

Trustee Report

Firstly, I would just like to update you on some of the things that are happening with the Community Centre buildings.

The waterproofing of the front wall has been carried out, thanks to the Doughnut Gang, the specialist waterproofing treatment has worked, and the kitchen window no longer lets in any rain.

The plan at our last AGM was to have 2 storage containers added to the back of the community centre. We felt this would be expensive and unsightly. Instead, we organised the storage room and created more space. Now we have plenty of space for storage and we have also created room for the Astronomy club's belongings and that of our new art group.

With the sale of our unused carpet bowls, we purchased a new projection screen, and many speakers have been impressed by the new screen.

We have completely redecorated the committee room and made the space much warmer and welcoming for meetings. Thanks to Sylvie & Mark Haley we had a day trip out in a Luton Van and collected some fantastic furniture for the room, this has also helped update the look of the room. It just needs some new artwork to adorn the walls.

We have updated some of the games for the fete and they have been firm winner this year, particularly the Axe throwing & plink games these were excellent buys.

You many have noticed Will Howe working hard replacing all the fencing around the play area. Again, it is looking fresher and is definitely safer. Thanks to Pete Howe too, who helped Will to complete the job.

The play area is very well used and is causing us many problems now. We have recently had lots of timbers replaced by Play dale, just before our warranty runs out. There are two new swing seats to replace what is out there already. Our main problems are the annoying rabbits who have built homes on the mound where the slide lays, making the whole structure unstable. We are currently looking at what we would like to replace the slide with, this will take some fundraising as play equipment is extremely expensive, but the play area is a massive selling point for hirers.

Two new picnic benches have been added to the play area, after an accident with a poorly older gentleman, reminded us that the benches needed to be updated.

I, Di, and Rebecca have been having baking mornings. Together we prepare lots of cakes for all our fabulous events. We also have some delicious donations from the village.

We have also received a community capital grant and with that money we are planning, alongside Dereck King & Garry Corcoran to add extra lighting to the carparking areas of the community centre, hopefully this will happen later this year.

We have also got plans to add solar panels to the roof of the community centre; this has taken lots of planning and organisation. The community centre we not actually registered on the Land Registry. We had to hand over to Greene & Greene Solicitors. An expensive process, but we hope that we will be able to keep our hire prices stable even though the price of electricity is rocketing.

Our next plans for improvement are painting the whole centre. We are awaiting another quote to paint communal areas, hall, and the bar.

Finally, I'd just like to thank all of you for coming and Di Howe our treasurer and booking secretary, she is my left-hand woman and Rebecca Winder who has been my right-hand woman and any of the great artwork you have seen, that has been created by Rebecca. Julie Munday our secretary, Garry Corcoran our PC and Gillian Aitkins our church representative.

The doughnut boys are fabulous and sometimes they allow us to sneak a doughnut. Without them we would be absolutely lost. Along with Dereck King who always seems to come in and rescues us in times of need.

The Whepstead Community Association

Financial Activities Comparison

January - December 2024

	TOTAL
Income	
Events	0.00
Barn Dance	623.13
Coffee Morning	574.05
Fireworks	3,304.92
Halloween Quiz	707.00
Jumble Sale	585.50
Quiz	1,058.00
Summer Fete	2,911.12
Tractor Rally	1,983.02
Xmas fayre	1,066.36
Total Events	12,813.10
Hall Bookings	0.00
Hall Hire	
Booking Deposit Return	-1,359.92
Hall Hire Bookings	
Gross Bookings 24	
Hall Bookings taken in 2024 for 2025	642.00
Hall Hire Income	10,076.12
Total Gross Bookings 24	10,718.12
Sheepdog Show	260.00
Sheepdog show income	
Sheepdog show booking	0.00
Total Sheepdog show income	0.00
Total Sheepdog Show	260.00
Total Hall Hire Bookings	10,978.12
Total Hall Hire	9,618.20
Hall Hire-1	
Hall Hire	
Bookings for Hall Hire	
bookings for hall hire 24	150.00
Total Bookings for Hall Hire	150.00
Total Hall Hire	150.00
Total Hall Hire-1	150.00
Newsletter	1,270.00
Rents & General Income	
Bottle Bank	579.41
Calendar	174.00
Card Reader	34.80
Donations	252.21
Gnome Jack	34.00
Sale of Carpet Bowls	500.00
Total Rents & General Income	1,574.42

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	TOTAL
Vodaphone income	623.97
Total Income	£26,049.69
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Expenditures	
AGM Expenses	24.55
Cleaner	
Cleaning	2,625.88
Cleaning Supplies	310.50
Total Cleaner	2,936.38
Council Tax	92.21
Domain	7.20
Event Expenses	
Barn Dance Expenses	225.00
Coffee Morning	192.00
Coffee Morning	6.45
Total Coffee Morning	198.45
Fete	1,854.72
Fun Food & Fireworks	1,430.77
Halloween Quiz	533.45
Jumble Sale	257.40
Quiz Night	594.80
Sheepdog Show	36.81
Tractor Rally	420.84
Xmas Fayre	240.58
Total Event Expenses	5,792.82
License	70.00
PRS/PPL	194.80
Total License	264.80
Office & General Expenses	2,650.73
Hiscox Insurance	2,248.48
Printing Postage & Stationary	24.87
Quick Books	398.40
Telephone Costs	270.00
Total Office & General Expenses	5,592.48
Play Area	90.00
Utilities	
Anglian Water	259.85
electric	1,634.00
Oil	772.33
Waste Bins	208.02
Total Utilities	2,874.20

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	TOTAL
Vodafone	144.68
Total Expenditures	£17,819.32
NET OPERATING INCOME	£8,230.37
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)	£8,230.37

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8th October 2024

To: The Committee
Whepstead Community Association

Review of Whepstead Community Association Accounts for the year ended 31 December 2024

This letter is to confirm that I have reviewed the Whepstead Community Accounts for the year ended 31 December 2024 and that I am satisfied that the accounts fairly and accurately reflect the income and expenditure for the year.



Ian Lambert