

Chairmans Report Wednesday 27th November 2024

Mandy Cooke

I think before I talk about looking forward, I would just like to look back and give my special thanks to the people who have been volunteers on the committee, when I first started – seven years ago. The sad thing is not all the people that I began my journey with at the Hall are still with us. It just reminds us that life is fragile, and you never know what is round the corner. Probably that is quite a good thing, and my sincerest thanks go to all the previous volunteers who have given their time and energy to make the Hall what it is today.

As you all must be aware by now, there is a very strong core group of volunteers who keep this Hall running. They call bingo, cook soup, hang garlands, manage accounts, serve copious amounts of tea and coffee, endlessly wash up, work on the bar till late into the night, sell book after book of raffle tickets, mop up the occasional vomit when required, type up minutes, set agenda's, keep the garden to a lovely standard, unblock the drains, clear the car parks, serve cakes, write policy and procedures and take money off as many people as they can, in whichever shape or format – whether it be applying for grants from NKDC..... or anyone else who cares to come over our threshold.

I don't think for one minute I realised how much there is to do when you offer to be a volunteer – particularly as the chairperson at the Hall. I used to have a well-paid job where I got paid a lot of money for taking responsibility. The book literally stopped with me when I was at work.

In retirement, I joined the village hall committee and having become chairman again realised the book stops with me, not in a month of Sunday's did I think I would lose sleep about:

finding a bingo caller last minute,

not understanding why, I couldn't get onto the Charity Commission website and months later realising the code doesn't go to mobiles – only mainframe computers,

sorting out all the governance documents required by the Charity Commission –

as well as having to soothe troubled brows.

I have gained quite a lot from it (including a few more grey hairs than necessary), but I am grateful that I have given up my time over the years. I have met, on the whole, so many lovely people.

I have to name, whether she likes it or not, Margaret Bothamley who retired as Caretaker during my term of office. She continues to play such a pivotal role in the life of this Hall. When it comes to reliability and consistency there are certain people on this Committee, you can just rely on, without any fuss, to get on with what they need to be doing. Chris Gower coming back to help us at the Murder, Mystery -as our other stalwart Margaret (must be in the name) had the audacity to have previously booked a holiday. No doubt if she wasn't away then she would have been there. For hours on end. We have some absolute stalwarts on this committee who work so hard.

Without them there would be most definitely:

No bingo on a Tuesday night

No soup and bingo on a Saturday afternoon,

No Luncheon Club on a Monday

No Craft Group on a Tuesday,

No Bowls Club on a Thursday and no Whist on a Friday

So please remember none of the Committee get paid for anything they do. In fact, it costs them money if they live outside the village and they give up their evenings, weekends, nights and holidays to make the village hall a good place to be. They don't have to do this.

On a positive note, I think the greatest achievement for me whilst on the Committee has been the disabled ramp. Every time I see it, I am chuffed that all the hours we have given gets things like this done.

So:

All the best for all the people who are staying on the Committee. I do hope many more people help to “share the load” so that we can still have such a “good sense of belonging at this lovely place”.

I will see you all again in the New Year and well done for all you have done and will continue to do, on behalf of Hale Magna Village Hall.

HALE MAGNA VILLAGE HALL

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE - YEAR ENDING 31 OCTOBER 2024

2022/2023

2023/2024

15,471.18

General Fund as at 1 November 2023

22,731.68

ADD INCOME

14,609.00	Hire of Hall	20,247.50
13,148.22	Bingo	12,134.60
729.99	Bar Profit	3,838.66
8,456.82	Fund Raising (overleaf)	9,851.08
5,000.00	Grants received (overleaf)	9,834.15
974.16	Donations (Afternoon Tea)	421.50
		56,327.49

LESS EXPENDITURE

3,383.73	Utilities	3,996.49
4,676.91	Maintenance	3,952.92
1,486.00	Cleaning	1,463.65
325.00	Licences	748.14
1,558.12	Insurance	1,608.49
6,908.00	Caretaker	7,630.00
549.79	Admin & Misc Expenditure	357.62
16,770.14	Capital Expenditure (overleaf)	19,169.46
		38,926.77

7,260.50

Excess Income over Expenditure

17,400.72

22,731.68

General Fund as at 31 October 2024

40,132.40

Represented by:

21,342.53	Bank Current Account	39,028.77
442.83	Cash Floats	360.66
150.00	Village Prints Stock	150.00
796.32	Bar Stock	592.97

22,731.68

40,132.40

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

I have examined the accounts and supporting documents for Hale Magna Village Hall and have recieved satisfactory answers from the Treasurer to all queries raised from that examination.

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

(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the requirements:

- to keep accounting records in accordance with Section 41 of the 1993 Charity Commission Act; and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 1993 Act have not been met; or

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

A Broom

22/11/2024

Independent Examiner



BREAKDOWN OF ITEMS

FUND RAISING:

Xmas raffle	495.50
Easter raffle	395.17
Soup & Bingo	3,551.64
Table Top	1,868.57
NKDC Lottery	378.00
Military Wives	1,128.53
Pantomime	257.16
Murder Mistry	1,084.81
Whist	300.00
Chatty Café	391.70
	<u>9,851.08</u>

GRANTS RECEIVED:

NKDC - Battery	5,000.00
Bicker Trust - Car Park Lighting	4,834.15
	<u>9,834.15</u>

CAPITAL EXPENDITURE

Battery Inverter System	5,288.48
Car Park Lighting	5,800.98
New Roofing on Sheds	4,995.00
Car Park - Rear kerbing	3,085.00
	<u>19,169.46</u>

Independent Examiner's Report on the Accounts

Section A
Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/members of

Charity Name

HALE MAGNA VILLAGE HALL

On accounts for the year ended

311024

Charity no (if any)

521841

Set out on pages

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

**Respective responsibilities of trustees
and examiner**

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 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

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

**Basis of independent examiner's
statement**

My examination was carried out in accordance with 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 the 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.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention (other than that disclosed below*):

(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the requirements:

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act;
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities 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.

* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed



Date

22.11.2024

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 Relevant professional qualification(s)
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