

Madingley Parish Council ANNUAL REPORT 2023/24

CHAIRMAN'S ANNUAL REPORT

This past year has been a frustrating one for the Parish Council; we failed to stop the removal of yet another large and healthy tree from the village and were unable to get a 20mph speed restriction implemented.

Nevertheless, the Parish made good strides in: Streamlining its Public Meetings (although as Chair I recognise there is more to be done by me here); Reviewing, updating and adopting various procedures and policies; Coming to grips with Freedom of Information requests; and Better understanding its GDPR obligations.

The Parish was able to repair the damage done to the Playground during last year's spate of vandalism and has additionally made safe some other potential 'amber' risks highlighted in our annual safety inspection. Most recently the Parish Council has refreshed the bark under various pieces of play equipment and Councillor Naughton has skilfully managed to repair the football net.

Matters of larger concern also abated: The C2C busway will not go through the Parish; A proposed tram or light rail line will not be going along the edge of the A428; and It seems increasingly unlikely that the 'Northern Route' for the proposed East-West Rail link will be adopted (if the rail link goes beyond Bedford).

The Parish Council has also been working with our neighbours in Girton to ensure the footpath and bridleway connectivity between our two parishes are properly managed and adopted by the County Council. Efforts to improve these links are ongoing as well as supporting applications towards measures that will protect the rural nature of the land between the American Cemetery and the M11.

A further application for a 20pmh zone in the village has been made and we are waiting to hear the outcome of that. The implementation of such a 20mph zone would not only help to slow traffic passing through the village but also make it cheaper (which in this instance is an extremely relative term) to install any further traffic calming measures in the village.

Charles Crichton-Stuart

Chair Madingley Parish Council

WHO & WHAT IS THE PARISH COUNCIL?

Madingley Parish Council has 5 unpaid Councillors representing the electorate. Once elected, parish councillors sit on the council for a maximum of four years and if they then want to stay in the post they can stand for re-election.

Members of the public are welcome to attend meetings and may speak during Public Forum on matters that are on that meeting's agenda. The Parish Council is not permitted to decide on matters that have not been duly advertised to the public unless any matters are considered urgent or are authorised in the Parish Council's standing orders.

The Parish Council's major role is to represent the parish on issues affecting us to the District and County Councils, and to regional and central government, and other agencies. It is responsible for some parish grass cutting, its own street furniture (noticeboards, seats, and some street lighting) and through the Parish Paths Partnership, ensures that registered Rights of Way are open and maintained. It maintains open spaces: children's play area and the Village Green.

The Parish Council considers and comments to the Local Planning Authority on all planning applications (statutory consultee). The Parish Council supports other charitable groups and organisations which work within the village.

Madingley Parish Council Year End Account Summary

Bank Reconciliation at 31/03/2024

Cash in Hand 01/04/2023	20,395.04
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ADD	
Receipts 01/04/2023 - 31/03/2024	24,659.88

45,054.92

SUBTRACT	
Payments 01/04/2023 - 31/03/2024	23,007.58

Cash in Hand 31/03/2024 (per Cash Book)	22,047.34
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Cash in hand per Bank Statements

Unity Bank	31/03/24	11,374.72
Cambridgeshire Building Society Savings Account	31/03/24	10,672.62

22,047.34

Bank Balance	22,047.34
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MADINGLEY PARISH CHURCH REPORT

The Parish is served by a ministry team of three, led by our Vicar the Rev'd Michael Bigg (who is also Rector of Girton), supported by the Rev'd Christine Barrow and Lay Minister Miss Susan Rawlings. This Summer they will be joined by Rev'd Kevin Parks, who will be serving his curacy with us. We are hugely fortunate to have such strong and supportive leadership and teaching. There is a service at 10.30 every Sunday morning augmented by special services, for example, at Remembrance Day, Christmas and Lent and to mark national events. Numbers in the congregation at Madingley continue to be steady at an average of 24. The weekly programme also includes on-line services of Morning Prayer.

Our strides forward with modern technology include a card reader which is available for the collection and donations. The ministry team is supported by a huge body of volunteers who care for the building and churchyard, provide music by playing the organ and harp, dealing with financial and administrative matters, arranging flowers and undertaking pastoral work.

The PCC continues its rolling programme of works to care for this Grade 2* list building including significant electrical work through the winter months. Investigations have been carried out into the condition of the Dame Cotton Memorial and the Royal Coat of Arms as well as patches of algae growth inside the church. 2023 saw the part-replacement of the floor in the Chancel with the financial support of the Church Commissioners. Our church architect Ashley Courtney and specialist contractors, Spectrum Stone and Jacowe Joinery, have done a magnificent job. The congregation was saddened to learn of the death of former church warden Alan Clarke. Alan was born and brought up in the village but later moved to live in Comberton. He followed his father's example by becoming church warden for 50 years as well as serving as Treasurer and caring for the churchyard and maintenance of the building. Alan was steadfast and reliable, kindly, generous and practical: a wonderful example to us all of faithful service to his church. He was also a knowledgeable contributor to the village History Group, writing a memoir of Madingley and encouraging past village residents to share their memories with the Group. His funeral service will take place on Thursday 11th April at 2pm after which he will be laid to rest in the churchyard.

We look forward to supporting the Garden Team at Madingley Hall for the annual National Gardens Scheme event on 9 th June by serving teas from the church and to continue working with the Village Hall Trustees in organizing the monthly Community Coffee Morning in the Village Hall. The PCC and Church congregation looks forward to continuing to serve the Parish of Madingley through care of our beautiful, historic Parish Church, which is open every day of the year, providing a sacred space where people can come for quiet and reflection and prayer and in their service to the community.

Sue Baldwin, Secretary Madingley Parochial Church Council

MADINGLEY VILLAGE HALL ANNUAL REPORT MADINGLEY VILLAGE HALL

Registration number:	300410
Address of the Charity:	c/o 2 The Old Wood Mill Church Lane Madingley, Cambridge CB23 8AF
Governing document	Declaration of Trust dated 14.10.1964 and schedule of 19.11.1985
Charity Trustees	Mr Chris Baldwin Rev'd Christine Barrow Mrs Janet Dean Mr John Freegard Mrs Virginia King Professor John Naughton

Aims and objectives of the Charity

A village hall for the use of the inhabitants of Madingley and the neighbourhood without distinction of sex or of political, religious or other opinions and in particular for use for meetings, lectures and classes and for other forms of recreation and leisure-time occupation with the object of improving the conditions of life for the said inhabitants.

Activities of the Charity

The Hall continues to be used for a variety of bookings, some coming from residents of the village and others from outside the Parish. Madingley Stephen Perse School uses the Hall twice a week during term time for pre-school gymnastics. Other events have included small-scale dance practices and meetings, regular movement classes, wellbeing classes and private hires.

Coffee mornings in association with the Parish Church take place in the Village Hall on the first Saturday every month and have proved to be very successful and are an excellent place for new Madingley residents to meet others and for neighbour to get to know each other.

The Trustees have arranged for general maintenance of the building throughout the year as required with a current project being the replacement of weather proofing along a flat part of the roof towards the back of the building which is estimated to cost £2,000.

In summary, the strategy of the Committee has been continued guardianship of the building, on a 'not-for-profit' financial basis, so that villagers can continue to benefit from this facility. In planning the hire costs and further development of the Hall, the Committee has kept in mind the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit at their meetings and in their planning. The Trustees have been working with HCR (Hewitsons) legal team with particular expertise in

charity law, to examine the current Trust document which dates from the 1960s and ensure that it meets fitness for purpose in 2024.

With the exception of cleaning services, all work undertaken for the running of the hall and the building development programme has been undertaken on a voluntary basis. I would like to thank the following volunteers whose particular contribution has been invaluable: John Naughton, our secretary, John and Fiona Naughton and Anna Baldwin who have assisted me through the year with setting up, opening, and closing. Thanks to you all!

Finally, it is with sadness that I record the recent death of Ron Martin, a lifelong supporter of the Sports & Social Club at the Village Hall.

Chairman – Chris Baldwin

Madingley News 2024

Fiona and I are now in our third year of putting together the *Madingley News* for the village as a quarterly newsletter. For many villagers, each issue arrives in their email inboxes after subscribing to the newsletter-publishing service, Substack. At the moment we have 83 subscribers and the March issue, our ninth newsletter, has been opened 284 times.

We aim to provide:

- * News and updates on events in the village
- * A list of useful contacts
- * Invited contributions from the Church; the Village Hall; the Cricket Club; the Village History Group; Camshedders; Village Speed watch; Madingley Hall and Estate; The American Cemetery; County and District Councillors and the local MP.
- * Information on buses and other services, as well as links to volunteering and other activities.

For villagers who don't wish to subscribe to receive the email version, *Madingley News* is also published on the Web at <https://madingleynews.substack.com>, where it's always available and you can find back numbers.

Those who decide it would be more convenient to get the email version can subscribe on the website. And anyone who wishes to alert us to news or suggested topics can email us at:

madingley.news@gmail.com

John and Fiona Naughton

YOUR PARISH COUNCILLORS 2022/23

Charles Crichton-Stuart	Chairman
Fiona Naughton	Vice Chair
Joan Stevenson-Hinde	Councillor
Victoria Keevil	Councillor
Andrew Wallace- Hadrill	Councillor

We have no Parish Councillor vacancies.

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