

ANNUAL REPORT 2009 – 2010

Devon
Association
Community
Buildings

*REPRESENTING, SUPPORTING AND PROMOTING
THE INTERESTS OF DEVON COMMUNITIES
THROUGH VILLAGE HALLS
AND COMMUNITY BUILDINGS*



DEVON ASSOCIATION OF COMMUNITY BUILDINGS

ASSOCIATION INFORMATION

SECRETARY: David Kinross, Community Council of Devon

HONORARY LEGAL ADVISER: Shivaji Shiva, Michelmores LLP

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

CHAIR: Mrs Q Broom

VICE CHAIR: Mr M Wharton

TREASURER: Mrs J Halliday

DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVES:

Elected Members

East Devon: Mr R Bradley
Mr D Crowe
Mr D Atkins
Mrs P Collins
Mr P Dunning (co-opted)

North Devon: Mr H Kenyon
Mrs C Stuart

Mid Devon: Mr J White

West Devon: Mrs D Gant

Teignbridge: Mr G Setter
Mr H Milton (co-opted)

South Hams: Mrs J Smerdon
Mr G Richards

Other: Mr R Hobley

Association of District Councils : Mrs Q Broom

County Grants Panel Representative: Mrs J Smerdon

Community Council of Devon Representative: Mrs Q Broom

DEVON ASSOCIATION OF COMMUNITY BUILDINGS

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Executive Committee present their report together with the financial statements of the Association for the year ended 31 March 2010.

The Association is established for the following purposes in the area comprising of the County of Devon excluding Unitary Authorities hereinafter defined as the area of benefit.

Objective

To represent, support and promote the interests of Devon communities through village halls and community buildings.

Principal Responsibilities

- To encourage and share best practice of managing a community resource through networking, peer support and advice service.
- To offer both formal and informal advice and information.
- To support and/or provide training, an annual conference and other events for community buildings.
- To develop partnerships, lobby and influence for the promotion of community buildings.
- To collect and receive money, own and use assets of any description to further the objective of the DACB.
- Exercise appropriate management controls over its finances and assets.
- Do all such other things as are necessary to the attainment and furtherance of the objective of the DACB.

The benefits of these responsibilities will be made available solely to members of the Association.

Responsibilities of the Executive Committee

The Executive Committee are responsible for preparing financial statements for each year.

The Executive Committee are also responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy, at any time, the financial position of the Association, and enable them to ensure that the financial statements can be prepared in the form required.

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REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (Continued)

Review of Activities

Advice and support

- 286 telephone and email enquiries for advice
- The largest number of enquiries related to funding advice, support and development

Training and Events

- Introduction to sustainable funding, Spreyton (WD), Teign Valley (TE) Topsham (ED)
- Capital funding (Beaford (TO) Hemyock (MD)
- Applying for grants (Torrige, Teignbridge and Mid Devon)
- 'Drop In' training events (Bratton Clovelly, Butterleigh, South Brent, Cheriton Bishop)
- DACB AGM and Conference: Kenn Village Hall (TE)

Members and website

- 180 DACB members in 09/10
- 120 with updated details on the DACB website (www.dacb.org.uk)
- New quarterly E-Bulletin planned for 2010/11
- New discounts and deals to be set up for members in 2010/11

Executive committee

- 4 executive committee meetings have been held over the past year
- The AGM was held on the 5th August 2009, where 14 committee members and key officers were elected. 2 members have been co-opted over the year.

Lobbying and influencing

- Devon External Funding Advisors Network
- SWAN: South West Village Halls Advisor's Network
- DCC Consultation event
- Devon Consortium Assembly

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REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (Continued)

Hallmark Quality awards

The 2008/09 awards were presented at the Devon Association of Community Buildings Annual Conference in April 2009.

Over 2009/10 7 new halls signed up to the Hallmark scheme, there are now 77 signed up in total.

- 5 Halls Awarded Hallmark 1, now 26 in total
- 3 Halls awarded Hallmark 2, now 13 in total
- 0 Halls awarded Hallmark level 3, now 3 in total
- 22 peer visitors trained in April 2008

Finance

The Statement of Financial Activities shows a net surplus of £589 (2009, £114) for the year. The Association's Reserves were a total of £702 (2009, £114) at 31 March 2010, represented by £877 (2009, £525) held in a Barclays Bank account less £175 (2009 £411) in accruals as a provision in respect of the accountancy fees.

By Order of the Executive Committee

Chair - Mrs Q Broom

Dated:

INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS:

Ken Abraham
48 Fore Street
Totnes
Devon
TQ9 5RP

BANKERS:

Barclays Bank PLC
3 Bedford Street
Exeter
Devon

DEVON ASSOCIATION OF COMMUNITY BUILDINGS

Income and Expenditure Account for the year ended 31st March 2010

	2009	2010
INCOME		
Subscriptions	6325	6535
Training Events	0	435
Conference Income	30	580
	6355	7550
Less EXPENDITURE		
Administration CCD Agency Fee	5375	6038
AGM and Conference Expenses		629
Members' Travel	431	16
Independent Examiner's Fee	411	174
Sundry and Meeting Expenses	25	104
	6242	6961
Surplus / (Deficit) for the year	113	589

Balance Sheet as at 31st March 2010

	2009	2010
Current Assets		
Cash at Bank	525	877
Less		
Current Liabilities		
Accruals	411	175
Net Assets and Net Current Assets	113	702
Represented by:		
General Reserve B/Fwd at 1st April	0	113
Surplus /(Deficit) for the year	113	589
General Reserve C/Fwd at 31st March	113	702

Approved by the Executive Committee and signed on their behalf by:

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Mrs J Halliday
Honorary Treasurer