

Wootton Village Hall - Chairman's report on 2024 activities

We have had a very full and fruitful year of events etc. and as you will hear from our Treasurer the finances are in good health.

I shall outline some of the events/works undertaken over this past year. Last June saw the D Day celebration with a 1940s singer, fancy dress and chip van. The chip van now is a regular visitor. Together with the school and church we were part of Wootton Open Gardens event which was a huge success.

In September we had a visit from the Crime Commissioner and we held a summer gala which was opened by our MP Martin Vickers. The weather wasn't great but the event was a success with displays of produce, kids races and support from the Police and Fire Service. We intend to hold a similar event this 19th July.

We also had a youngsters disco, a Christmas Craft Fair and Film night towards the end of the year. This year we had a very successful Burns night supper and a well attended Easter Bingo, Craft Fair and Egg hunt. Additionally we have had approximately 27 private hires of the hall, at one of which we provided a bar. These have brought in welcome funds.

We currently have weekly yoga, monthly quiz night, monthly music nights and regular kids clothes swap days. Also of course Tuesday and Friday afternoon coffee and cakes afternoons. The committee arranged for the felling of the Leylandii trees and the subsequent planting of hedging provided by N Lincs Council. This should a) help with the solar panels and b) improve the aesthetics of the grounds.

As most of you know we lost Val Wressell and we hosted the wake for the family. The family were very appreciative of the halls support and made a donation of £200. We felt that with this donation we should create some sort of memorial to Val. The idea now being that we create a memorial garden and place a bench with Val's name on it.

I should mention the sponsorship by Internetty who have provided us with items for our events such as 20 Easter eggs and they also donate £100 for every resident of Wootton who signs up to their internet and mentions the village hall. This has helped our funding greatly.

All our events are published on our website at www.woottonvillagehall.com and our Facebook page which now has 209 followers which is a great result. I want to record my great appreciation to all last year's Committee and all our volunteers without whom our success would not have been achieved.

Jim Simpson
Chairman



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Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	01/01/24	To	31/12/24
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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 £
A1 Receipts					
Hall Hire	2,006	-	-	2,006	2,115
Events	6,931	-	-	6,931	6,441
Donations	1,308	-	-	1,308	-
Grants	250	19,804	-	20,054	4,644
Solar electricity	162	-	-	162	-
Radio Mast	1,500	-	-	1,500	-
Correction	-	-	-	-	509
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	12,157	19,804	-	31,961	13,709
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	12,157	19,804	-	31,961	13,709
A3 Payments					
Utilities	1,248	-	-	1,248	1,784
Rates	369	-	-	369	-
Waste	674	-	-	674	820
Insurance/Licenses	1,468	-	-	1,468	1,277
Building Maintenance	2,485	-	-	2,485	601
Grounds Maintenance	2,274	-	-	2,274	5,544
Events	2,588	-	-	2,588	8,668
Building Improvements	-	17,813	-	17,813	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	11,106	17,813	-	28,919	18,694
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	11,106	17,813	-	28,919	18,694
Net of receipts/(payments)	1,051	1,991	-	3,042	-4,985
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	-	-	-	-	-
Cash funds this year end	1,051	1,991	-	3,042	-4,985

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Wootton Village Hall ('the Trust')

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31 December 2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the trustees of the Trust, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008 (the '2008 Act') and the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). You are satisfied that the accounts of the Trust are not required by charity law to be audited and have chosen instead to have an independent examination.

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 65 of the 2008 Act and section 145 of the 2011 Act. In carrying out my examination I have followed the general Directions given by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under section 65(9)(b) of the 2008 Act and the Directions given by the Charity Commission for England and Wales under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act

Independent examiner's statement I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention, except in my comments below, in connection with my examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept as required by section 63 of the 2008 Act and section 130 of the 2011 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of the 2008 Act and the 2011 Act; or
4. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

My comments are:

Where there any Creditors (amounts the charity owes) or Debtors (amounts the charity is owed) as at 31 December 2024, these were not disclosed on any of the reports?

The expenses forms used during the period, were inconsistent – they did not give a description of the expenses incurred and the signatories should have a printed name, and the position held within the Charity underneath the actual signature.

I feel the expenses form should be signed by the Chairman or Trustee (but that these signatories, need to be completely independent/no relation to the person claiming the expenses)

However, going forward and looking at the draft copy of a new expenses form, I believe that the above can be resolved, by adapting the draft form, with my recommendations, above.

The above comments come under the review of the Charity's internal financial controls, which should be carried out on an annual basis.

I confirm that there are no other matters to which your attention should be drawn to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed: 

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