

MICKLETON VILLAGE HALL ASSOCIATION

TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31st 2020



Trustees' Annual Report & Financial Statement

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The Trustees have pleasure in presenting their report and their independently examined financial statements of the charity for the year ending December 31st 2020.

The Association's formal constitution was adopted at a public meeting convened at Mickleton Church Institute on 13th May 1992. Charitable status was sought and this was conferred on the Association on 29/7/ 1992 Number 1011422.

At the 1994 Annual General Meeting the constitution was amended to enable various groups to become sections of MVHA with representatives on the management committee, further minor changes were made in 2015.

The Association was issued a Premises Licence PL(A)0031 (Licensing Act 2003) by Durham County Council.

Organisations affiliated to the MVHA during the year were: Teesdale Village Halls Consortium, Durham County Council, Mickleton Parish Council, the Parochial Church Council and the Association of Teesdale Day Clubs..

The Holding Trustees of the Association are as follows:

The Rt. Hon. The Earl of Strathmore and Kinghorne
John Carrington
David Philbrick

The Management Trustees and Officers for 2020 were:

David Hutchinson	Chairman
David Bailey	Vice-Chairman
Keith Roberts	Treasurer
Marion Hutchinson	Secretary/Booking Clerk
Steve Brown	Sue Brown
Anne Routledge	Terry Wilson
Angie Gillings	Chris Gillings
Libby Thompson	Simon Froom

The Sections and their Representatives were as follows:

Carnival Committee	Sue Brown
Ceilidh	Angie Gillings
Cinema Club	David Hutchinson
Mickleton LIVE	Steve Brown
Table Tennis	Chris Gillings
Lottery for project	Marion Hutchinson
Gardening Club	Simon Froom
Perform Mickleton	Libby Thompson
Teesdale Ladies' choir	Sue Kelly

Persons representing affiliated groups and other organisations were:

Durham County Council	Richard Bell
Mickleton Parish Council	Marion Hutchinson
Parochial Church Council	: Keith Roberts

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Teesdale Village Halls Consortium : David Hutchinson
The Association of Teesdale Day Club : David Bailey

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Bankers: Barclays Bank, Middleton in Teesdale

Independent Examiner: Mrs Pat Asquith

Caretaker / Cleaner: Carolyn Foster

Gardener/Grounds man: Chris Stamp

Field grass cutting: Colin Hutchinson

The main objective of the Association is to promote for the benefit of the inhabitants of the parishes of Mickleton, Lunedale, Holwick and Kelton without distinction of sex or of political religious or other opinions, by associating with local authorities, voluntary organisations and the inhabitants, in a common effort to provide facilities in the interests of social welfare for recreation and leisure-time occupation, to advance education with the object of improving the conditions of life for the said inhabitants. Additionally to acquire such land as necessary, vested in the name of the Holding Trustees, and to provide a Village Hall and to manage and maintain such buildings and land so acquired and to raise and hold money in furtherance of the above objectives.

In 2007 the hall registered with the Inland Revenue to be able to claim Gift Aid. HMRC. No. XN87766.

The Management Committee have put in place a Financial Governance Policy,
All deeds and leases are held in safe keeping by the Association's solicitors.

The Association is run by a management committee of four elected officers and at least six elected committee members together with a representative from each of the Sections, (all sections are covered by the hall's insurance), and affiliated organisations as may be agreed under the constitution.

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Mickleton Village Hall is well known both locally and further afield as an excellent venue for meetings and private parties through word of mouth and the Hall's web site

www.thevillagehalls.co.uk/the-halls/mickleton-village-halls/

2020 Activities

The Management Committee normally meet on the first Monday of every month at 7.30pm. Due to Covid-19 restrictions we only had 7 meetings.

A check of all safety systems is done every month and the results recorded. Any problems found are sorted ASAP.

The solar panels, installed in August 2011, raised £1611.94 in 2020, which goes towards the hall's running costs and maintenance.

We produce a Cinema Club Newsletter which as well as listing all films, gives details of all forthcoming fundraising events and details of our regular clubs. Due to Covid-19 we only produced a newsletter for the beginning of the year.

The Village Field next to the hall is the venue for the popular Summer Carnival normally held on the first Saturday in June this year the carnival was cancelled because of the Covid 19 lock down.

We only had a limited number of events in the hall and all the wedding and private bookings were cancelled.

The Hall Committee aims to continue to provide support to the various groups and sections using the Hall by the provision of a well maintained and useful facility which is warm and welcoming for all users and an asset to the community.

Volunteers

The Committee would like to thank all volunteers who have helped in any way over the past year. The Committee is also grateful to Carolyn Foster, Chris Stamp and Colin Hutchinson for keeping the premises, grounds and field looking immaculate..

Project

Due to Covid 19 restrictions all fund raising events for the project had to be cancelled.



Taking advantage of the lovely weather in April and May the outside space around the north and east sides of the hall and the new building was completed and the field landscaped and reseeded.

The new entrance to the field was tarmacked and a new ramp to west door was made so that equipment can easily be moved from the hall to the storage building, this ramp also give access for the disabled right around the village hall.

The floor of the storage space was laid, the inside walls were painted and shelving installed thus enabling carnival equipment to be moved from the cellar in the hall.

The electrical work was completed with the lights and sockets in the building and we installed a number of emergency lights on the outside of the building to help with lighting down the disabled path.

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There are a number of people who have donated time and goods towards this project estimated at £12,000.00, a big thank you to all who contributed:

- Margaret Dent The Stone that the building is built with.
- Michael Tarn The Electrical installation.
- Richard Atkinson Water Table for the roof & various drainage items.
- Mickleton Service Station A quantity of sand and aggregate, drainage pipework, scaffolding hire & JCB / Mini digger hire.
- Steve Brown Floor insulation, scaffolding hire and paint.
- Andrew Atkinson Disposal of ground waste.
- Chris Gillings Painting the inside of the building.
- Angie Gillings Supplying & planting of trees.
- Andrew Hutchinson Labour for landscaping.
- David Hutchinson Labour for overseeing the project.

Thanks also to all who helped to raise £18,496 towards the project:

- Mickleton Carnival for a donation.
- Eggleston Carnival for a donation.
- Steve & Sue Brown for a number of music nights.
- The Three Tuns for hosting a curry night.
- The Moorcock for hosting a curry night.
- Geoff & Suzanne Herbert, Steve & Sue Brown & David Hutchinson for running the curry nights.
- All who bought lottery tickets and donated prizes and time in raising funds.

Reports from our sections are at the end of the Trustee's Annual Report.

Other regular groups who use the hall are:

- The Post Office Thursday 1pm- 3pm
- The Parish Council hold their monthly meeting in the hall.
- The Association of Teesdale Day Clubs hold their weekly lunch club meetings..
- Teesdale Village Hall Consortium continued to hire upstairs office space.

All the above followed Covid 19 rules.

Shows, Plays, Concerts and other events.

Feb 8th Castle Players

Feb 22nd Highlights Quiz

Due to Covid 19 all events and hires were cancelled from March 23rd.

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The Village Halls Consortium



The Trustees of The Village Halls Consortium are grateful to Mickleton VH for allowing the Consortium to continue using the upstairs space for meetings and office equipment. In 2020 we thank the committee for letting us have this rent free in these difficult times. The Hall Committee's generosity and understanding is much appreciated.

Sarah Yarrow, Secretary for TVHC

Mickleton Lunch Club

The lunch club in Mickleton Village Hall normally meet every Thursday but due to Covid 19 meetings after March 23rd were all cancelled..

Management Trustees Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Charity Commission rules require the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the financial activities of the Association during the year and of its financial position at the end of the year. In preparing those financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- i. Select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- ii. Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- iii. State whether applicable accounting standards and statements of recommended practices have been followed, subject to any departures disclosed and explained in financial statements.
- iv. Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Association will continue to operate.

The Trustees are also responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Association and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 1993. They are responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Association and hence for taking steps for preventing and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Signed on behalf of the trustees

David Hutchinson

Chairman and Trustee

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Keith Roberts

Treasurer and Trustee

Year ended 31 December 2020

	2020	2019		2020	2019
<u>Income</u>	£		<u>Expenditure</u>	£	
<i>Voluntary Income</i>			<i>Costs of Generating Funds</i>		
Grants:			Fundraising	0.00	237.63
DCC - Covid 19 grants	13,902.50		Lottery	0.00	265.00
Mickleton Parish Council	500.00	500.00	<i>Costs of Charitable Activities</i>		
TVHC		250.00	Bar purchases	358.29	4,497.13
			Rent	30.00	50.00
<i>Donations:</i>			Insurance	646.23	612.42
General donations	200.00	2,191.85	Heat, light & water	1,176.28	2,223.12
Eggleston Carnival Committee	1,000.00	1,000.00	Repairs & maintenance	859.47	1,252.98
			Caretaker & cleaning materials	1,716.05	2,287.08
<i>Other Income</i>			Advertising	55.44	51.86
Gift Aid	914.05	872.72	Licenses	495.25	810.95
			Subscriptions	50.00	50.00
<i>Activities for generating Funds</i>			Projects	7,804.11	24,169.32
Miscellaneous	0.00	161.00	Other	50.00	797.36
Fundraising	0.00	351.50			
Lottery	0.00	530.00	<i>Section Expenditure</i>		
Book Sales	13.50	0.00	Cinema Club	254.50	2,147.01
Solar panel Income	1,611.94	1,538.50	Mickleton Live	3,843.94	6,642.81
			Table Tennis Club	0.00	0.00
<i>Investment Income</i>			Ceilidh	0.00	0.00
Bank interest receivable	15.62	57.12	Carnival	0.00	534.54
			Gardening Club	0.00	0.00
<i>Incoming Resources from Charitable Activities</i>			Perform Mickleton	998.35	756.05
Cinema Club Subs	115.25	302.00	Teesdale Ladies Choir	83.80	598.70
Mickleton Live Subs	0.00	115.00			
Carnival Subs	0.00	0.00	<i>Governance Costs</i>		
Ceilidh Subs	0.00	0.00	Accountancy fees	50.00	50.00
Table Tennis Subs	52.00	81.80	Postage & stationery	0.00	0.00
Gardening Club Subs	12.50	88.50	Telephone	470.91	482.29
Teesdale Ladies Choir	51.50	202.00			
Perform Mickleton	66.75	32.25			
Hall Hire	3,811.75	6,277.50			
Bar	884.50	8,686.55			
Sundry Income (Phone/IT)	0.00	0.00			
			Total Expenditure	£18,942.62	£48,516.25
<i>Other Income</i>					
<i>Section Incomes</i>					
Cinema Club	541.75	1,449.60			
Mickleton Live	1,608.15	6,812.78			
Table Tennis Club	52.00	81.80			
Ceilidh	0.00	0.00			
Carnival	0.00	1,082.15			
Gardening Club	0.00	0.00			
Perform Mickleton	1,138.75	705.10			
Teesdale Ladies Choir	129.80	593.78			
Total Income	£26,622.31	£33,963.50			

Excess of Income (Expenditure) for the year **£7,679.69** **-£14,552.75**

Approval by the management trustees at their meeting on July 5th 2021

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Notes to accompany the Financial Statement for FY 2020

Year ended 31st December 2020

Income	£26,622
Expenditure	£18,943
Excess of income over expenditure	£7,680

Note: As a result of the Coronavirus pandemic the Hall was closed for most of 2020. We were eligible for the Governments support grants which has meant the impact on the Hall has been minimal. Not too much can be read into these figures.

Highlights:

- Covid grants £13,902, Mickleton Parish Council £500 and general donations of £200
- Eggleston Carnival Committee donated £1,000 towards the storage building costs

The Halls cash position increased by £10,591 to £29,986 Breakdown of the cash position at 31st December 2020:

- Contingency Fund - £6,000
- Owning to Sections - £4,159
- Project Fund (ring fenced) - **-£20,209**
- Operating Cost (1 year) - £4,500
- Hall Cash Balance - £15,326

Project Fund

Project Fund stands at **-£20,209** (i.e. previously ring-fenced monies spent). To date we have spent £38,704. It is estimated we need a further £3,000 to complete the storage building project

Section Data & Balances

Section	Income	Expenditure	Balance at Year End 2020	Increase/Decrease from Previous Year
Ceilidh	£0.00	£0.00	£648.26	£0.00
Mickleton Live	£3,330.44	£3,843.94	£1,043.51	-£513.50
Cinema	£657.00	£372.75	£1,149.47	£284.25
Table Tennis	£52.00	£0.00	£219.50	-£29.80
Gardening Club	£0.00	£0.00	£50.00	£0.00
Carnival	£0.00	£0.00	£309.71	£0.00
Perform Mickleton	£1,264.50	£998.35	£588.70	£266.15
Teesdale Ladies Choir	£154.50	£83.80	£150.18	£70.70
			£4,159.33	£77.80

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Independent Examiner's Report

I certify that I have examined the accounts of The Village Hall Consortium as presented without carrying out an audit, but having been given all the information and explanations necessary, in my opinion they give a true and fair view of the financial affairs of The Village Hall Consortium for the twelve month period ending 31st December 2020.

Mrs Patricia Asquith (Independent Examiner)

Signed 

Date.....

22 April 2021

Funds available to Mickleton Village Hall Association

@ 31st December 2020

Current account	£4,125.06
Savings account	£25,860.85
Total	£29,985.91

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SECTION REPORTS

Ceilidh Club

None this year.

Angela Gillings

Cinema Club

The Cinema Club has now been running for twenty two years.

We showed two films on the first and third Friday evenings in Jan & Feb, one film night in March, August, September & two film nights in October.

We hope to hold our usual club nights as soon as Corvid 19 rules allow.

We have a very enthusiastic team of volunteers who help at every club night. We try to choose films which we hope our members will enjoy.

A regular brochure is sent to members listing films we intend showing in the four months ahead, this also includes a list of other future events planned in the hall.

The cinema facilities are available for use at meetings and parties.

Steve Brown & David Hutchinson

Mickleton LIVE (R'n'B) Club

No gigs in 2020.

We will start holding gigs as soon as Covid 19 rules are lifted.

The club attracts high quality national and international groups who regularly return to perform at Mickleton Village Hall.

All our headline acts are supported by up and coming local artists who appreciate the opportunity to be seen and heard.

Details of future gigs can be found on our website @ www.mickletonlive.uk. We have also set up online payment for tickets through PayPal.

Steve & Sue Brown & David Hutchinson

Gardening Club

We held just two meetings in 2020, and continued to keep in touch online. We shared pictures of our gardens each month, and John Lonsdale kept us informed with his Topical Tips.

The popular Biggest Sunflower Head competition went ahead, as did the Garden judging.

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Mickleton Gardening Club Trophy winners, 2020

We were unable to hold our usual September show, so asked members to submit photos of garden produce, along with pictures taken by garden judges, to create a slide show for when we were able to meet again.

Simon Froom

Table Tennis

No meetings after March.

Chris Gillings

Teesdale Ladies Choir

No meetings

Barbara Wilson

Carnival

No carnival due to Covid 19 restrictions

Steve & Sue Brown

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Perform Mickleton

The Perform Mickleton section was set up in 2018, to bring more live performances, especially theatre, to Mickleton Village Hall. We work in association with Highlights Rural Touring, who select top-class acts from around the world, to come and perform in rural village halls across the north of England.



In 2020, we were selected by The Castle Players, one of the leading non-professional theatre groups in the North East, to be one venue for their winter tour of *The Old Curiosity Shop*. We welcomed guests to the February performance, which was much enjoyed by everyone.



Later in the month, in conjunction with Highlights, the village hall was transformed into the Four Horsemen public house, as Box of Tricks Theatre Company brought us *The Last Quiz Night on Earth*. The audience enjoyed a pie and pea supper with a quiz within a play.

For December, we had booked Celtic Christmas Strings, a harp and guitar duo. They were to play us festive tunes, traditional and modern. Sadly, the COVID-19 tier system was imposed and we had to cancel. We hope to book them again in the future; their music is beautiful.

Performers tell us how much they enjoy the warm welcome and facilities offered by Mickleton Village Hall, and audience members enjoy the range of performances on offer. You can find more information about upcoming shows by emailing MickletonVH@gmail.com and requesting being added to the mailing list; follow us on Twitter @MickletonVH; or keep an eye on the village hall website and village hall notice board.

Libby Thompson