RISBY VILLAGE HALL CHARITY TRUST

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Aylmer Close
Risby
Charity No. 1186173



Annual Report 2023/2024

TRUSTEES	
Chairman	Mr. Darren Matthews
Vice-Chairman	Mr. Craig Ellis
Secretary	Mrs. Sophie Flux
Treasurer	Mrs. Catherine Baines
	Mr. David Edwards
	Mr. Dean Taylor

HALL MANAGER Mr. Jamie Hudson

OBJECTIVES –The provision of the Village Hall, Recreation Ground and Playground for the benefit of the Village.

AIMS – The aim of the Charity is to maintain and improve the fabric of the Village Hall, Recreation Ground and Playground.

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The committee's long-term strategy is to continue to improve the amenities provided, and to allow more of the village to make use of both halls, the MUGA, and the recreation field.

Some of our long term projects are:

- Secure funds for resurfacing of car park area (when needed)
- Restoration or installation of a new wood floor for the large hall.

Treasurer's Report

This is my first full year as Treasurer and during the year we moved the accounts onto Quickbooks. This has enabled Jamie, the Hall Manager, to raise sales invoices directly from the software and enabled me to submit fully compliant MTD VAT returns directly to HMRC. Although Quickbooks incurs an administrative cost it makes day to day bookkeeping easier and more transparent. It is also much easier to see which sales invoices remain outstanding and to send reminders to customers. As a consequence, there are fewer outstanding debtors at the year end.

We have also consolidated the Restricted Fund, with full written consent from any interested parties, into one fund, currently WC Refurbishment causing an accounting adjustment of £891.21. During the year the proceeds from the Quiz Night (£208.47) and the Open Gardens event (£956.39) were also added to this fund.

Dave Edwards has been added as a full signatory on the Lloyds Bank current account with full online banking access which he uses regularly in his role as manager of the 60 Club. This provides an added layer of transparency within the organisation. We are also encouraging as many people and clubs as possible to move away from paying by cash and to use online banking transfers instead. With bank interest rates rising during 2023 we opened two savings accounts at Lloyds in September 2023.

This year we have reviewed the advertising sales, the cost of subscribing and the number of copies printed of The Stile magazine in order to make sure the magazine does not run at a loss. The annual cost for The Stile was raised from £2.50, where it has been for possibly 20 years, to £5.00. However, circulation numbers are down probably due to new, younger residents in Risby not signing up but rather opting to rely on social media sites for news and updates.

We have not undertaken any major refurbishment projects this year, but continue to discuss and plan future works and maintenance jobs. The Financial Statements show that the Hall barely covers its costs with bookings alone and is dependent on donations, fundraising and grants for any major works.

The total income for the year was £45,792.01 and the total expenditure was £40,130.96 resulting in a net profit of £5,661.05.

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Chairman's Report for the Annual General Meeting 26th November 2024

First, I would like to say thank you to all the Trustees and volunteers for their commitment over the past year. It's been a very productive year, and we have been able to continue maintaining the financial stability of the trust funds.

Unfortunately, the hall bookings are not covering the annual running costs, due to increases in electricity and other necessities (insurance, music license etc).

With this in mind, the committee has decided to increase hall hire prices from 1st January 2025

We have also been busy with lots of projects and fundraising. I want to thank Jamie Hudson for maintaining the Halls, Kitchens, and outside garden area. I would also like to thank David Edwards for all the time he has put in to continue managing EV chargers and fundraising for the major projects we have planned for 2024 into 2025.

Achievements

- The Village Hall Charity Trust have done the following during the year:
  - Monthly Coffee mornings
  - Manage the Planter with flowers, bulbs and wildflowers
  - Maintaining the surface of the car park
  - Fenced off more of the field in conjunction with the Cricket Club
  - Car boot sales during winter months continued
  - Fundraising for toilet improvements

- During the year we have seen good use of the MUGA, by several regular clubs and hope this will continue during the winter months.
- The forward bookings are good, and there are very few nights of the week when the halls are not being used.

Next Year 2024 – 2024

The committee has one major project which we are looking at moving forward within the next coming year.

This project included the following:

- WC Refurbishment

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I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Committee for their support and encouragement as I have taken on this role. I would also like to thank xxx for being our Auditor again and for his help and advice during the year.