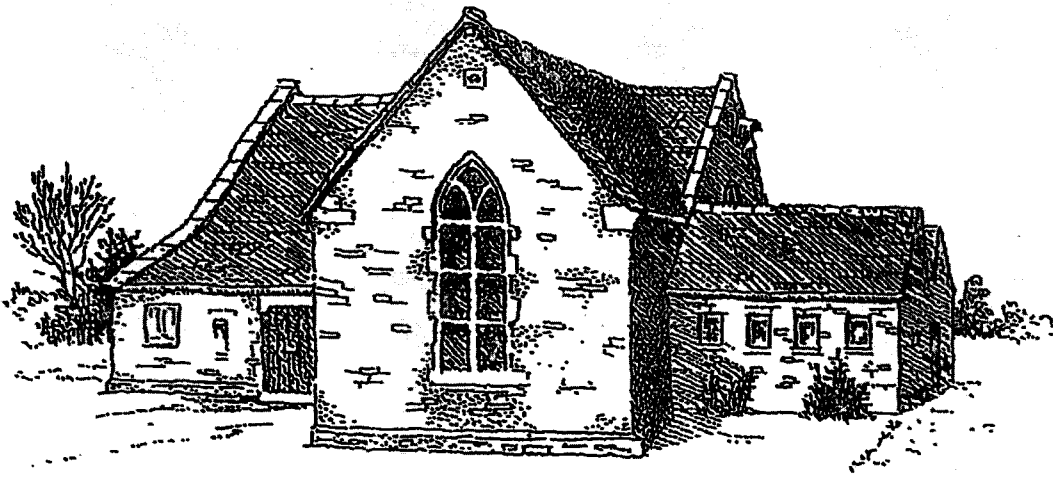


Barton St David Village Hall and Playing Field Charity

Registered Charity No. 304475/1



The Village Hall, Barton St David

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Annual Report of the Trustees

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Accounts for the year ended 31st March 2015

BARTON ST DAVID VILLAGE HALL AND PLAYING FIELD CHARITY
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ANNUAL REPORT 2014-15

The Charity was formed to acquire and manage the village hall, to manage the playing field - which had been bought by the Parish Council from Somerset County Council - and to provide community facilities for the village of Barton St David. Management is provided by the Trustees acting as the Management Committee.

The Village Hall - originally the village school, built in 1864 provides a single large room with a food preparation area, equipment storage rooms and toilets. A separate building at the rear provides extra storage and changing rooms with showers and toilets for use in conjunction with the Playing Field. The field, on which sports are played in due season, incorporates an all-weather tennis court and play equipment, comprising swings, climbing frame, slide etc, for young children.

Running costs are met largely from hire charges which are reviewed annually, in addition the field provides an informal amenity for the village. We need to raise funds for the maintenance of the hall and field, and for improvements generally, we therefore hold regular annual events, which are well supported by the village.

The **Carnival** is the biggest fundraiser, and has for many years been organised by a dedicated sub-committee that draws on further volunteers from outside the Village Hall Committee. Due to the inclement weather the 2014 Carnival was not as well supported as in previous years but still made a profit in excess of £3,000. We are indebted to all those who organise, man and support this event and particularly Sue Fry from Sycamore Farm Shop who once again donated a hog roast and supplied many hungry participants with delicious pork butties.

Other regular events are the **Raft Race** and **Harvest Supper**. On 10th October we combined the latter with a celebration to mark the 150th anniversary of the opening of the original school building. Fancy dress costumes, a delicious meal, a fabulous 'village hall' cake and appropriate entertainment ensured that a good time was had by all. The **Harvest Supper** made £628 which was, as usual, shared with the church.

Dean Porter once again kindly volunteered to run the **Raft Race** and £113 was donated by participants and spectators. Due largely to the difficulties of insurance, in future years this much loved event will continue as part of a sports weekend organised by Dean and Ashley Maunder together with the Butleigh Sevens.

Our small **Events Focus Group** organised many other fund raising events and community gatherings throughout the year. The Village Picnic and sports event provided a further £97.50 towards village hall funds. Once again the Parish Council kindly donated a Christmas tree and carol singing was followed by the opportunity to warm up with mulled wine and mince pies at The Barton Inn. In January an extremely successful 60s Night took place with dancers from Millfield, producing a profit of £352.50. An Art & Craft Exhibition combined with the 'Great Barton Bake Off' in March was well attended and confirmed that our village is well blessed with an abundance of talent. Although not intended as a fundraiser £94 profit was added to our coffers.

Maintenance is a large expense (over £8,000 for the hall and field alone) and relies considerably on volunteer help. We continue to be most grateful to Peter Farrant for mowing the playing field and ensuring that both it, and the machinery required, are maintained to such a high standard. Peter has also been instrumental in securing quotes for new windows for the hall due for installation in the summer of 2015 as well as arranging general repairs and refurbishments.

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After many decades **Jean Winn** will stand down as **Bookings Secretary** for private hall hire bookings. The committee would like to express their profound gratitude for her dedication and support throughout the years and wish her well for the future. Carrie Harrington has agreed to take over this role after the AGM.

The committee continues to work closely with the **Parish Council (PC)**. With the recent roll out of fibre broadband to Barton St David and the requirement for PC 'transparency' a new website is being set up. This will include opportunities for the village hall charity to disseminate information, advertise events and update and improve its on-line profile.

The Chair of the PC has also worked closely with Carrie Harrington (BSDVH&PFC Treasurer) to improve disabled access to the field and purchase new equipment for the children's play area and new windows for the hall. Carrie has worked tirelessly on feasibility studies and grant applications in the hope that £38,844 worth of improvements will be in place by the end of 2015.

As the largest regular user, **Barton St David Pre-School**, have extended their hours to incorporate a lunch club. We are pleased to continue providing facilities for the Pre-School in what was, after all, the village school, and wish them continued success.

The **Scout Group**, represented on the Committee by Claire Parker, now have nine leaders and are heavily over-subscribed. They have recently gained permission to establish an Explorer Scout Unit for 14 to 18 year olds. We have enjoyed developing closer links and working together on projects of mutual benefit.

After over thirty years based at the Village Hall, the **Whist Group** still attend every Friday and we are most grateful for their donations in addition to their hall hire payments.

The **Football Club** 'FC Barton Leverkusen' have struggled this season largely due to lack of commitment from the players. They plan to revert to one team for the coming season and move the following season to the Mid-Somerset League where they were founder members.

Much time and effort has been centred on the **Diamond Jubilee Wood**, a three-acre field, donated to the charity after being purchased from Somerset County Council in January 2013. Eight hundred assorted trees, shrubs and fruit trees have now been planted along with grass mixed with wild flowers and commemorative poppy seeds. Volunteers have mulched the saplings and planted cowslips and native bluebells. We are indeed most grateful to those who made the acquisition of the original field possible and to those individuals and organisations who have provided on-going support. Trees were supplied by The Woodland Trust, as part of their own Jubilee project and a picnic bench donated by the Parish Council overlooks some of the best views in the area. The growing band of supporters associated with the new wood and in particular the efforts of Denise Goodman (Village Tree Warden) and Sue Forbes (DJW Coordinator) are much appreciated.

Plans for future development are well under way and there is provision for basic maintenance. As the woodland matures we hope that the village community will increasingly use this new amenity and become even more involved in its on-going upkeep. We are indebted to our ex Chairman Mr Donald Clarke and all those involved with this endeavour, for their dedication and determination to secure this land for the benefit of the village in perpetuity.

Finally, we thank all our members, helpers and supporters for their commitment over the past year, and look forward to continued success in 2015-16.

P.R Farrant, 8/6/15.
Acting Chairman

B.C. King Hon. Sec

Financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2015

Statement of Assets (As Insured)

Village Hall Building	£807,000
Contents	£15,000
Playground Equipment	£21,000
Mowers	£13,000
Marquees	£3,000
Playing Field and Jubilee Wood	£0

General (Unrestricted) Fund

	<u>March 2015</u>		<u>March 2014</u>	
<u>Receipts:</u>	£	£	£	£
Private Hall Hire	439.00		520.00	
Whist	535.00		366.00	
Table Tennis	432.00		462.00	
Tennis Club	850.00		1000.00	
Pre-School	787.90		1134.00	
Scouts, Beavers & Cubs	472.25		712.75	
Football Club	0.00		321.00	
<i>Total Hall Hire Receipts</i>		3516.15		4515.75
Carnival July 2013	0.00		5931.38	
Carnival July 2014	7180.24		649.00	
Carnival July 2015	1020.00		0.00	
Raft Race	113.00		70.00	
Harvest Supper	628.10		630.00	
Village Picnic	97.50		0.00	
Craft Fair	94.10		0.00	
60s Night (Curry Night 2014)	352.50		393.40	
Aerial Photographs	30.00		0.00	
Playground Raffle	0.00		723.00	
<i>Total Fundraising Receipts</i>		9515.44		8396.78
Donations - General		448.23		1463.05
Donations - Playground		3842.89		100.00
Utility Meters		1042.00		848.00
EDF PV Fee		1845.81		1501.61
Sundry		0.00		245.70
Deposit Interest		16.95		0.55
Total General Fund Receipts		20227.47		17071.44

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General (Unrestricted) Fund Cont.

	<u>March 2015</u>		<u>March 2014</u>	
<u>Payments:</u>	£	£	£	£
Gas	752.00		643.00	
Electricity	312.00		298.00	
Water	393.03		380.79	
Waste & Recycling Collection	153.00		0.00	
Maintenance	1253.63		965.26	
Cleaning	<u>1444.61</u>		<u>1440.58</u>	
<i>Total Hall Costs</i>		4308.27		3727.63
Field Maintenance		1262.27		820.91
Insurance, Memb & Subs		2100.94		2091.58
Tax Return Preparation		0.00		180.00
Sundry		477.81		1155.85
Carnival July 2013	0.00		1298.99	
Carnival July 2014	3978.57		50.00	
Carnival July 2015	167.20		0.00	
Harvest Supper	318.05		375.76	
Village Picnic			125.09	
Playground Raffle			<u>220.00</u>	
<i>Total Fundraising Costs</i>		4463.82		2069.84
Gala Tent & Trestle Tables		1793.16		
Tennis Court Repairs		0.00		1320.00
Total General Fund Payments		<u><u>14406.27</u></u>		<u><u>11365.81</u></u>

General (Unrestricted) Fund Balance:

General Fund Balance b/f 1st April	9052.84	7847.21
Excess of Receipts over Payments	5821.20	5705.63
Less Transferred to Restricted Fund	0.00	-4500.00
General Fund at 31st March	<u><u>14874.04</u></u>	<u><u>9052.84</u></u>

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Jubilee Wood (Restricted) Fund

	<u>March 2015</u>		<u>March 2014</u>	
<u>Receipts:</u>	£	£	£	£
Donations	1000.00		1990.00	
Grants	0.00		890.00	
Fundraising	0.00		915.90	
Gift Aid	0.00		100.00	
		<u>1000.00</u>		<u>3895.90</u>
Total Receipts		1000.00		3895.90
<u>Payments:</u>				
Maintenance	554.00			
Field Preparations and Planting	0.00		6501.80	
Trees	0.00		1114.80	
		<u>554.00</u>		<u>7616.60</u>
Total Payments		554.00		7616.60

Jubilee Wood (Restricted) Fund Balance:

Restricted Fund Balance b/f 1st April	1840.30	1061.00
Excess of Receipts over Payments (Deficit 2014)	446.00	-3720.70
Plus Transferred From General Fund	0.00	4500.00
Restricted Fund at 31st March	2286.30	1840.30

Total Funds at 31st March 2015

Unrestricted: General Funds	14874.04	9052.84
Restricted: Jubilee Wood Fund	2286.30	1840.30
	<u>17160.34</u>	<u>10893.14</u>

Funds Represented by

Cash Balance	335.32	472.23
Main Bank Account	9824.44	8691.08
Deposit Account	5147.78	130.83
Carnival Committee Account	1852.80	1599.00
	<u>17160.34</u>	<u>10893.14</u>


Mrs C E H Harrington (Treasurer)

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of The Barton St David Village Hall and Playing Field Charity

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31 March 2015, which are set out on pages 1 to 3 of the Financial Statements.

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act have not been met;

or

(2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

..... *Helen Hashmi* 1/6/15

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