

Devauden Hall Annual General Meeting

Saturday July 19, 2025



Agenda

Welcome and introductions

Report on the 2024-25 financial year

Significant events after the end of the financial year

New model for trustees and working groups

Community survey

Break for food

Nomination of trustees

Feedback on future operating model

Open discussion

What's on your table

- CC16a reports for Devauden Hall and Hood Memorial Hall 2024-25



- CIO constitution
- Survey form
- A new way of working?



- Blank paper



- Pens

Current Trustees

Richard May, Chair

Chris Jackson, Vice Chair

Tessa Legg

Lyndon Rowlands

Julia Hitchcock (Nominated by Scouts)

Previous trustees

Tim Walker, resigned January 2025

Jeremy Horton, resigned June 2025

Managers

Richard Harrison, Maintenance and Bookings

Lynn May, Playground Action Group and Minutes Secretary

Receipts – as on the CC16a form for Devauden Hall

Category		DEVAUDEN HALL 2024-25
Funds from Hood Memorial Hall		£84,913
Donations		£50
Events		£7,692
Hall hire		£4,525
Hall hire deposits		£550
Power generation		
Small society lottery receipts		£968
Interest		£647
Total		£99,346

Comparisons are difficult

- The challenge with comparing like for like between years is each year's festival income and expenditure spreads across more than one financial year.
- For example, the full £40,000 profit from the 2024 festival is not reflected in the 2024-25 HMM and CIO combined figures because £26,000 of the 2024 festival income was actually earned in the following year (2025-26).
- Also bear in mind that HMM and DH have different financial years that overlap. But we'll have a go.....

Devauden Hall CIO + Hood Memorial Hall (01/04/24 - 21/02/25)

Income:

£204,972+£14,432=£219,404 including:

- Devauden Festival 2023 £7,180
- Devauden Festival 2024 £187,701

Expenditure:

£214,478+£49,476=£263,954 including:

- Devauden Festival 2023 £4,112
- Devauden Festival 2024 £162,469
- Devauden Festival 2025 £1,347
- Remaining costs include refurbishment (c.£48,000) and legal and running costs

Hood Memorial Hall (01/04/23 - 31/03/24)

Income:

£148,175 including:

- Devauden Festival 2023 £123,527
- Devauden Festival 2024 £1,050

Expenditure:

£134,455 including:

- Devauden Festival 2023 £88,501
- Devauden Festival 2024 £8,248
- Remaining costs are legal and running costs

Finances since year end

- Playground - £25,000
- Loan to Devauden Festival - £30,000
- Exterior painting – £4,090
- Roof over Ferard Room - £6,150

Current bank balances and cash in hand
£8,000

Grant due from Welsh Government
£19,850

Regular hall users

- BMW Club – Western Section
- Bowls
- Devauden Community Council
- Devauden Green WI
- Guiding and Scouting camps
- Monmouthshire County Council
- Scouts and Beavers
- Sewing club
- Table tennis club
- Thursday Teas
- Yoga
- Private bookings mostly birthdays

Events in 2024-25 Financial Year

- Monmouth Male Voice Choir
- Open Mic Jambles
- Devauden Races
- Dry stone wall repair sessions
- Devauden Festival 2024
- Village fete 2024
- Circo Rum Ba Ba Xmas show
- Wedding in Cae Ni yurt
- Beetle Drive
- Bonfire Night
- Village Social
- Charity Auction
- Swing from Paris
- Senior Citizens' lunch

Significant achievements in the year

- Dry stone wall in Cae Ni restored
- Installed Hive remote control for heating
- Painted lobby and toilets, following internal refurbishment
- Successful Devauden Festival 2024 - £40,000 profit
- Successful application for 'People and Places' Lottery grant (£55,000) for playground equipment
- Successful application for 'Awards for All' Lottery grant (£9,800) for playground fencing

Significant events since year end

- Creation of Devauden Festival Ltd
- Exterior masonry of hall repainted
- New playground equipment fitted and fencing renewed
- Successful village fete raised over £2,000
- New roof over Ferard Room and Sports Room (due in July)

Election of trustees - process

- Richard May and Tessa Legg announced their intention to retire effective at the end of this meeting.
- Remaining co-opted trustees retire and are automatically re-elected.
- Nominations or offers to stand from the floor are considered for co-option by trustees at their first meeting after the AGM.
- The new committee elects their Chair and other officers.

A new way of working

- Small group of trustees make decisions about the charity and the building
- Some regular volunteers fulfil important roles and attend committee meetings without being trustees
 - Events Co-ordinator, Treasurer, Bar Managers, Publicity, Top 60
- Events team seeks ideas, checks them out, offers guidance
- Other volunteers form action groups to deliver specific events and projects
 - eg bonfire, fete, Christmas show, playground makeover

Let's take a break

- Food
- Discuss what you've heard
- Prepare questions and comments
- **When we come back we'll take proposals for trustees and move on to an open forum**

Possible questions and topics for discussion

- What skills do new trustees need?
- Does the CIO cost money?
- How do we communicate?
- Should hall toilets be open in the day?
- Could we have a café?
- Could we have a public bar?
- What events should the hall stage?
- What is wrong with the hall?
- What do we want from the hall?
- Are there physical changes to make?
- Can we get more bookings?
- Are there grants or loans available?