

Blaby and District Social Centre

Annual Report 2025

Here is a summary of the activities and events of the last twelve months, and a reflection on our success and challenges.

In December, we took advantage of the Christmas closure to have the hall floor stripped, repaired and re-varnished, and it has looked very good for the whole year, so was a good undertaking. Hire charges were increased for the first time in at least eight years, which most regular hirers were understanding of. The renewal of the 25 year lease of land to the Blaby Victoria Tennis Club was also completed by the end of the year. A proposal to replace the outside doors was agreed, and Mrs Brook started to obtain quotes – more on this later.

A leak was reported in the roof at the front of the building, quotes duly collected and a contractor agreed. Repairs began in April, and were completed in May.

February and March passed fairly uneventfully. In May there were some minor repairs to the central heating system, including some new valves to help control the levels of heat.

In June, Dr Barnett completed some updates to our website, giving it a refreshed look and some new options such as a calendar of events, and we welcomed Mr Vaughan Prendergast to the committee.

July was also fairly uneventful. In August, after many years the decision was taken not to renew the film shows, due to challenges with finding new films, the retirement of Pete, the projectionist, as well as a declining audience. Enormous thanks to Mr Barnsley for organising these film shows for the last few years and everyone else who has helped, they've been a good benefit to our community.

There was a proposal to advertise the bazaar by leaflets handed out on the day and Mrs Brook had had identified a person willing to do this.

Pollarding of three trees on the paddock area, as requested by the developers, was completed and a new baby changing station was purchased.

In September, we had the very sad and unexpected news of the passing of our chairman, Terry Orton, on 2nd of September. Mr Orton had been our chairman for almost nine years and a member of the Committee for around 17 years. In that time he had contributed so much to this hall, as well as being a friend to many. His leadership included the time of the Covid-19 pandemic, when there were many complex restrictions imposed on the venue. This was an enormous blow to our committee, but we acknowledge Terry's many contributions.

Our October meeting was fairly dominated by discussions around complaints received following one of our hirers leaving the hall in an unacceptable state and causing a nuisance to our neighbours by inconsiderate use of the car park. We are considering a number of options to make parking clearer, ensure hirers abide by our hire agreements, and we will continue to monitor the situation. We remain sympathetic to the impact of inconsiderate hirers on our neighbours, including residents, the Bowls Club and the Tennis Club.

The project of replacing the outside doors is one that proved very challenging, as the company initially identified were unable to fulfil our request to keep the same key for the side door – important as it would be an immense and expensive task to replace all keys held by regular hirers and committee members. Eventually a new company was identified to replace the outside doors,

including being able to keep the existing keys and this work will be completed in November. Thanks to Mrs Brook for her persistence in this endeavour.

As usual, the monthly Bazaar has had its ups and downs, but regular hirers are keen to continue and the kitchen does well. Next year will see whether the new initiatives such as publicity leaflets improve footfall. Our thanks to Mr Brook for taking over the running of the Bazaar since September, a task undertaken by Mr Orton for many years.

And now to conclude, we must offer our thanks to all who have contributed to our affairs.

To Chad for running the film nights, with help from Ros others on the door and with refreshments

To Bev, Louise and Sylvia for catering at the Bazaar

To Clive, Peter and Graham for supporting with Bazaar posters, banners and set up.

Thank you to all Committee members for their support over the last twelve months.

Georgina Barnett

Vice Chair

Blaby and District Social Centre Management Committee

**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 2025.

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;

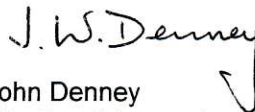
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2. the accounts do not accord with those records;

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.



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18 November 2024

BLABY AND DISTRICT SOCIAL CENTRE
Income and Expenditure Account for year ended 30th September 2025

2024			2025	
Income	Expenditure		Income	Expenditure
£	£		£	£
INCOME				
		<u>Rent and hire charges, Other Income</u>		
28651		Hire Charges	30332.90	
4107		Rent, parking	4300.00	
2458		Bazaar net receipts	2306.89	
1183		Whist Drives	1025.81	
95		Film Nights	28.88	
122		Interest Received	3812.16	
<u>36617</u>		<u>Sub - Total</u>	<u>41806.64</u>	
EXPENDITURE				
		<u>Establishment Expenses</u>		
7313		Caretakers Wages and Expenses		8431.28
1131		Cleaning, Materials, Toilet tissue etc. and Covid-19 supplies		1258.97
1575		Gardening (Including 2025 - £1632 for pollarding trees)		3192.00
6079		Gas / Electricity		9758.69
9695		Honoraria (Office Holders)		16166.74
1543		Insurance		1658.59
2656		Water & Rates		1925.78
<u>29993</u>		<u>Sub - Total</u>		<u>42392.05</u>
		<u>Repairs and Renewals</u>		
		New Roof		12000.00
		Sign Windows: Deposit		5217.00
		Hall floor resurfacing		3190.00
		Manhole Cover		691.20
		Plumbing (Various)		585.25
		Boiler Repairs; expansion vessel		350.00
		Electric Testing & Service		264.00
		External Lights David A Clarke		222.00
1987		Curtains and fittings		
1798		Car Park repairs		
1655		Painting		
1153		Boilers/heating system repairs		
858		External Lighting		
770		Wall		
421		Carpet		
1015		8 (20240- 12) items under £200		669.42
<u>9657</u>		<u>Sub - Total</u>		<u>23188.87</u>
		<u>Administration Expenses</u>		
832		Advertising, Stationery, Postage etc		619.47
404		Telephone		403.74
156		Bank Charges		107.73
		Professional Fees re Tennis Club Lease		3321.60
		Annual Fee - Solicitor		55.00
<u>1392</u>		<u>Sub - Total</u>		<u>4507.54</u>
41042		TOTAL EXPENDITURE		70088.46
36617		TOTAL INCOME	41806.64	
<u>-4425</u>		DEFICIT (2024 Deficit) FOR THE YEAR		<u>-£28,281.82</u>

BLABY AND DISTRICT SOCIAL CENTRE
Balance Sheet as at 30th September 2025

2024 £		2025 £
<u>34454</u>	Fixed Assets (at written-down value)	Note 1 <u>34453.50</u>
Current Assets		
7164	Sundry Debtors and Hire invoices not yet paid	3386.18
48613	Bank Accounts: HSBC	18871.47
50122	Hinckley & Rugby Building Society	52117.55
50000	Loughborough Building Society	51816.66
<u>155899</u>	Total Current Assets	<u>126191.86</u>
Current Liabilities		
5691	Sundry Creditors and Rent & Hire paid in advance	4266.18
<u>5691</u>	Total Current Liabilities	<u>4266.18</u>
150208	Net Current Assets (Assets less liabilities)	121925.68
<u>184661</u>	TOTAL NET ASSETS	<u>156379.18</u>
Represented by:		
Accumulated Fund		
189086	Balance brought forward from last year	184661.00
-4425	Deficit (2024 - deficit) for the year	-28281.82
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1	Tennis Pavilion (written-down value)	1.00
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1	Equipment and Furniture (written-down value)	1.00
<u>34454</u>	TOTAL per Balance Sheet above	<u>34453.50</u>

Date screened	Film	Ticket Sales		Raffle		Total receipts		Film Hire		Total expenses		Net Profit
		£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	
31/10/2024	The Miracle Club	235.00	8.00	243.00	175.00	175.00	68.00					
28/11/2024	Fishermens' Friends	125.00	34.00	159.00	175.00	175.00	-16.00					
25/04/2025	Conclave	250.00	18.00	268.00	175.00	175.00	93.00					
22/05/2025	Brassed Off	68.88	22.00	90.88	175.00	175.00	-84.12					
12/06/2025	The Critic	120.00	23.00	143.00	175.00	175.00	-32.00					
	Grand Totals	£798.88	£105.00	£903.88	£875.00	£875.00	£28.88					

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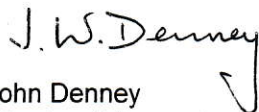
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