



Lamerton Sports and Community Centre Chairperson's Annual Report

Date: 23 April 2024

Presented by: Terry Neild, Chairperson of the Board of Trustees for Lamerton Sports and Community Centre (LSCC).

1. Introduction

Greetings to all our community members and stakeholders. This report aims to provide a comprehensive overview of our activities, improvements, and challenges regarding the LSCC over the past year, as well as our goals for the coming year.

2. Summary of Activities

Events Hosted: The hall successfully hosted a total of [number] events this year, including community meetings, private parties, and public events such as:

- Lamerton Duck Race
- Harvest Auction
- Christmas Hamper
- Christmas Quiz

Community Engagement: We initiated several community engagement programs aimed at increasing local participation and usage of the hall. Highlights include:

- Bi-Monthly Bingo
- Bi-Monthly Coffee Mornings (in conjunction with St Peter's Church)

Most importantly, the hall hosted Lamerton Church of England Primary School when their building suffered a fire and smoke damage. This began in February 2023 and continued to July 2023. It was a pleasure to see the community rally around and that we were able to provide a facility where the school was able to function and maintain the high standard of education of the pupils. A special shout out goes to our very own, Kath and Martin Davey for their massive contribution on enabling this to happen and acknowledgement of the Great Neighbours Award in the BBC Devon Make a Difference Award because of their swift and selfless action.

The Board of Trustees are also in ongoing talks with the Parish Council about the current hall lease. These discussions are specifically around the roles and responsibilities of the Parish Council as landlord and the Board of Trustees with regards the maintenance and upkeep of the building and surrounding grounds. These are still at an early stage, and we will ensure the community has full knowledge of any decisions of the status of the lease. We look forward to continuing these talks with an air of partnership with the PC.

3. Maintenance and Improvements

Completed Projects: This year, we completed several important maintenance projects, including:

- Complete refurbishment of the kitchen
- Temporary lighting in car park
- Making safe of external lighting in car park
- Refurbishment of a patch of the hall wooden flooring

Upcoming Improvements: Plans for the next year include:

- Resurfacing of the carpark
- More lighting in the carpark

4. Financial Overview

Income: The village hall generated a total income of [amount] through event bookings, grants, and donations.

Expenditures: Total expenditures for the year amounted to [amount], with major expenses in maintenance and event hosting.

Financial Health: The hall remains financially stable, with a healthy balance to support future projects.

5. Challenges Faced

This year, we faced several challenges, including the rescheduling of regular users of the hall due to the school occupation. We addressed these challenges by openly discussing with the users and coming to mutually beneficial solutions.

6. Acknowledgements

Special thanks to all the committee members, volunteers, and community members who have dedicated their time and resources. Special recognition goes to the following for their extraordinary contributions:

- Kath and Martin Davey for their tireless contributions to the running of the hall, no job is too small for them and is greatly appreciated.
- Bingo – Kath and Martin Davey along with Vicky Manton for running the Bi-Monthly Bingo that contributes much-needed funds to the hall finances.

- Playground: Val Hill for her support with checking that the playground equipment is serviceable and safe for the local children to play on.
- Duck Race – Thank you to the Hills for letting us use their field for the Race. Also, thanks go to Norman Turnock for contributing toilet facilities and Ian Minshull for contributing time, tractor, and equipment for the race. There are many others who contributed their time and effort for which we give our wholehearted thanks.
- Christmas Hamper – Special thanks go to Janet Hugill for her work creating the hampers to raffle off.
- Kitchen Refurb – I want to acknowledge all those who helped with the refurbishment of the kitchen. It looks amazing and special thanks for Stevie Downing for project managing the whole refurb, it as done professionally and with little fuss.

7. Conclusion and Future Plans

Looking ahead, we aim to enhance our hall's facilities and programming to better serve our community's needs. We are planning the following, and we encourage everyone to participate and provide feedback.

- 18 May – Spring Quiz
- 7 July – Duck Race
- 27 September – Harvest Auction
- 19 October -Country Dance
- 30 November -Christmas Fayre and Christmas Quiz
- 14 December – Christmas Hamper

We are also exploring the possibility of hiring a comedian and will let people know if this will go ahead.

We are also reviewing the roles and responsibilities of the Trustees and ensuring we have the right skillsets in place to ensure the LSCC continues to thrive.

8. Call to Action

We invite all community members to support our upcoming events and participate in the planned improvement projects. Your involvement is crucial for our success. To that end we are creating a separate committee to run the events and there is a real need for new Trustees for the Board. Our plan is for the Events Committee to meet twice a year and then ad hoc depending on what event is next and for the Board of Trustees to run quarterly to deal with hall issues.

We need volunteers for both and helpers who can contribute in more practical way so that we can keep maintenance costs down. The LSCC is the greatest asset of our village, and we need more people to ensure it maintains that status.

Thank you for your continued support and engagement.

Terry Neild

Chairperson

LSCC Board of Trustees

LAMERTON SPORTS AND COMMUNITY CENTRE
TREASURER'S REPORT YEAR END 29 FEBRUARY 2024

2023/24 = 1 March 2023 to 29 February 2024

2022/23 = 1 March 2022 to 28 February 2023

TOTAL INCOME	2023/24	2022/23
Coffee Mornings	1,359	922
Bingo	1,585	1,292
Field hire	1,950	850
Interest	547	139
Hall hire *	20,647	11,038
Donations	-	355
Fundraising events	4,524	5,377
	30,612	19,973

25 Coffee mornings (22/23 – 20) were held at an average income of £54.37 (22/23 - £46.08)

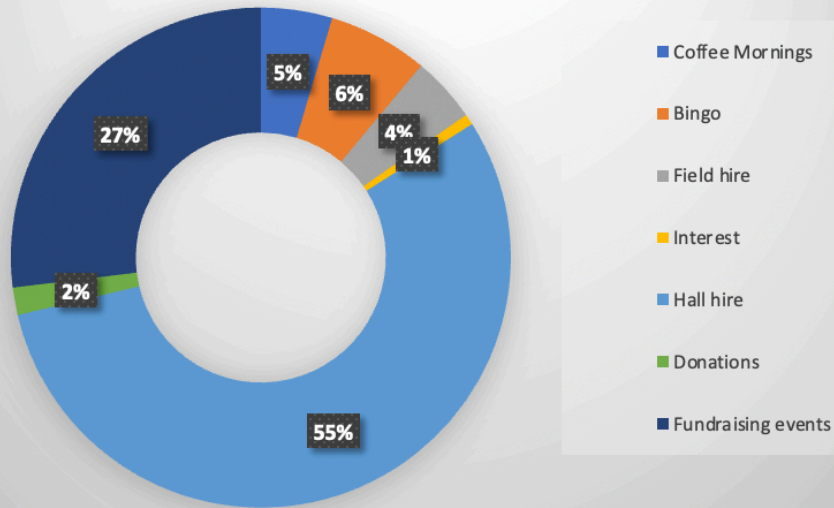
22 Bingo sessions (22/23 – 21) were held at an average income of £66.75 (22/23 - £47.66) (excluding Christmas Bingo for both).

** This includes £10,994 of income from Lamerton Primary School (22/23 - £625). Without the school income the hall hire would have been £9,653 compared to £10,413 last year. The fall is almost entirely attributed to lost bookings whilst school occupied but thankfully our groups were wholly supportive and helpful to achieve this for the school.*

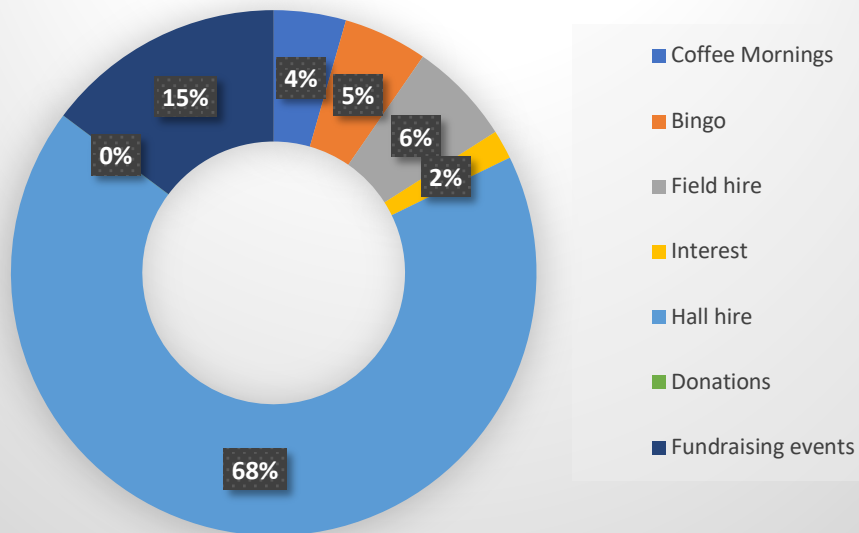
HALL BOOKINGS	2023/24	2022/23
Afternoon Badminton	1,024	878
Art Club	752	882
Craft club (ended Nov 23)	495	168
Evening Badminton	816	765
Karate	1,096	945
Lamerton Parish Council	455	490
Lamerton PTA	190	63
Lamerton School	10,994	625
Lamerton WI	326	323
Loddestone Border Morris	667	732
Toddler Group *	411	756
MUGA hire	230	160
Pauline and Tony Carver	243	523
Total regular booking	17,699	7,310
Other bookings	2,948	3,728
Total bookings	20,647	11,038

* Note that £483 was owed at year end but the group had been unable to pay due to bank issues so the figure would have been £894

INCOME SOURCES 2022-23



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INCOME - COMMENTARY

Our income comes from a variety of sources as shown on the charts here.

68% from hall hire (55% 2022/23) and 15% from fundraising events (27% 2022/23). With the Bingo sessions providing much needed consistent income thanks to Kath and Martin Davey and the Coffee Mornings bringing in much needed funds courtesy of Stevie Downing and a great team of volunteers.

Our fundraising events raised the following:

Harvest Auction	£1,894
Duck Race	£1,554
Hamper Draw	£609
Quiz Night (25/11)	£332
Coronation tea draw	£83
Games Night	£52

We've received £1,950 from Lamerton Primary School for their use of the playing field to 31 July 2022 and 31 July 2023.

TOTAL EXPENDITURE	2023/24	2022/23
Cleaning	2,970	3,000
Cleaning products	907	268
Ground rent	-	-
Gardening	925	685
Grounds maintenance	1,322	120
Electricity	4,805	1,069
Heating oil	1,364	1,768
Water	700	389
Stationery and postage	184	331
Telephone and wi-fi	403	331
Honoraria	580	500
Repairs	3,695	2,333
Kitchen installation	12,269	-
Equipment servicing & repairs	913	1,460
Subscriptions	50	129
Insurance	1,122	1,072
Legal and professional	47	35
Advertising	18	8
Sundries	-	-
	<u>32,274</u>	<u>13,498</u>

* For info: we also spent £122,866 on the installation of the MUGA in 2022/23

EXPENDITURE – COMMENTARY

Key observations:

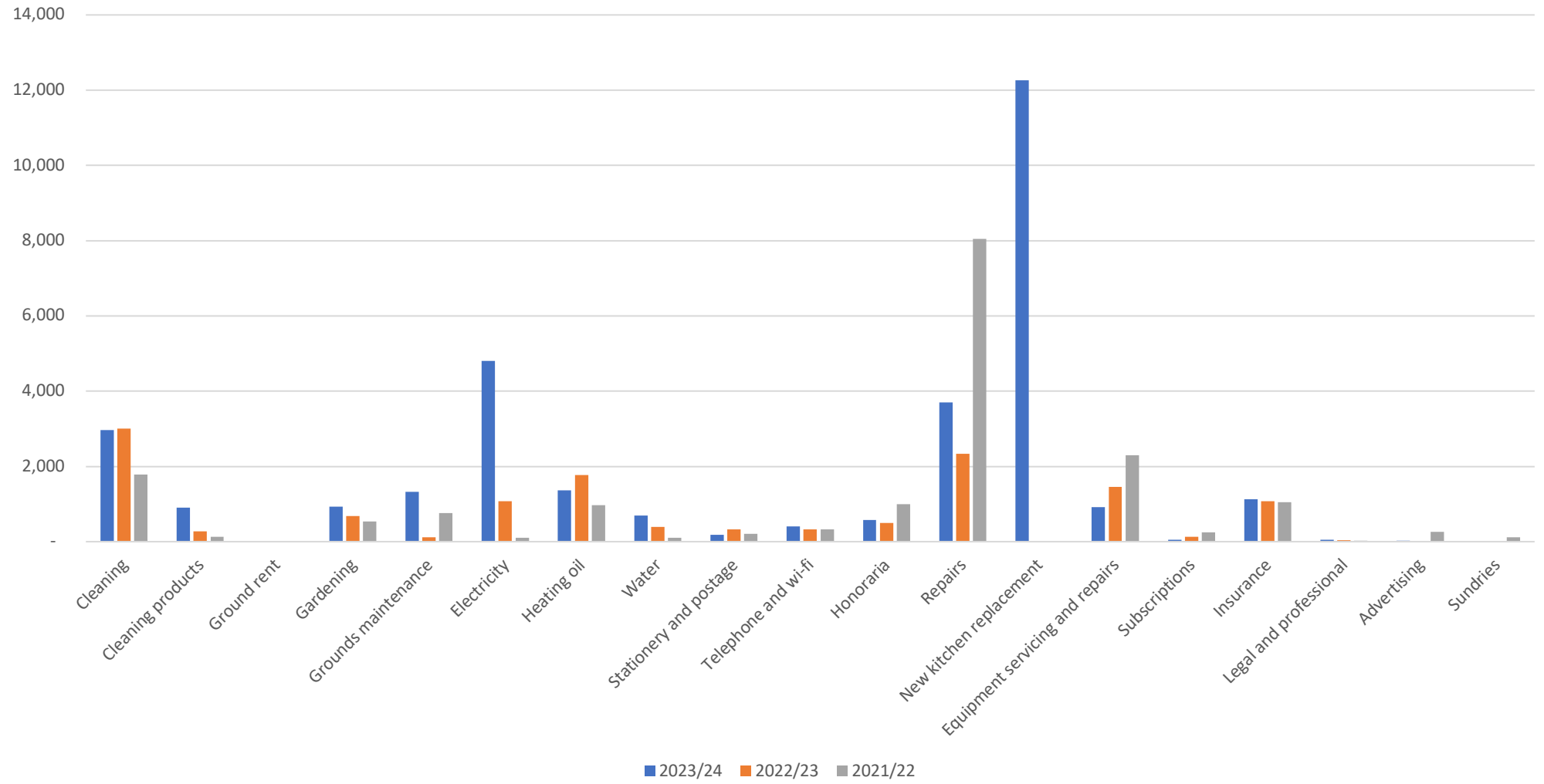
- We are seeing a large rise in utility costs now. Part of this due to inflation and part due to the school usage.
- School usage also increased cleaning products purchased
- Grounds maintenance includes repairs to the school marquee area, grass trimming and hedge cutting
- Repairs and servicing of equipment are collectively about £1,000 up mainly due to a flooring repair and roundabout bearing
- The kitchen installation has been paid for out of reserves.

RESERVES

At 29 February 2024 we had funds of £40,560 (made up of £37,453 in the bank and £3,107 in cash).

At 28 February 2023 we had funds of £42,222 (made up of £41,577 in the bank and £645 in cash)

Expenditure





Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/ members of

Charity Name

LAMERTON PARISH HALL

On accounts for the year ended

29 FEBRUARY 2024

Charity no (if any)

900404

Set out on pages

1 TO 6

(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 29 / 02 / 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

~~The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of [insert name of applicable listed body]]. Delete [] if not applicable.~~

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (other than that disclosed below *) 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.

* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed:

J Brydon

Date:

30.7.24

Name:

JACKIE BRYDON

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body

(if any):

Address:

Section B Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material 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.