



# Dore Village Society

(Registered Charity number 1017051)

Year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023

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## Trustees' Report

### Objectives and Activities

The Society is the designated Neighbourhood Forum for the Dore Area, with responsibility for preparing a Neighbourhood Plan for Dore.

The Society aims to foster the protection and enhancement of the local environment, amenities and facilities within Dore, to record its historic development, and to encourage a spirit of community.

A copy of the Constitution and a map of the Area of Benefit can be viewed in the Dore Village Society (DVS) office, or online at [www.dorevillage.co.uk](http://www.dorevillage.co.uk) under the tab "Dore Village Society".

About a quarter of our income is expended on the day-to-day running costs of the Society. The remainder, in a normal year, is spent on our continuing commitments: the Dore Show, maintaining the war memorial, the Christmas trees and lights, the Lantern Parade, the Party on the Green, funding the Dragon Hunt and other Heritage, Doreways and Archives Group events, contributions to the Dore Festival and the Dore Primary School Fun Run, donations to various charities and voluntary groups, and producing Dore to Door. In 2023 we continued to support the More in Dore campaign to renovate equipment in the Recreation Ground children's play area, the refurbishment of Christ Church Dore and our expanded archive and heritage activities. We have also been active participants in the ongoing regeneration of Haythornthwaite Wood.

Dore to Door is the Society's quarterly community magazine and is distributed by volunteers (to whom we are very grateful) free to every household in Dore. Any surplus from the advertising revenue generated by Dore to Door is allocated to our reserves. In 2023 our editor of 12 years, John Eastwood, has pared down his involvement in the magazine with a view towards retiring. The role of editor has been split and Keith Shaw has taken up the challenge of collating all the articles together whilst John does the layout. The DVS would like to thank both John and Keith for their tireless efforts in producing an outstanding community magazine.

The Society organises the Dore Show through its sub-committee and supports the work of the Doreways group by funding its activities. More in Dore is another sub-committee with the specific purpose of raising funds to improve the facilities on the recreation ground (the Rec). Other Dore Village Society events include Party on the Rec, Wyvern Walkers and the annual Wassail Walk.

All DVS events ran smoothly this year. We hosted a coronation party on the village green for 100 primary school children who each received a named commemorative bookmark. We also had the Dore Show, Party on the Green, and the Lantern Parade. We are very grateful to Andy Pack and the Dore Show sub-committee for an excellent show, and Caroline Davies and David Hayes for all their hard work in putting together the lantern parade and Tina Havenhand and her team for sourcing and installing the Christmas trees and lights.

The Society has continued its work as a Neighbourhood Forum with the Dore Neighbourhood Plan now fully adopted. The Green Infrastructure Strategy Team (GIST) is busy finalising their report. The Society reviews every planning application arising in Dore and trustees make recommendations to the Executive Committee as to which applications require comment to be submitted to the City Council's planners.

Extensive work continues to be done on the upkeep and extension of the archive and local history records. These are a vital element of the Society's activities, and the archive continues to expand as we collect and receive additional material.

Our website continues to provide valuable information on local activities, events, history and local services and we are continually extending this with new content.

Any expenditure beyond the above goes on our other constitutional responsibilities and in responding to and supporting suggestions from Dore residents. Such expenditure is assessed at regular DVS committee meetings in accordance with our constitution and guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit.

At the end of the year the paid-up membership of the Society stood at 997. The Committee thanks all those who helped, worked, and supported the Society in 2023 and particularly our membership secretary, Joan Davis, who works tirelessly behind the scenes collecting subscriptions, maintaining the membership database and encouraging lapsed members to re-join.

### **Financial Review**

The Charity's financial position at the end of the year is in accordance with the budget and is considered to be satisfactory.

The Society has as its policy the aim to fund all of its regular running costs out of membership subscriptions, leaving other income sources to generate surpluses which can be used to build up specified reserves, make grants and donations and to carry out activities to the benefit of the community.

The Society holds specific reserves. The ongoing task of protecting our local environment, amenities and facilities occasionally highlights significant and expensive concerns. The Trustees have therefore specifically designated that £35,000 shall be kept in reserve to meet any planning and property issues and a further £12,500 for any major local projects. A review of the amounts needed in these reserves is carried out annually. The remaining balance of funds available for general use at the year end stands at £25,475 which the Trustees consider to be sufficient for the Charity's needs.

The Charity's sources of funds during the year, and expense thereof, are set out in the Income and Expenditure Account and attached Notes.

### **Structure, Governance and Management**

The Dore Village Society is a Trust. It was registered with the Charity Commission on 4<sup>th</sup> February 1993. It is governed by its Constitution and is managed by its Trustees.

The Trustees are the members of the Dore Village Society Executive Committee, each of whom is appointed following nomination and vote at an Annual General Meeting. Any casual vacancies during the year are filled at Trustees' discretion but have to stand for reappointment at the next Annual General Meeting.

Executive Committee members are elected for a period of three years but outgoing members may be re-elected. The maximum period for which anyone shall serve shall be twelve years, but this does not have to be a continuous period.

A power of appointment of new Trustees is vested in the Executive Committee so that newly elected members of the Executive Committee, and members appointed to fill casual vacancies, can be formally appointed as Trustees.

The Executive Committee meets monthly from January to November inclusive.

The Society indemnifies the Trustees in their duties (including the proper charge of a trustee being a trust corporation) and liability under such indemnity shall be a proper administrative expense.

Membership of the Society is open to all who are interested in furthering the purposes of the Society, principally, but not restricted to, all residents of Dore, those who work in Dore and elected local council members for Dore. Membership is also open to corporate members representing societies, associations, educational institutions and businesses in Dore. Current membership rates are £7 per annum for individuals and £35 for corporate members.

The address for correspondence is The Old School, Savage Lane, Dore, Sheffield, S17 3GW.

### Trustees who served in 2023



Trustee	Role
Jen Donnelly	Chair
Caroline Davies	Vice Chair, Events organiser
Colin Robinson	Treasurer
Cath Fallaize	Assistant Treasurer
Christopher Pennell	Chairman of the Neighbourhood Forum Steering Group, GIST
Philip Howes	Publications, planning research
Julia Watkinson	Chair of the More in Dore sub-committee
Margaret Peart	Environment, GIST
David Bardsley	Planning
Andrew Cameron	Website

### Co-opted member

Keith Shaw	Website, Noticeboards and Neighbourhood Forum Steering Group, Secretary
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### Declaration

The Trustees declare that they have approved the Trustees' Report above and have authorised us to sign it on their behalf.

Full names	Position	Signature
Jen Donnelly	Chair	
Colin Robinson	Treasurer	

**Independent examiner's report on the accounts**

**Report to the Members of Dore Village Society on the accounts for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023 set out on pages 6 to 9.**

**Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner**

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 of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Charities Act") and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

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

**Basis of independent examiner's statement**

My examination was carried out in accordance with 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 the 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.

**Independent examiner's statement**

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention 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 Charities Act; and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act have not been met; or
- to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:

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Name:

DAVID MANGLES

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body:

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Dated

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INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER

	Notes	<u>2023</u> £	<u>2022</u> £
<u>Income</u>			
Subscriptions		6,629	6,898
Donations		1,423	3,243
Donations "More in Dore"		3,087	5,725
Gift aid tax refund		1,656	2,095
Interest		543	94
Sale of goods		0	0
"Dore to Door"		27,327	24,686
Dore Show		2,602	2,054
Sundry Income		35	0
		<u>43,302</u>	<u>44,795</u>
<u>Expenditure</u>			
Room rent		3,000	3,360
Administration		1,014	3,375
Maintenance		629	166
Insurance		1,278	1,209
Charitable donations	9	5,315	11,306
Subscriptions		15	15
Archives		398	0
Website & Membership Database		1,316	3,045
Village projects	10	13,772	6,472
Miscellaneous		819	1,132
Goods for sale		0	0
"Dore to Door"		15,961	14,435
Dore Show		1,560	1,445
"More in Dore" expenses		62	52
Equipment depreciation		597	975
		<u>45,736</u>	<u>46,985</u>
Excess/(deficit) of income over expenditure on normal activities		(2,434)	(2,190)
Exceptional item - purchase of playground equipment by More in Door		30,479	0
<u>Net movement in accumulated funds</u>			
Excess/(deficit) of income over expenditure		<u>(32,912)</u>	<u>(2,190)</u>

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BALANCE SHEET AT 31 DECEMBER

	Notes	<u>2023</u> £	<u>2022</u> £
<u>Fixed assets</u>			
Tangible fixed assets	2	580	647
Heritage assets	3	2,050	2,050
Investments	4	<u>52,473</u>	<u>61,930</u>
		<u>55,104</u>	<u>64,628</u>
<u>Current assets</u>			
Debtors & prepayments	5	3,216	4,690
Cash at bank & in hand		<u>21,397</u>	<u>40,479</u>
		<u>24,612</u>	<u>45,169</u>
<u>Current liabilities</u>			
Creditors & accruals	6	<u>6,741</u>	<u>3,909</u>
<u>Net current assets</u>			
		<u>17,871</u>	<u>41,260</u>
<u>Total net assets</u>			
		<u>72,975</u>	<u>105,887</u>
<u>Represented by:</u>			
Designated Reserve Funds	7		
Planning & Property		35,000	35,000
Local Projects		<u>12,500</u>	<u>12,500</u>
		47,500	47,500
General Funds	8	<u>25,475</u>	<u>58,387</u>
Total Reserves		<u>72,975</u>	<u>105,887</u>



Jenny Donnelly  
Chair  
30 April 2024

Colin Robinson  
Treasurer  
30 April 2024

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

1. Accounting policies

- a. The financial statements are prepared on an accruals basis.
- b. Office furniture is shown at cost less depreciation which is calculated to write off the cost over its expected useful life.

<u>2. Tangible fixed assets</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Office Equipment		
Cost brought forward	14,977	14,977
Additions	530	0
Cost carried forward	<u>15,507</u>	<u>14,977</u>
Depreciation Reserve		
Depreciation brought forward	14,330	13,355
Charge for the year	597	975
Depreciation carried forward	<u>14,927</u>	<u>14,330</u>
Net book value	580	647

3. Heritage Assets

Cost and Net book value at 31 December	2,050	2,050
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The antique clocks, map and Christmas card paintings collection was previously included as part of Note 2 Fixed Assets, but has now been reclassified as Heritage Assets. The collection was last valued by Messrs AE Dowse & Son in April 2011, but the Committee do not believe the cost of revaluation can be justified or that the sale value has changed materially since then.

<u>4. Investments</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
CAF deposit fund	5	5
Scottish Widows 90 day deposit account	7,993	7,919
COIF Charities deposit fund	468	5,388
CAF 60 day notice account	44,007	48,619
	<u>52,473</u>	<u>61,930</u>

5. Debtors

"Dore to Door" advertising	1,489	2,752
Gift Aid	1,418	1,630
Other debtors	0	0
Prepayments	308	308
	<u>3,216</u>	<u>4,690</u>

6. Creditors

Payments received in advance	6,260	3,489
Other creditors	0	0
Accruals	482	420
	<u>6,742</u>	<u>3,909</u>



<u>7. Designated Reserve Funds</u>		<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
As at 1 January & 31 December	Planning & Property	35,000	35,000
	Local Projects	12,500	12,500
		<u>47,500</u>	<u>47,500</u>
<u>8. General Fund</u>			
As at 1 January		58,387	60,577
Net movement on ordinary activities in the year		(2,434)	
Less Exceptional item		<u>(30,479)</u>	<u>0</u>
As at 31 December		<u>25,475</u>	<u>60,577</u>
<u>9. Charitable donations</u>			
Transport 17 (Dore Show)		600	0
Dore Open Door Lunch Club		0	300
Dore and Totley Luncheon Club		450	200
St John's Abbeydale Lunch Club		200	200
Dore Community Centre		1,000	8,500
Dore Festival contribution		0	400
Dore Primary School		2,990	0
Dore Methodist Church		75	0
St John's Church		0	1,000
Fairthorn Home		0	306
Bluebell Woods Hospice (Dore Show)		0	400
		<u>5,315</u>	<u>11,306</u>
<u>10. Village projects</u>			
Christmas decorations & lantern parade		2,823	2,509
Flower Tubs		0	709
Party on the Green		2,514	1,660
Archives		398	270
War Memorial maintenance		160	489
Green Infrastructure Strategy		4,608	0
Heritage Trail		0	160
Coronation Party		2,831	0
Other Projects		438	675
		<u>13,772</u>	<u>6,472</u>