

# **Bishopswood Village Hall (Charity number: 520935)**

## **Chairs Annual Report – August 2023 – August 2024**

### **Principal Objective**

The object of the charity is to provide a village hall for use of the inhabitants of Bishopswood and the surrounding neighborhood; for the use of meetings, lectures, classes and for other forms of recreation, with the aim of improving their quality of life. The governing document of the charity is a trust deed.

### **AGM reporting**

Our financial period runs from August to August. This is therefore a report on August 2023 – August 2024.

Regular Hires are at a good level and we have a pretty full diary each week with regular hirers. Private Hires are still not back to pre 2020 levels, Children's parties have been popular but other private hire events such as weddings etc have not been booked as often as previously.

We are constantly trying to balance our own increasing costs with trying to keep the hire rates for the hall at a fair and competitive level. Which is not as easy as it sounds and has taken a lot of discussions and work from our Trustees.

But the hall does continue to play an important part in the community – providing opportunities to keep fit, pursue artistic ambitions amongst other things and – most importantly - socialise, maybe over a cup of something hot or a meal.

The Village Hall Committee is constantly endeavouring to increase the sustainability of the hall as well as to reduce its carbon footprint. During the last year we changed all of the fluorescent lighting in the hall to LED lights. The village hall already has 16 solar panels on the roof and we wanted to look into the possibility of getting a solar battery installed to benefit the hall in helping to reduce the running cost of the hall. Electricity is one of the biggest costs in running the hall, especially in light of the elevated tariff costs we have experienced the last few years and reducing that cost would permit us to keep the hall hire rates as low as possible and therefore maximise the benefit to the local community.

We applied for 2 grants, one with the David Family Foundation and one with the Walford Parish Council. These grant applications were both successful and we received £7,000 from the David Family Foundation and £500 from the Walford Parish Council. I would like to thank both organisations for their generosity and we would not have been able to proceed without them.

We had a Tesla Powerwall II Solar Battery installed on the 15<sup>th</sup> August 2024 at the hall. The final cost of the installation was £7,868.75 and when we were provided with the final invoice, we were informed that Village Halls are now eligible for a zero rating for VAT therefore we did not have to pay VAT on the installation. The hall has already seen the benefit of the solar battery and will continue to do so for many years to come.

I would like to thank everyone on the committee and also our Volunteers for all their hard work they do to keep the hall running.

Keeping the hall running takes an incredible amount of work and I would like to thank Jon for all of his hard work as our Vice Chair and Treasurer. Bob for maintaining our online presence and the growing 'Friends' group. Barry for the ongoing maintenance of the Hall. Sandra as Secretary for keeping up with minuting the meetings and maintaining the Operations Calendar. I would also like to thank Marcia and Christine for all of their hard work in dealing with all of the bookings for the hall.



CHARITY COMMISSION  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

BISHOPSWOOD VILLAGE HALL

520935

## Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	01/09/2023	To	31/08/2024
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### Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
Public Hire Income	17,335	-	-	17,335	13,055
Private Hire Income	7,162	-	-	7,162	5,370
Fund Raising	5,536	-	-	5,536	4,661
Bar Receipts	4,153	-	-	4,153	6,954
Interest	-	-	-	-	-
Feed-in-Tariff Payments	932	-	-	932	983
Grants	-	7,500	-	7,500	150
Donations	33	-	-	33	750
Less: Returned Deposits	- 2,600	-	-	- 2,600	2,493
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	<b>32,551</b>	<b>7,500</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>40,051</b>	<b>31,921</b>
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>32,551</b>	<b>7,500</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>40,051</b>	<b>31,921</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Cleaning	6,316	-	-	6,316	5,743
Electricity	4,774	-	-	4,774	3,190
Heating	4,303	-	-	4,303	3,129
BT	525	-	-	525	463
Business & Premises Expenses	4,508	-	-	4,508	4,367
Other	-	-	-	-	-
Maintenance	5,807	-	-	5,807	5,418
Advertising	-	-	-	-	-
Fundraising Costs	1,705	-	-	1,705	1,006
Bar Expenditure	1,646	-	-	1,646	2,887
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>29,583</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>29,583</b>	<b>28,697</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>					
PV Battery	369	7,500	-	7,869	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>369</b>	<b>7,500</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>7,869</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>29,952</b>	<b>7,500</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>37,452</b>	<b>28,697</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>2,600</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>2,600</b>	<b>3,224</b>
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	44,749	-	-	44,749	41,525
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>47,349</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>47,349</b>	<b>41,525</b>

## Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
<b>B1 Cash funds</b>	Bank Account	25,359	-	-
	Cash Float	1,990	-	-
	Deposit Account	20,000	-	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>47,349</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>

(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))

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Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
<b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
<b>B3 Investment assets</b>			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
<b>B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>	Solar Panels	Unrestricted	-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
<b>B5 Liabilities</b>			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	J MIDDLE	28.3.2025



**Section A**

**Independent Examiner's Report**

**Report to the trustees/  
members of**

Charity Name  
BISHOPSWOOD VILLAGE HALL

**On accounts for the year  
ended**

31/08/2024

**Charity no  
(if any)**

520935

**Set out on pages**

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(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended **31/08/2024**.

**Responsibilities and  
basis of report**

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 the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

**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 which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

**Signed:**

**Date:**

25/03/2025

**Name:**

PHILIP ROWBERRY

**Relevant professional  
qualification(s) or body  
(if any):**

MAAT ACCA

**Address:**

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Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

**Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.**