

# ROADWATER VILLAGE TRUST

## TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT 2024

The Managing Trustees present their report for the year ended 31 December 2024, which should be read in conjunction with the attached Financial Statement for the same period.

### LEGAL STATUS

The Charity results from a merger known as The Roadwater Village Hall and The Roadwater Recreation Ground and was established by Trust Deed dated 25 January 1995. It holds the freehold land now occupied by the Village Hall, Car Park and the Recreation Ground including part of the area of land known as Harper's Wood. The Charity Commission number is 1056321.

### OBJECTS, POLICIES AND ORGANISATION

The Trust is established to provide and maintain the Village Hall and Recreation Ground for the benefit of the inhabitants of Roadwater without distinction of gender, sexuality, political affiliation, or religious beliefs, with the object of improving the quality of life of the inhabitants.

The Hall is available for hire by an individual or organisation in accordance with the standard hiring agreement and scale of charges adopted for the year. The Recreation Ground is likewise available for hire, though not exclusively, as public access is maintained at all times.

It is intended that the scale of charges be sufficient to generate a significant proportion of the income required to meet the ordinary expenditure incurred in providing the Hall and Recreation Ground, with the shortfall being met by regular fundraising events. Large improvements are funded by specific appeals, extraordinary fundraising and grants.

The Management Committee is elected or appointed on an annual basis, with the officers being elected from the membership of the Committee. The Annual General Meeting is held in February or early March. At this time representatives from regular users of the Hall facilities are appointed and other members are elected by majority vote from those attending.

The Trust employs a cleaner/caretaker for 5½ hours per week.

### NAMES OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS

The Committee consists of elected and representative members, the latter making up more than 50% of the Committee (according to the Trust regulations). Members can also be co-opted if there are vacancies.

Steve Eggar, 2 Treborough Cottages	<b>Chair</b> (DPS 1999 AGM)	07777 632570	+
Christos Yianni, Bindon House, Roadwater	<b>Vice-Chair</b> (March 2000 AGM)	01984 641066	*
Debbie Dennis, 3 Brendon Close, Roadwater	<b>Treasurer</b> (June 2001)	01984 641908	*
Jenny Nethercott, Sawmills, Roadwater	<b>Secretary</b> (2022 AGM)	07802 649547	*
David Bernard	(Art Group - June 2018)		+
Shauna Britton	(Playgroup – July 2018)		+
Brian Chinn	(Elected Member – December 2001)		*
Petri Cole	(Cricket Club – March 2018 AGM)		+
Mary Coles	(Dance & Singers Groups – 1984 AGM)		+
Manjula Cote	(Yoga Groups – March 2020 AGM)		+
Julia Eggar	(Elected Member - March 1992 AGM)		*
Bruce Freeman	(Players – March 2023 AGM)		+
Moira Lea	(Needles and Pins Group – February 2012 AGM)		+
Carol Prentice	(Elected Member - February 2016 AGM)		*
Hellen Riebold	(Elected Member - 2018 AGM)		*
Carol Littlejohn	(Spinning Group – April 2023)		+

\* Elected members (7)

+ Representative members (9)

## REVIEW OF THE YEAR 2024

There were a total of 855 lettings during 2024. The number of groups regularly using the Hall and Recreation Ground is 15. There were two weekly dance sessions, on Tuesdays with Felicity Ovando and Fridays with Michelle Purnell; three weekly yoga classes on Tuesdays and Thursdays with Manjula Cote and a weekly Yogalates class on Wednesday, as well as regular gong bath and drum circle sessions; a weekly mother/grandmother/baby group on Mondays; a weekly Art Group meeting on Thursday; twice monthly sewing days of the Needles and Pins Sewing Group; a monthly meeting of The Spinning & Weaving Group; a weekly meeting on Wednesday of The Roadwater Singers informal group; a weekly meeting on Wednesday of the Youth Club; a weekly Tai Chi class on Wednesday led by Jane Snell; weekly group guitar lessons on Monday with Anthony Channer; a weekly Zumba class on Wednesday with Katie Waite which ended in October.

The Roadwater Players' excellent production of "Beyond a Joke" staged in June was enjoyed by appreciative audiences on the five nights it was performed. The December pantomime "Pinocchio, was a great success and enjoyed by a full house each evening, with plenty of audience participation and laughter.

The Midsummer Soiree was a great success despite the interruption of rain. The musicians made a welcome return to the evening, the contributions of food were much enjoyed and the bar added to the conviviality of the occasion.

The sun came out for the Village Fete which attracted a bumper crowd, and helped us raise an amazing sum of money which will be put to good use to help in the running of the hall and recreation ground and to support necessary improvements, refurbishment, maintenance etc. Mike at the Valiant Soldier provided a band for the evening entertainment which again was well attended.

The Art Group put on an exhibition of work in June. For the Somerset Arts Week Festival, "The Roadwater Eight" exhibited for a week at the end of September/beginning of October.

Events held by the Fund Raisers created an excellent profit and included Family Quiz, Big Breakfasts, Bingo nights, Coffee morning, Sing-a-long to Mamma Mia and the annual Christmas Tree lighting with carols around the tree. A New Year's Eve party was held with live band Six Machine. Steve and Julia Eggar organised profitable bars in aid of the hall.

Two Take Art/Village Trust sponsored events, Opa Rosa, and Hannah Maxwell – I, AmDram provided wonderful evening entertainment in April and November. The Take Three Girls Theatre Company staged a performance of Bed Among the Lentils in May and the Swamp Stomp Band performed in November.

Roadwater Cricket Club is a friendly village club that runs two Saturday sides. New players are always welcome.

Repairs are ongoing to some of the play equipment on the recreation ground. The area around the playground has been beset with an ongoing issue with molehills.

A special thanks to Lee Taylor for his continued maintenance of the recreation ground, and thank you to everyone else who has helped with the maintenance.

The EV charging point is now listed on ZapMap and is being used more. The boiler has been serviced and is working, although there are still a couple of outstanding faults.

The Trustees are extremely appreciative of all those who have given such a tremendous amount of their time and energy to these events, and for the upkeep and general management of the hall and recreation ground.

## FINANCES

The attached financial statement shows the current state of the finances.

### Responsibility for the Financial Statements

The Trustees are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements, for keeping proper accounting records, which disclose the financial position of the Charity. The Trustees have elected to prepare financial statements on the Receipts and Payments account.

