

## **Chairpersons Annual Report – Year ending 31.8.24**

We have again been busy at the centre over the last 12 month, with a building this size there is always lots to do. What helps us along is the positive feedback we regularly receive from our hirers about our service and the upkeep of the building.

Our main objectives that we have achieved this year are:

- Repairs to the roof.
- Continuing replacement of Fascia's & Soffits – replacing the wood with UPVC to reduce the need of maintenance in future.
- The whole centre inside has been repainted

We submitted an application to CW&CC for a UKSPF Capital Grant for Community Spaces, to the refurbishment of our main hall floor. I am pleased to announce we have been successful and have been awarded £7200. Work has since been completed in October (The new financial year) when the school were off to avoid any disruption.

This year we have been delighted to welcomed Hazel Crook, a Wincham resident to our team, who has joined as a volunteer. A most willing and capable addition, who has already helped out.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank:

- Norman for all his hard work, under at times very testing conditions.
- CCAG for all their valued support, it is reassuring to know that professional advice is available when challenges are met.
- Suzanne for everything she does for the centre, for all the extra hours and at times stress involved. The centre would not be in such a great shape without her, we thank you so much for the care and loyalty you show every single day.

As we move forward into the next year, again no doubt there will be challenges along the ways but if we continue to keep the interest of the charity our number one priority then I'm confident that we will continue positively, to improve and thrive.

## **Financial Officer Report – Year ending 31.8.24**

The income from hire fees continue to rise and occupancy remains high. However, unfortunately we have lost 2 regular hirers:

- Breakaway dance club – Due to dwindling numbers
- Marmalade drama – Owner Emigrated

On a more positive note we have gained a new regular booking from the Cheshire Young Farmers and as result of the loss of Marmalade it has allowed children's parties to be booked on Saturdays, which has increased occupancy.

Moving from the NS&I to the Skipton building society our interest has increased this year by £1466.

Despite ever increasing overheads the centre remains in a manageable financial position.

### **Major expenditure in this financial year:**

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| * Roof repairs/ fascia soffits | * Electrical Repairs |
| * Kitchen Unit fabrication     | * Window repair      |
| * Projector cable replacement  |                      |

### **Work already in hand for next year:**

- Continuing the replacement of wooden Fascia and soffits with UPVC.

Maintenance expenditure has increased in the main due to the external maintenance on the soffits and fascia. This will reduce future expenditure as timbers have been replaced with UPVC.

Wages are up due to the 9.8% increase of the new living wage and the additional hours spend by the caretaker on maintenance. These additional hours were at a greatly reduce rate that engaging contractors.

Following the water re-banding the centre has made an annual saving of £1100.

Existing contracts continue to be kept under review and changed when necessary, in the interest of the charity.

As a direct result of the New Living wage increasing by 9.8% on the 16<sup>th</sup> April 2024 the management committee agreed to raise the hire fees by 2% in all cases except the non-residents which increased by 1% to close the gap between them and County.

Signed:

Date:

**STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE**  
**YEAR ENDING - 31<sup>ST</sup> AUGUST 2024**

**Brian Hulme F.C.C.A.**

**ACCOUNTS, VAT & TAX**

<b>INCOME</b>	<b>LEDGER</b>	<b>AUG. 2024</b>	<b>AUG. 2023</b>
Hire fees	C1	38235.11	33605.30
Fund-raising	C2		
Donations	C3	1.00	5.95
Bank Interest	C4	1604.91	138.48
Tel box	C5		
Grant	C6	0.00	0.00
Others	C7		
		<b>39924.02</b>	<b>33749.73</b>

<b>Expenditure</b>			
Misc.	C9	0.60	11.50
Solicitors Fees		0.00	0.00
Fundraising	C10	0.00	31.69
Water	C11	813.60	1918.39
Heat	C12	3129.22	1785.00
Electricity	C13	2181.85	2583.99
Wages	C14	22162.06	20322.93
Inland Rev	C15	15.58	1.22
Stat/Print/Post/Tel	C16	904.05	706.42
Cap 2 Furn/Equip	C17	0.00	0.00
Mtnce/Repair Equip	C18	3947.26	21951.22
Mtce/repair Buildg's	C19	3044.11	2036.89
Cleaning Materials	C20	84.84	182.17
Insurance/Licenses	C21	2945.87	2417.33
Training Courses	C22	0.00	0.00
		<b>39229.04</b>	<b>53948.75</b>

**PROFIT/LOSS**                      694.98                      -20199.02

**BALANCES**

Opening Balance                      63667.94                      83866.96  
Profit/Loss                                      694.98                      -20199.02  
**CLOSING BALANCE**                      **64362.92**                      **63667.94**

These accounts were approved by the Trustees during the Management Committee meeting held on Tuesday 1st October 2024.

The Management Committee operate a Business Reserve Policy to clarify both internally and externally the need for reserve funds.

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Signed

*BA Hulme*

Date 8-12-24

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