

Trustees Report 2024

The Trustees noted that this year the BMCA accounts has shown a substantial drop in the hiring revenue from £50,955 to £37,105. However, due to the Committee implementing the Trustees recommendation to hire a person to help obtain grants for the BMCA, which has proven very successful, with a small surplus being made.

Financial

The Trustees have noted that the Committee has for the third year running voted against increasing our room hiring charges, with the exception of our tenants e.g. Chasetown Youth Football Club and Cherry Orchard Garden Services which have been increased by 5%.

The BMCA have received the following increases in their costs this year:

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| 1. Increase in the living wage | 10% |
| 2. Increase in water rates | 8% |
| 3. Increase in waste collection | 6% |
| 4. Increase in Council Tax | 5% |
| 5. Increase in maintenance services | 5% |

The Trustees must insist that the Finance Committee meet regularly to assess the BMCA financial position.

Building Improvements

With the help of grants the BMCA were able to renovate our Changing Rooms/Toilets for the benefit of all our users. Plus, new ceiling in the Main Hall to improve the acoustics. The Trustees would however point out that there are large costly items coming in the near future i.e.

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| 1. New chairs for the Main Hall | £5,000-£8,000 |
| 2. Updating our electrical wiring | £5,000-£10,000 |
| 3. Resurfacing the car park | £30,000 |
| 4. New entrance sliding doors | £10,000 |

The BMCA should not always assume that there will be grants available to cover these costs; in this present financial climate grants are getting harder to obtain. Some of these projects can be delayed but others cannot.

On a more positive note, the Trustees would like to acknowledge the success of the afternoon Film Club and the Craft Fairs, proving both financially and socially successful.

We would observe it is the same few people doing the work. More help from the Committee would be appreciated and would help in keeping our hiring charges down.

The Trustees must point out again the lack of use of some of our Halls during the week thus incurring costs but no revenue. We would encourage the Committee to explore ways to remedy this situation. We also note the lack of growth in our catering/bar sales which should also be urgently addressed.

The Trustees would like to conclude by thanking the Officers, Staff with a special thanks to Mrs J Wall and to some of the Committee for all their hard work/dedication in making the BMCA a successful and friendly place to frequent.

B Harman
On behalf of
BMCA Trustees

BURNTWOOD MEMORIAL COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION**INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024**

INCOME	2024	2023
Rentals		
Hire of Halls	37,105.52	50,955.62
Catering	2,124.60	1,946.36
Rent of Premises	7,549.99	-
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	49,151.63	55,180.02
Fund Raising		
Donations	5,065.65	20.00
Insurance Claim	1,199.50	0.00
Grants	52,826.68	10,780.00
Cinema Event	3,838.97	0.00
Craft Fayre	1,069.00	0.00
Car Park Fees	1,832.00	1,540.00
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	65,831.80	12,340.00
Interest Received	601.36	0.00
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Total Income	115,584.79	67,520.02
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EXPENDITURE		
Capital Expenditure	35,471.00	16,539.08
General Maintenance	19,776.72	9,084.03
Salaries		
Administration	11,748.40	10,671.60
Cleaning	7,234.66	8,242.08
Caretaker	3,360.00	3,394.92
Windows	290.00	430.00
Employment costs	1,293.95	475.20
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	23,927.01	23,213.80
Cinema Event	2,012.61	0.00
Office Equipment	786.00	0.00
Services		
Gas	6,467.00	12,367.82
Electricity	2,483.26	2,259.76
Telephone	713.15	1,051.35
Internet	712.40	873.40
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Rates	10,375.81	16,552.33
Water	1,006.58	1,196.64
General	325.35	392.80
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	1,331.93	1,589.44
Miscellaneous		
Printing, Postage & Stationery	232.78	234.55
Applications	348.60	0.00
Insurance	1,779.95	1,701.77
Advertising/Website Costs	1,518.31	1,133.58
Licences	298.54	302.75
Professional Fees	450.00	2,501.00
Bank Charges	188.20	250.24
Miscellaneous Expenses	292.37	103.38
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	5,108.75	6,227.27
Total Expenditure	98,789.83	73,205.95
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Total Income over Expenditure		
carried forward to Balance Sheet	£ 16,794.96	£ -5,685.93
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Section A Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the Trustees

Charity Name
BURNTWOOD MEMORIAL COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

On accounts for the year ended

31 DECEMBER 2024	Charity no (if any)	522623
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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31 December 2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees, 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 all 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:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did 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.

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

Signed: 

Date: 23 FEBRUARY 2025

Name: GERALDINE AUSTIN

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