00	35.00	2.00	198.00	175.00	5.00	180.00	18.00		
16/06/2024	One Life	135.00	34.00	2.00	171.00	175.00	5.00	180.00	-9.00		
26/09/2024	Six Minutes to Midnight	115.00	32.00		147.00	175.00		175.00	-28.00		
	Grand Totals	£1,071.00	£234.00	£31.20	£1,336.20	£1,225.00	£15.00	£1,240.00	£96.20		

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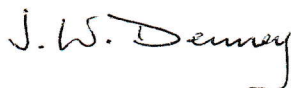
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