

Checkley Community Centre

Uttoxeter Road, Checkley, Stoke-on-Trent, Staffordshire, ST10 4NB

Charity Number: 700668

Financial Statement for the year ended 28 February 2023

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The Checkley Community Centre

Trustees Annual Report for the year ended 28 February 2023

The Trustees of the Checkley Parish Community Hall are pleased to present their report for the year ended 28 February 2023. The Charity is also known by its abbreviated name "Checkley Community Centre."

Charitable Status

The Charity is registered with the Charity Commission as Charity number 700668.

Address of the Charity

The principal correspondence of the Charity is:

Mr Thomas Reynolds
26 Teanhurst Road
Lower Tean
Staffs
ST10 4LR

Governing Document

The Charity is governed in accordance with the Trust Deed dated 19 July 1988.

Objects and Activities of the Charity

The object of the Charity is to run the village hall for the benefit of the people of Checkley Parish.

This is achieved by:

- Providing a high quality facility for use by local people and organisations for social events, meetings, lectures and classes, and for other forms of recreation and leisure-time activities.
- Providing safe parking for use by the users of the hall and for the village school.
- Providing a safe and secure children's play area.
- The letting of the hall to suitable organisations such as a children's nursery in order to raise funds to go towards the maintenance of the hall.

Through this means the hall is the focal point of the village community.

Policies of the Charity

In furtherance of the objects of the Charity, the trustees may:

- Raise funds by any lawful activity or means including the letting of the facility and receive contributions by way of donations and grants.
- Arrange activities to raise funds towards the upkeep and running of the property.
- Invest monies not immediately required as thought fit and proper.

It is considered appropriate that some substantial specific projects are undertaken from time to time. Some of these projects require large capital sums and the monies may therefore be accumulated over a period of time before being applied to the project.

Trustees of the Charity

The Trustees of the Charity during the period were:

Mrs Mary Amos	Chairperson	
Mr Pete Seaman	Treasurer	From 21 July 2022
Mr Colin Knibbs	Treasurer	To 21 July 2022
Mr Thomas Reynolds	Secretary	

Other Trustees:

Mrs Emma Demaine
Miss Debra Brogarth
Mr Nicholas Healy
Mr Michael Fallon

All the trustees are elected by the members at the annual general meeting of the Charity.

Professional Advisers

The professional advisers to the Charity are:

Banker: TSB, 41 Market St, Longton, Stoke-on-Trent ST3 1BN

Independent Examiner: Mr Peter Taylor FCA, 10 St Mary's Close, Checkley.

Activities and future plans

Following on from Covid, we were fortunate to have money from the government which enabled us to take on the toilet refurbishment programme which has greatly improved facilities here. We used all the grants available from the government to fund this. That, along with returning regular bookings and a variety of new bookings has given us a good regular monthly income which covers all associated running costs and has enabled us to take on larger projects. These have included the replacement of all lighting with LED lights to ensure a more efficient and greener option, and the replacement of broken manholes in the car park and new line marking.

Going forward it is our intention to redecorate the main hall and replace some of the external doors along with replacement blinds to the main hall windows. This will ensure we can continue to make the hall a more attractive room for the hiring out to parties and weddings. This is an ongoing project.

Having lost a nursery following Covid, we have been fortunate to secure the hire of the facility to a nursery which was relocating from its previous premises. They have settled well into the community and engage with both the church and the local school. They work well with our regular hirers and provide a regular monthly income.

All of our regular hirers returned after Covid, and we secured new groups too. We are fortunate to have a wide selection of groups using the hall in the evenings – every night is booked with a different activity, including, bowls, art classes, dog training class, soccer for tots and juniors, exercise and martial arts classes along with sewing groups, mindfulness and relaxation groups. Providing a mix of activities for all ages and abilities in the village. Regular hirers include the local WI groups, the school and the church and we hold craft fairs. All of the above are well supported.

We are also indebted to the landlord of our local pub who took on the task of refurbishing the bar. This was another long overdue project. This improvement has raised the standard of service that we provide. Usage of the bar has increased as customer satisfaction is better than previously.

All the regular hirers and contributors make up our Community Centre family, with all parties working together. This is truly a community centre.

Private hires have been steadily increasing. We have hosted many children's birthday parties, weddings, music events, psychic evenings, a bird show, craft fairs, and a letterbox study group to name a few. Several of these have re-booked for this year, all commenting on what a good venue we have and how clean it is. Future bookings are healthy. As trustees, we have held an Oktoberfest, which although poorly attended, covered its costs and a great night was had by all. We are hoping to hold another event this year if we have enough people to organise and support this.

Our monthly fish and chip lunch has been a huge success. With a regular group of 40 people partaking. We had a Christmas lunch attended by 90 people and a Coronation Afternoon tea for 60 people.

We could not run these lunches without the help of our volunteers who turn up tirelessly every month to run the event.

The parish council have been supportive in everything we do and is always on hand for advice on any matter we are unsure of.

Thomas Reynolds – Secretary
December 2023

Checkley Community Centre
Income & Expenditure Account
for the year ended 28 February 2023

	Notes	Year to 28 Feb 2023	Year to 28 Feb 2022
INCOME			
Lettings	1	19,045	11,765
Fund Raising	2	4,312	-
Other Income	3	6,719	30,031
Total Income		<u>30,076</u>	<u>41,796</u>
EXPENDITURE			
Running Expenses	1	15,849	12,488
Fund Raising Costs	2	4,418	-
Other Expenses	4	538	2,308
Refurbishment Costs	5	-	41,262
Total Expenditure		<u>20,805</u>	<u>56,058</u>
Surplus / (Deficit) for the year		<u>9,271</u>	<u>(14,262)</u>

Checkley Community Centre
 Balance Sheet
 as at 28 February 2023

	<u>28 Feb 23</u>	<u>28 Feb 22</u>
Fixed assets		
Land & Buildings	235,080	235,080
Solar Panels	63,444	63,444
	<u>298,524</u>	<u>298,524</u>
Current Assets		
Cash and Bank		
TSB - General Account	4,717	4,502
TSB - Reserve Account	25,518	17,563
Cash in Hand	300	-
	<u>30,535</u>	<u>22,065</u>
Prepayments	813	549
	<u>31,348</u>	<u>22,614</u>
Less: Creditors and Accruals	770	1,307
Net Current Assets	<u>30,578</u>	<u>21,307</u>
Tota Assets	<u>329,102</u>	<u>319,831</u>
Funds of the Charity		
Brought forward at start of the year	319,831	334,093
Net surplus/(deficit) for the year	9,271	(14,262)
Total Funds carried forward at the end of the year	<u>329,102</u>	<u>319,831</u>

Checkley Community Centre
Notes to the Accounts
for the year ended 28 February 2023

Note	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
	£	£
1 Operating Activities		
Hall Lettings Income		
Lettings to Children's Day Nursery	3,000	990
Other lettings	16,045	10,775
	<u>19,045</u>	<u>11,765</u>
Running Expenses		
Consumables	1,131	426
General Repairs	1,476	2,092
Grass & hedge cutting	50	770
Insurance	664	539
Performing Rights	129	494
Tablecloth laundering	280	-
Utilities - Heat, Light & Power	4,334	2,540
Wages	6,042	4,126
Waste Disposal	779	540
Website, Wi-Fi, Stationery & Admin	964	961
	<u>15,849</u>	<u>12,488</u>
Surplus / (Deficit) on Operating Activities	<u>3,196</u>	<u>(723)</u>

2 Fund Raising	<u>Income</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
	£	£	£	£
Fish & Chip Lunches	2,789	2,504	285	-
Oktoberfest	1,490	1,914	(424)	-
Miscellaneous Fund Raising	33	-	33	-
	<u>4,312</u>	<u>4,418</u>	<u>(106)</u>	<u>-</u>

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Notes to the Accounts - Continued
for the year ended 28 February 2023

3 Other Income	2023	2022
Grants	£	£
District Council - Grant towards toilet refurbishment	500	-
County Council - Grant towards Fish & Chip Community events	300	-
District Council - H M Government Covid Assistance	-	22,771
County Council - Grant towards toilet refurbishment	-	2,000
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Total of Grants received	800	24,771
Other Income		
Donations	15	134
Bank Interest Received	117	151
Electricity Generation from Solar Panels	5,787	4,975
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	6,719	30,031
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4 Other Expenses	2023	2022
Replacement of equipment	£	£
Sound system	359	-
Freezer	179	-
Fencing	-	1,419
Little Library	-	223
Vacuum Cleaner	-	126
CCTV Improvements	-	540
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	538	2,308
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5 Refurbishment Costs	2023	2022
Refurbishment of Toilets	£	£
	-	41,262
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**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of
Checkley Community Centre**

Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of The Checkley Community Centre ("the Trust") for the year ended 28 February 2023 as set out on pages 4 to 7.

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.



Peter G Taylor, FCA
10 St Mary's Close
Checkley

18 December 2023