

## **Chairman's Report to Barnwell Village Hall AGM for Financial Year 2024**

The hall continues to be used by a huge variety of events for all age groups and this year has seen the addition of -Sound Gong Bath a relaxation and meditation workshop meeting at the hall every month with some well attended sessions.

The increase in the cost of living has seen at least four events cancelled due to lack of numbers. The Pied Piper Caravan Club decided not to go ahead with their booking for New Year as they were struggling for numbers. They had met at the hall for several years over the New Year but think they also had a lack of volunteers to run the event. They now have a new Committee and have rebooked for 2025 and are also happy with our new price structure. We have had several of the caravan rallies with reduced numbers and think this is due to people having less money to spend on leisure income, the weather, increasing age of members and rising insurance costs meaning people are being more selective about number of rallies they attend.

Our hall was badly in need of spruce up, so we used our quietest month August to get the Decorators in. The Company we used did a good job and put in a good Team to get the job completed in the required time scale with a minimum amount of disruption-our next task will be the outside with the windows and doors and fascia boards all needing attention. Thanks to John Foster for his help in acquiring new Bar Fridges and a Freezer a great addition for the hall.

The Oundle Arts Society have finally had their" state of the art" projector installed with much help from John, David and George apart from a little hiccup with the initial location all went well and the system is now up and running, together with the new screen a good addition to the hall.

Thanks to the Oundle Rifle and Pistol Club and Barnwell Parish Council we have had a defibrillator fitted to the outside of the hall-Thanks to David for getting this organised.

Our main fundraising event of the Year-The Bonfire and Firework display was held in November and Sincere Thanks to the Bonfire Sub Committee for all their hard work and efforts ensuring another successful and safe event was held. However, after much debate and discussion the Barnwell Village Hall Committee has decided that this was the last Bonfire event. Due to soaring costs of insurance, fireworks and safety requirements a decision was taken that the risks were now too great for the reward.

Hopefully we can encourage some new members to join our committee to help carry on the successful running of the hall for the future.

I would like to pass on my sincere Thanks to the whole Committee for their help and assistance, special thanks to Trudy for the accounts, Anita for the Minutes ,to Julie for managing the cleaning.

**Robert George Marriott-Chairman**

## BARNWELL VILLAGE HALL

Receipts and Payments Account  
For the Year ending ending 31st December 2024

	2024	2023
Income		
Receipts	21,286	17,976
Bonfire Night	12,827	14,147
Credits, Misc. and Donations		
Bank Interest received	470	281
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>34,582</b>	<b>32,404</b>
Payments		
Insurance	1,398	1,344
Refuse	1,980	2,893
Water	1,563	633
Electricity	8,458	9,473
Phone/Internet	187	173
Maintenance	9,173	5,513
Cleaning Materials	69	77
Wages	5,579	5,823
Bonfire Night	10,029	6,801
Misc	1,841	430
<b>Total Payments</b>	<b>40,278</b>	<b>33,160</b>
<b>NET RECEIPTS</b>	<b>-5,695</b>	<b>-757</b>
<u>BANKS &amp; BUILDING SOCIETY ACCOUNTS</u>		
Opening balances 1st Jan 2024		
Current Account	2,697	13,735
Business Premium Account	35,726	25,445
Building society	137	137
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>38,561</b>	<b>39,318</b>
<b>Plus Net receipts</b>	<b>-5,695</b>	<b>-757</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>32,866</b>	<b>38,561</b>
Represented by		
Closing balances 31st December 2024		
Current Account	2,533	2,697
Business Premium Account	30,196	35,726
Building society	137	137
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>32,866</b>	<b>38,561</b>

Prepared by Trudy Dijksterhuis

Audited by:

I have independently examined the accounts and supporting documents and find that the above statement accurately represents the transactions of the accounts and its assets as at 31-12-24

Sarah Holmes August 2025

Signed

Sarah Holmes

12/8/2025.