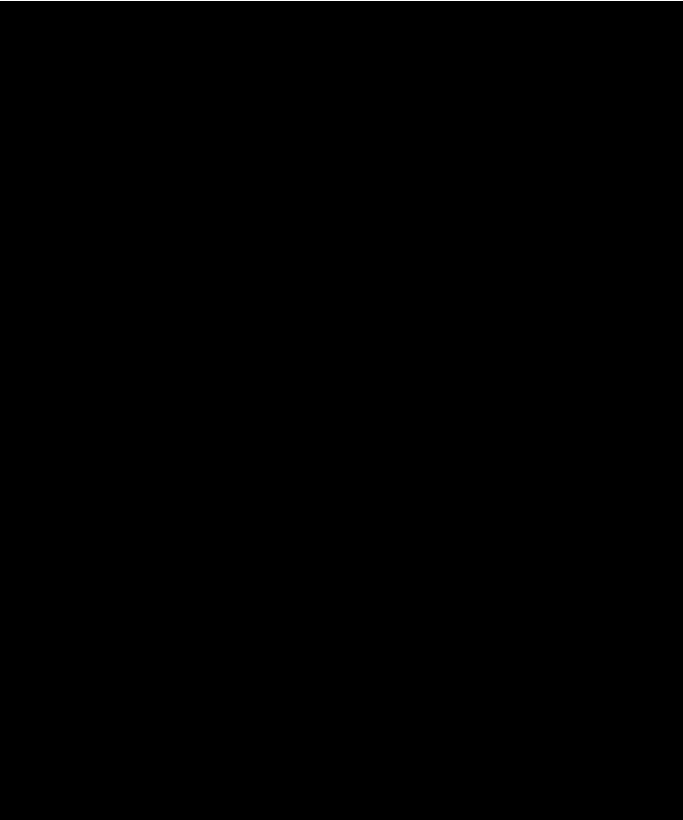


**RAFFORD VILLAGE PUBLIC HALL COMMITTEE  
ANNUAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDING 30 SEPTEMBER 2024  
SCOTTISH CHARITY NUMBER SC015233**

**Current Committee members:**



**Contact Address**

Rafford Village Hall, Rafford, Forres, Moray IV36 2RU

**Recruitment and appointment of Trustees**

Committee members are appointed at the Annual General Meeting as and when required, in line with the Constitution.

**Governing document**

The Association is a charitable unincorporated association, and the purposes and administration arrangements are set out in our Constitution.

**Charitable purposes**

Our purpose is to maintain Rafford Village Hall for the use of the community of Rafford Village and carry out fundraising to that end.

**Activities and Achievements**

We've had another very productive and engaging year, with a wide range of regular and one-off events and activities taking place in the Hall, supporting the local community and raising funds for the Hall.

We now have regular Hall bookings from Be Creative (Craft Group), the Parent, Baby & Toddler Group (PB&TG), Peaceful Heart Sangha, Pilates, Quakers, Rafford Art Group, Rafford Quirky Quilters, Rafford Sassy Sewers, Scottish Country Dancers, Moray & District Dancers, the Scottish Women's Institute, the Village Café and Yoga Group.

Many Fundraising Events were held throughout the year, which raised funds for the Hall (after expenses) as follows:

- Accordion & Fiddle Night (October 2023) - raised £327
- Fundraising Ceilidh (November 2023) - raised £661
- Christmas market (Dec 2023) – raised £459
- Quiz Night (April 2024) - raised £206
- Curry Night (April 2024) - raised £234

These fund-raising events are only made possible by the phenomenal support of the volunteers and their wonderful generosity. Words cannot express how grateful the Hall has been over the past 12 months to every single supporter/volunteer of the Hall. They have made the future of the Hall much more secure.

We've received over £2.5k of donations from a variety of sources, including collections at various events, and two funeral teas, and which also includes a generous donation of £2k from Finnerne Community Council for maintaining the stone boundary wall of the Hall.

In addition the Hall has had good levels of hire for occasional event bookings, totalling just over £2k of income, from events such as:

- Private parties/family gatherings (around 10 bookings)
- Private group events including a school exchange gathering and a long distance walking group
- Ticketed events organised by other organisations, such as a Findhorn Bay Arts concert and Naturally Useful Ceilidh fundraising for their new therapeutic gardening project.
- Other bookings include Finnerne Development Trust and Finnerne Community Council for meetings, and use by Moray council as a polling station.
- Additionally we've also generated Hall hire income through the Rafford's Growing Roots project from multiple events (described further below), totalling £730.

This year we've been particularly successful in securing grant income to fund a range of community-focused projects.

We received grants totalling over £4k to fund "Souper Thursday" which ran from 11<sup>th</sup> January to end of March 2024. Grants came from the TSI Moray Local Action Fund to cover weekly costs, and the Developer Obligation Fund for equipment. Each week we had an amazing turnout, sharing soups cooked by volunteers in a wonderful convivial atmosphere.

Generous funding was also received from the Berry Burn Community Fund and a Finnerne Development Trust Micro Fund grant for the PB&TG, allowing this group to carry on for at least two more years fully funded, covering Hall hire and supplies. So far a total of £2,500 has been received from these grants, with a further £2,500 to come in the next financial year.

We also received a fantastic £15,000 of funding from Moray Council's Shared Prosperity Fund for a series of events under the banner of the "Rafford's Growing Roots" project. So far this has seen us

deliver a series of workshops with local experts, including foraging, fermenting, and botanical dying. Several of the outputs of these workshops fed into a beautiful Community Lunch in September, held as part of the Findhorn Bay Arts Festival, catered for by local chef [REDACTED] of Marcassie Farm Shop, with produce supplied by a range of local producers. More events are planned to take place during the next financial year.

We continue to keep on top of ongoing repairs, maintenance and improvements. The following have been purchased in the past 12 months – repairs to the boundary wall (generously covered by the Finnerne Development Trust), a trolley for moving chairs, and various items to improve the kitchen and enhance catering for large groups (a storage trolley, glass jugs, and additional plates), and fire safety items.

In March we took up a new electricity contract, which [REDACTED] put an amazing effort in to find the best deal available. We ended up securing a better deal than we'd anticipated, but still an increase compared to our previous fixed rate deal. Due to rising costs across the board (electricity, music licence, cost of supplies etc), we reviewed hall rental rates, increasing them from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2024. We've also invested time and resources in moving our accounting system onto web-based software to streamline the process.

It's good to report that the hall is recovering well from the past few years of uncertainty, and we expect it will continue to prosper over the next financial year.

#### **Committee remuneration and expenses**

The committee did not receive any remuneration or expenses, aside from reimbursement of any expenses incurred on behalf of the hall, during the year.

#### **Reserves**

The current total cash at bank and in hand of £54,514.95 is primarily for the ongoing maintenance and running of the hall. This total also includes a ring-fenced amount (as at 30/9/24) of £10,612.76 made up of £264.90 of Awards for All National Lottery Fund funding for the PB&TG, £1,000 of a Finnerne Development Trust Micro Fund grant for the PB&TG, £8,747.86 of funding from the Shared Prosperity Fund from Moray Council for the 'Rafford's Growing Roots' project, and £600 of insurance bonds held for party bookings (to be returned in full subject to the Hall being left in a suitable condition).

[REDACTED] Treasurer

**Approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf**

[REDACTED]

## **Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Rafford Village Public Hall**

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 30 September 2024

### **Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner**

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the terms of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and the Charities

Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended). The charity trustees consider that the audit requirement of Regulation 10(1) (d) of the 2006 Accounts Regulations does not apply. It is my responsibility to examine the accounts as required under section 44(1) (c) of the Act and to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

### **Basis of independent examiner's statement**

My examination is carried out in accordance with Regulation 11 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations. 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 seeks 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 I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

### **Independent examiner's statement**

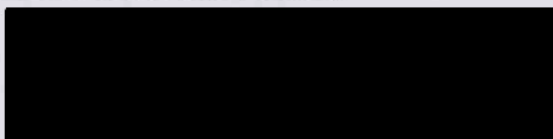
In the course of my examination, no matter has come to my attention [other than disclosed below\*]

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:
  - to keep accounting records in accordance with Section 44(1) (a) of the 2005 Act and Regulation 4 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations
  - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with Regulation 9 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations

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.

Signed:

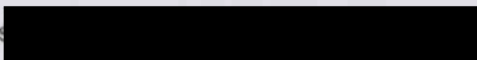


Name



ICAS – Chartered Accountant

Address



Date: 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2024

## Balance Sheet

Rafford Village Hall

As at 30 September 2024

Account	30 Sept 2024
<b>Current Assets</b>	
<b>Cash at bank and in hand</b>	
Bank - Deposit a/c Rafford Village Public Hall	36,939.99
Bank Current a/c Rafford Village Public Hall	16,532.96
Cash Float	210.00
Petty Cash	832.00
<b>Total Cash at bank and in hand</b>	<b>54,514.95</b>
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<b>54,514.95</b>

# Profit and Loss

Rafford Village Hall

For the year ended 30 September 2024

Account	2024
<b>Turnover</b>	
Be Creative & Dressmaking	2,406.00
Ceilidh	1,041.25
Christmas Fair	459.00
Donations In	2,686.41
Finderne Development Trust	30.00
Fitness And Pilates Classes	873.00
Growing Roots events income (tkr sales etc)	92.88
Growing Roots Hall Hire (grant funded)	730.00
Interest On Savings Account	361.74
Other Hall Hire	2,074.00
Other Revenue	678.00
Parent & Toddler Group session income (grant funded)	1,200.00
Peaceful Heart Sangha meditation group	1,294.00
Quakers	792.00
Rafford Art Group	1,230.00
Rafford Quirky Quilters	710.00
Rafford Sassy Sewers	649.00
Scottish Country Dancers	1,180.50
Souper Thurs Hall hire (grant funded)	1,625.00
SWI	234.00
Village Cafe	714.00
Yoga Groups	1,595.00
<b>Total Turnover</b>	<b>22,655.78</b>
<b>Gross Profit</b>	<b>22,655.78</b>
<b>Administrative Costs</b>	
Advertising	9.00
Ceilidh Dance Band	380.00
Chubb Fire Equipment	203.01
Cleaner + Cleaning Materials	1,805.21
Electricity Bills	4,844.30
Growing Roots expenses (grant funded)	5,522.14
Insurance	957.94
Maintenance, Upkeep & Purchases	518.71
Materials (food, craft materials etc) for RVH groups/activities	106.97
Mileage claims	62.00
Music Licence	305.14
Parent & toddler group expenses (funded by Berry Burn Toddler Group grant)	300.00
Parent & toddler group expenses (funded by other grants)	105.10
Printing And Postage	146.95
Souper Thurs expenses (grant funded)	1,603.00
Subscription	146.00
Sundries	387.94
<b>Total Administrative Costs</b>	<b>17,403.41</b>
<b>Operating Profit</b>	<b>5,252.37</b>
<b>Other Income</b>	
Berry Burn Toddler Group grant funding (less any allocated to session income above)	300.00
Growing Roots Grant income (less any allocated to hall hire above)	14,270.00
Other grant income (received in bank in current year)	3,577.75
Insurance bonds (ring fenced for return in 24/25)	600.00
<b>Total Other Income</b>	<b>18,747.75</b>
<b>Profit</b>	<b>24,000.12</b>